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With navies re-orientating their surface assets toward improved capabilities for symmetric warfare scenarios, corvette-type combatants exactly fit to this scheme. Fitted with excellent sensors and weapons, as well as communications, decision-aids and other C4I means, corvettes are not only sought by small- and medium-size navies like Brazil, Indonesia, Israel or Turkey. The Israeli Navy, in particular, looks to broaden its capabilities and to replace ageing vessels with the new SA’AR 6 corvette (pictured is the first-in-class INS Magen during her first sea trials in the Baltic Sea on 10 March) to maintain and gain superiority in the variety of mission scenarios expected for its own territorial waters, which are coming into focus following major new hydrocarbon findings in recent years. New and existing assets can expect to take on a greater role in territorial waters. Naval Forces examines how navies and international shipbuilders react to new demands. (Photo: Michael Nitz)