



- *“Doctrine provides a military organization with a common philosophy, a common language, a common purpose, and a unity of effort.”*

(General George H. Decker, USA)

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THE MAJOR DETERMINING FACTORS OF THE HUNGARIAN AIR WARFARE DOCTRINAL LITERATURE SYSTEM

NATO membership of the Hungary demands, analogically the advanced west democracies, development of a three-level security concept that regulars the structure, training and employment of our armed forces including the Hungarian air forces units.

That's right, experimentally with parallel or combined method, began the development of National Security Strategy, National Military Strategy, furthermore joint and service doctrines including of air warfare doctrine system.

In accordance with military doctrine the Hungarian Defence Forces should execute their prescribed aims and carry out their assigned tasks. The military doctrine, according to military science of the NATO countries, should comprehend in the broad and narrow sense, too. In the broad sense is aggregate of the theoretical and practical knowledge which have to know for the successful employment of the armed forces, accordingly the doctrine is a system of theory¹.

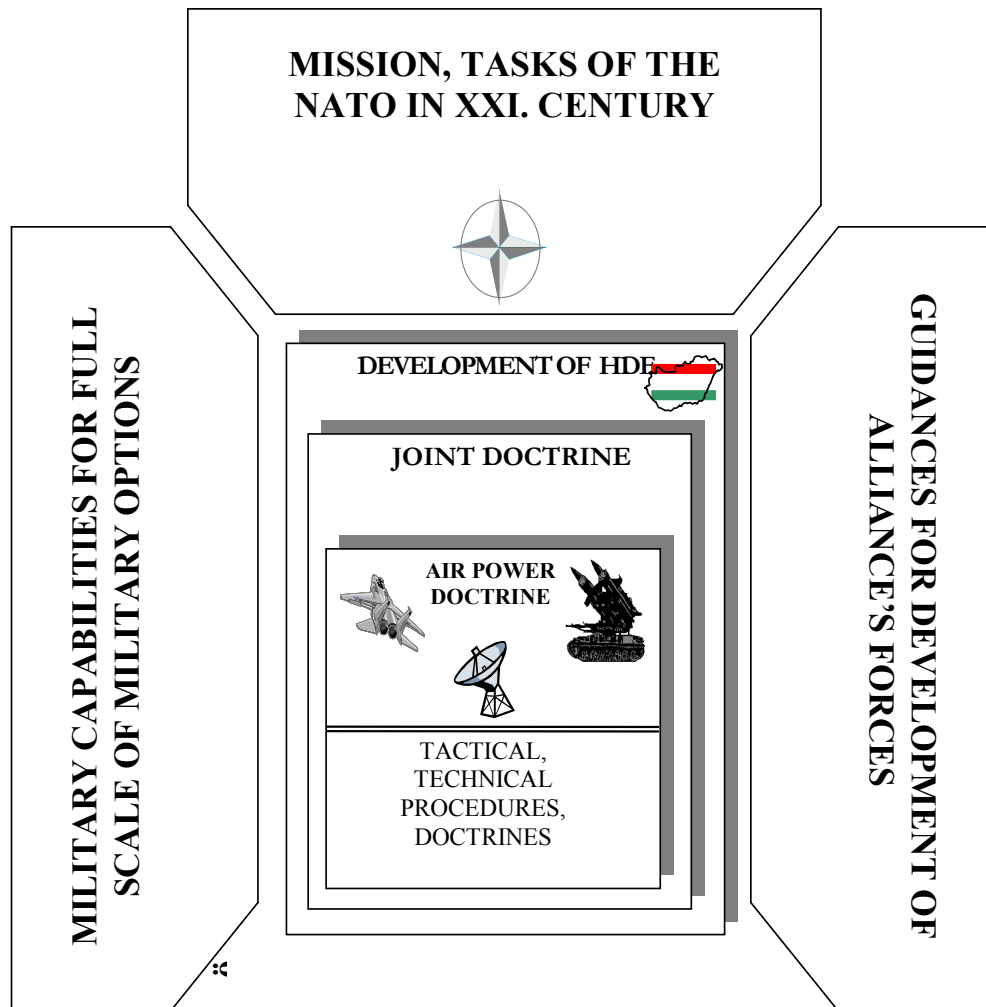
In the narrow sense is a special rule-book which contains the guides, principles and rules of the employment of the whole or one or some segments of the armed forces. It is important to remonstrate that military doctrine do not one document but a system of different military documents which build a special doctrinal literature.

