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## **Global Security Highlights**

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# Week of 17 – 23 February 2014

#### Africa

- February 17: Ukrainian company to deliver 50 T-64 Tanks to DR Congo
- February 18: South Sudan ceasefire breaks down as fighting resumes
- February 21: Al Shabab attacks Somali presidential compound, killing at least 11 people

#### Asia & Australia

- February 17: Pakistan-Taliban peace talks threatened by execution of soldiers
- February 17: Afghan government delegation travels to Dubai with hopes of peace talks with Taliban
- February 18: 4 people killed and over 60 injured in Bangkok, Thailand protestorpolice clashes
- February 23: 21 Afghan soldiers killed by Taliban in attack on checkpoint in eastern Afghanistan

### Europe

- February 17: Ethiopian Airlines co-pilot hijacks plane, lands in Switzerland to seek asylum, and is arrested
- February 18: Ukrainian protests again turn violent, killing at least 9 and injuring dozens
- February 19: France and Germany to send parts of their joint brigade to Mali
- February 19: Russia expands drone program
- February 19: Ukrainian president and opposition declare "truce"
- February 20: EU imposes Ukraine sanctions
- February 22: Ukrainian parliament impeaches fleeing president; former prime minister freed from prison

#### Latin America

- February 18: Venezuela opposition leader surrenders to police as protests continue
- February 22: "Top" Mexican drug lord arrested
- February 23: Major rival protests in Venezuela as tension increases

## Middle East

 February 17: Bomb attacks hit Shi'ite mosques and neighborhood in Baghdad, killing at least 24

- February 17: Next round of Iran nuclear talks begin in Vienna but with little optimism
- February 18: Egypt charges 4 men with spying for Israel; Ansar Bayt el-Maqdis claims responsibility for Sinai tourism bus bombing
- February 19: Syrian rebel command may be further split over disagreements
- February 19: Iranian cultural center in Beirut attacked by Abdullah Azzam Brigades
- February 20: Differing accounts of police raid in Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province that leaves 4 dead
- February 23: Egypt's Morsi accused of leaking state secrets to Iran
- United States & Canada
  - February 20: U.S. tries to increase cooperation with Persian Gulf states
  - February 20: U.S. and allies agree on standards for aid to Syrian opposition

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