

## Global Security Highlights

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### Week of 10 – 16 March 2014

- Africa
  - March 10: Protests in South Sudan against U.N. after its trucks marked as carrying food were found with weapons including landmines
  - March 11: Jihadists return to Northern Mali despite U.N. presence
  - March 11: Major offensive by African Union and Somali troops drives al-Shabab militants from several towns
  - March 11: Conflict in CAR has spill-over effects in Chad
  - March 11: Libya parliament votes out Prime Minister as rebel oil tanker escapes from port, prospect of civil war increases
  - March 11: Sudanese student dies in Khartoum protests over Darfur
  - March 13: East African states to send troops to monitor South Sudan ceasefire
- Asia (Central)
  - March 10: Taliban deny legitimacy of upcoming Afghan presidential election, vow to attack anyone who participates
  - March 11: Maoists kill at least 18 members of India's security forces in ambush
  - March 11: Swedish journalist assassinated in Kabul as questions grow over safety of Western presence
  - March 12: Afghan security forces repel attack on former Kandahar intelligence headquarters, killing 3 Taliban gunmen
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- Asia (Eastern) & Australia
  - March 11: Almost 10,000 U.S. troops prepare to join South Korean troops in huge joint amphibious landing drill
  - March 12: North Korea uses complicated measures to evade sanctions, U.N. finds
  - March 12: U.S. criticizes "provocative" China for blocking Philippine ships
- Europe
  - March 10: NATO deploying AWACS aircraft to patrol over Poland and Romania
  - March 10: Confrontations rising as diplomacy stalls over Ukraine
  - March 11: Russia begins major paratrooper exercises
  - March 11: Poland and Ukraine to hold joint air force drills

- March 12: U.S. begins Black Sea naval drills with Romania, Bulgaria
- March 12: President Obama hosts Ukraine's acting Prime Minister, publicly reassures him as U.S. prepares to deploy more forces to Poland
- March 13: Russia begins large-scale military exercises near Ukraine border
  
- Latin America
  - March 11: Student leader killed amid Venezuela protests, clashes
  - March 12: Three killed, including an army captain, in Venezuela unrest
  
- Middle East
  - March 10: Palestinian-Jordanian judge shot dead by Israeli forces at border crossing
  - March 10: U.S. signs deal with Israel to continue funding Iron Dome weapons project
  - March 11: Clashes after 15-year-old boy hurt in last years' Istanbul protests dies
  - March 11: 9/11 recruiter reportedly freed in Syria
  - March 12: Militants fire rockets at Israel from Gaza; Israel responds with artillery, airstrikes
  - March 12: "Revolution" in Iraq as some tribes temporarily ally with Al-Qaeda to combat what they perceive as a Shiite-dominated, Iranian-influenced government
  - March 13: 2 killed in Tripoli, Lebanon in spill-over fighting from Syria
  
- United States & Canada
  - March 10: U.S. prepares plan to electronically monitor behavior of workers with security clearances
  - March 10: Canada increases security at Vancouver port where strike is costing economy ~\$885 million per week
  - March 11: U.S. senator accuses CIA of illegally spying on Senate Intelligence Committee computers; CIA director denies accusations, claims Committee acted improperly
  - March 12: U.S. Civilian defense contractor to admit to giving classified military information to his Chinese girlfriend
  - March 12: U.S. defense officials push for further round of
  - Base realignment and closure
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