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MABS - LEADER OR FOLLOWER?

MILITARY BLAST AND SHOCK IN THE PAST AND FOR THE FUTURE

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Blast and shock have been basics within the military technology since history. Major developments within military technology have totally changed the way of fighting war.

Nuclear weapons made a drastic change to the military doctrines and had a major impact on the military research and developments during the cold war. Now, the situation has changed once again. The cold war has ended. Former enemies are not the same. The enemy is not so easily characterized nor identified. The enemy is among us. Last but not least, information revolution has a major impact on the military as well as on the society in general.

This also means that the situation from the first MABS, in 1967, is now fundamentally different. The question could be asked if MABS is rightly positioned.

The paper addresses blast and shock developments and the role of military technology - in particular related to blast and shock.