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Our intent in this anthology is to create synergy through a mix of academic perspectives and the experiences of the practitioners (SOF and/or former SOF practitioners) and in turn to challenge the potential conflict scenarios in the complex security environment of today and tomorrow.

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