The air power's doctrine totalizes adaptability principles and recommendations concerning air component of the armed conflict and takes potential operational forms, types into account.

The air power is a special capability or power which provides possibility of military employment of the airspace defining / interpreting transmission and theatre of its activity. Accordingly the sphere of operation of air power's doctrine does not localize air force service in a narrow sense but integrates air warfare potential of whole military area / all services.

¹ WILLCOCKS, M. A.: Future conflict and military doctrine, In.: The RUSI Journal, Volume 139, Issue 3 June 1994 , pages 6 – 10;

The doctrine, in level of air force service, does not a monolithic document but this is aggregate of regular publications of air warfare and different area of air force service administration and constitutes doctrinal literature. Generally it is found a central doctrine which integrates whole spectrum of air warfare and takes as a basis for other doctrines, publications that contains detailed guidelines, tenets and principles.



Impression of Alliance's Strategy Concept on Hungarian doctrine system

The AJP-3.3 (former named *ATP-33 C*) important acts the part among NATO allied publications suchlike AFDD-1 among US Air Force's publications and AP-3000 among Royal Air Force's doctrine documents. The NATO doctrines which deal with air force appear as allied, national, service and joint form in tactical, operational and strategic level equally. The employment and planning is carried out in the light of all documents.

In our essay we deal with an actual, important topic such as short analysis and aggregate of the determinant-system of Hungarian air warfare doctrine system being under development.

THE ALLIED DETERMINING FACTORS OF THE HUNGARIAN AIR WARFARE DOCTRINE SYSTEM

We classified the determining factors of Hungarian Air Force doctrine and collected into the first group of the determining factors of originating by our NATO's membership and we put into the second group the Hungarian national determinants.²

The cardinal aim of the NATO in accordance with the Covenant of the United Nations is protect of freedom and security of all their member-states. The Strategy Concept defines the frame of collective security and summarizes the changes and trends of the NATO's strategy environment.

This document in principal gives the basis of the foreign- and security policy of the member nations or comes true in their independent policy however it indirectly determines armed forces including also Hungarian Air Forces standing in lower level of security architecture.

The most important conclusions for armed forces of the individual nations are principally encountered in the following chapters: the purpose and tasks of the Alliance, guidelines for the Alliance's forces, the Alliance's force posture.

We must make it absolutely clear that Hungarian Armed Forces including air units have just tasks such as proportional to role and importance in Alliance by a basic principle *"a balance of roles and responsibilities among the Allies"*

Requirements deducing from this Concept affect air power's doctrine just indirectly because they make a specific vision Alliance's strategic environment of perspective defence, crisis management and peace operations

