

Global Security Highlights

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Week of 28 April – 4 May 2014

- Africa
 - April 28: 3 aid workers among 22 killed by Seleka Muslim rebels in Central African Republic
 - April 28: Somalia angered its diplomat was arrested by Kenya in mass round-up
 - April 29: Tunisia moves to clear Islamist militants from mountain hideouts
 - April 29: Gunmen attack Libyan parliament, postponing election of new prime minister
 - April 29: Fears of radicalization as Muslims flee Central African Republic
 - April 29: Mali's Prime Minister and northern armed groups move towards peace talks
 - May 2: At least 9 Students killed in Ethiopia protests
 - May 3: Mombasa, Kenya hit by two bomb attacks
 - May 3: Al Shabab plant bomb in government vehicle, killing 5 including a senior police officer
 - May 3: U.S. pledges to assist Nigeria in recovering missing girls
 - May 4: Nairobi, Kenya attacked by deadly bus bombings; at least 2 killed and more than 50 injured
 - May 4: South Sudan government says it has retaken key towns from rebels and is driving them towards Ethiopian border
 - May 4: Disputes over whether Libya has a new prime minister
- Asia (Central)
 - April 28: 2 Bombings kill 3 soldiers and 3 seminary students in Pakistan
 - April 28: 2 ISAF service-members killed in Afghanistan
 - April 29: Taliban claims it brought down U.S. warplane in eastern Afghanistan
 - April 30: Afghan forces "repel big militant attack on border army base"
 - April 30: 5 major nuclear powers agree to abide by Central Asia Nuclear Weapons Free Zone treaty
 - May 2: Hundreds killed or trapped in Afghanistan landslides
- Asia (Eastern) & Australia
 - April 28: China conducts military exercises near North Korean border
 - April 29: U.S. submarine visits Singapore in bid to reassure allies
 - April 30: Philippine military clashes with Islamists, leaving 15 dead

- May 1: Japan prepares to enter the Arms export market
- May 1: Indonesia to acquire 16 anti-submarine helicopters
- May 4: Chinese sailors killed and injured as their ship sinks; Venezuelan fishing boat and U.S. troops arrive to assist survivors

- Europe
 - April 28: U.S. sanctions target Putin's inner circle over Ukraine crisis
 - April 28: U.S. warship in Lisbon ahead of NATO drills
 - April 28: Russian defense minister assures U.S. counterpart that Russia "would not invade Ukraine"
 - April 29: Chaos in eastern Ukraine as peaceful protest attacked, mayor shot
 - April 29: Baltic countries welcome arrival of U.S. troops
 - April 29: Czech Republic and Slovakia agree to joint air patrols and increased cooperation
 - May 1: Ukraine brings back conscription as eastern protests turn violent
 - May 1: Two Ukrainian military helicopters shot down in east
 - May 1: Russia demands Ukraine withdraw its military from eastern Ukraine
 - May 2: Dozens killed in clashes in Black Sea port of Odessa, Ukraine
 - May 3: Pro-Russian militias release European military observers they had held hostage

- Latin America
 - April 29: Venezuelan ex-intelligence chief and Chavez ally killed
 - May 1: Colombia mine collapse kills 3 and traps up to 30 people
 - May 1: Mexico seizes ship carrying 68,000 tons of illegal iron
 - May 2: Honduras children killed by gangs

- Middle East
 - April 28: Iraq suicide bomb kills at least 30 at Kurdish political rally
 - April 28: Yemen begins offensive in south against Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP)
 - April 29: Attacks kill and wound dozens in Homs and Damascus a day after Bashar al-Assad registered to stand for re-election
 - April 29: Iraqi insurgents threaten to surround Baghdad
 - April 29: As U.S. executive branch welcomes Egyptian foreign minister, Senator blocks \$650 million in military aid
 - April 29: Saudi Arabia publically displays ballistic missiles for first time
 - April 30: Syria continues to keep some chemical weapons, for leverage, U.S. says
 - May 1: Iraq vote count begins after election occurred under near-lockdown, some violence
 - May 1: "Al Qaeda in Kurdistan" breaks with ISIS
 - May 1: Airstrike on Aleppo market kills at least 33 Syrians
 - May 4: Prominent Syrian rebel commander kidnapped by Al Nusra

- United States & Canada

- April 28: New U.S. Joint Strike Fighter may not be able to hide from Russian and Chinese radars
- April 28: U.S. orders 10 new nuclear-powered attack submarines
- April 28: Mystery jets spotted over central U.S. are B-2 stealth bombers, say military sources
- May 1: U.S. fails to reach deal with Germany over Spying
- May 2: U2 spy plane inadvertently triggers technical glitches at Los Angeles airport, grounding hundreds of flights across U.S.

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