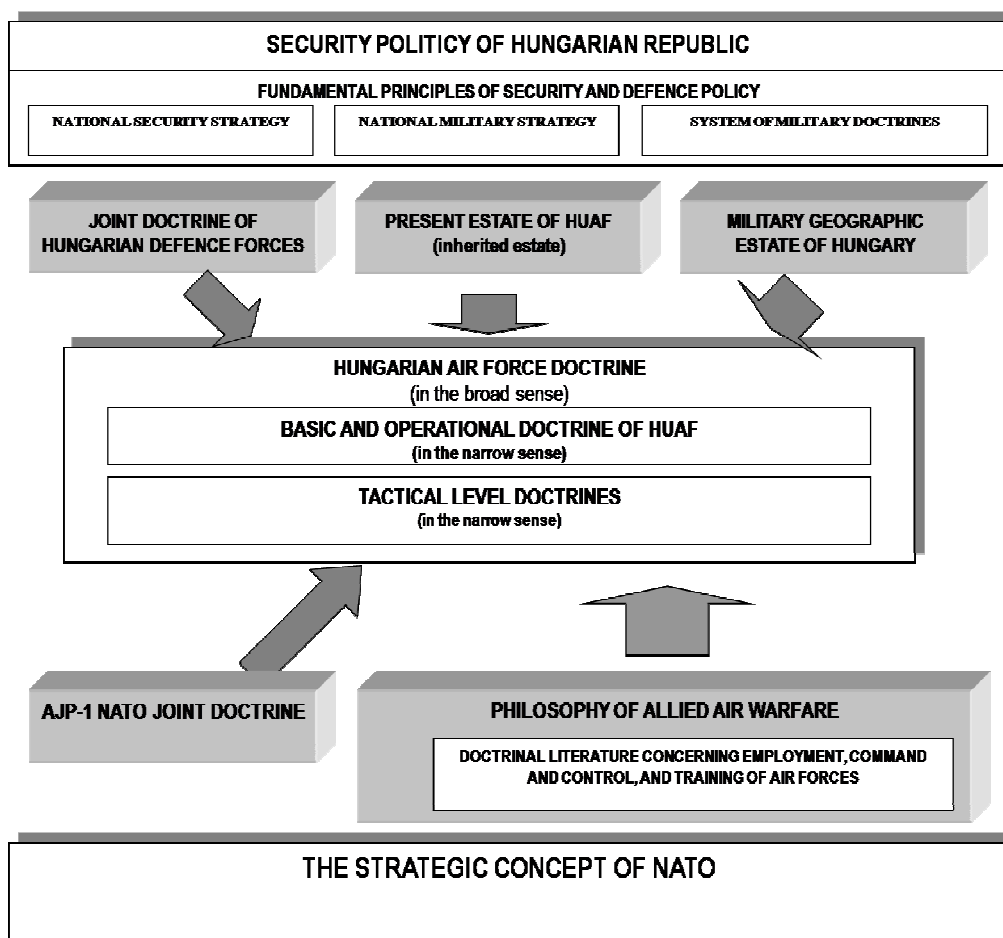
Realistically can be traced that our Air Forces will totally meet Strategy Concept's requirements in after years.

*"The size, readiness, availability and deployment of the Alliance's military forces will reflect its commitment to collective defence and to conduct crisis response operations, sometimes at short notice, distant from their home stations, including beyond the Allies' territory. The characteristics of the Alliance's forces will also reflect the provisions of relevant arms control agreements. Alliance forces must be adequate in strength and capabilities to deter and counter aggression against any Ally. They must be interoperable and have appropriate doctrines and technologies. They must be held at the required readiness and deployability, and be capable of military success in a wide range of complex joint and combined operations, which may also include Partners and other non-NATO nations."*³

² There is another apportionment in military literature, too. There are an interest oriented and a science oriented side. The science oriented side is relatively stable but at the same time goes ahead continuously and integrates results of research into different air doctrines. In another composition: the doctrines must correspond to theories, theses, and recommendations of universal military science. The interest oriented side is discoverable in long time strategies and concepts of alliances and nations.

As a general principle there is not capital point of difference between this and our system because in our determining system are discoverable elements of national and alliance interest and elements of modern military science. (Istvan, Talla: *Doctrine of the Hungarian Air Force, In.: Bolyai Review, 1998, additional publication.*)

³ The Alliance's Strategic Concept, NATO Press Release, 52. point, (www.nato.int),



The most important determinants of HUAF doctrine literature

THE NATIONAL DETERMINING FACTORS OF THE HUNGARIAN AIR WARFARE DOCTRINE SYSTEM

We can interpret by analysis of national determining factors that armed forces including air forces are one of the most basic means of security policy. Consequently the starting-point of Hungarian national air warfare doctrine system is the Joint Doctrine of Hungarian Defence Forces especially its parts which goes into details about operations, command and control and logistic support.

In transition period before we would start quality development of armed forces it seems to significant determining factor is current condition of air units with its heritage of former limitations. This problem has the meaning of interoperability of air units are limited for this reason it must be managed in doctrinal level.

It is perceptible that capabilities regarding compatibility will form step by step for many years. In addition geostrategic conditions also determine every defence possibilities and concepts that's why air warfare doctrines also are determined by geostrategic situation.

In generally we do not have to forget about approach of warfare especially air warfare because our Air Forces originated from soviet type air defence troops. In this domain we stepped forward a lot and so called intellectual (mental) compatibility is making good progress.

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