

Global Security Highlights

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Week of 3 – 9 March 2014

- Africa
 - March 3: At least 29 killed in another Boko Harem attack in north-eastern Nigeria; attacks now occur on a near daily basis
 - March 4: Alleged Boko Harem attack kills villagers, burns homes
 - March 4: Uganda to send troops to Somalia to protect UN
 - March 5: Fighting breaks out in an army barracks in South Sudan's capital, Juba, reportedly over pay disputes
 - March 8: Nigeria in "state of war" as Islamist insurgency under Boko Harem continues
 - March 9: Libyan government, rebels trade threats over unauthorized sale of oil from a rebel-held port
- Asia & Australia
 - March 3: Two suicide bombers hit court complex in Pakistani capital; judge, lawyers, and policeman among dead
 - March 3: Afghan military operations allegedly kill 2 dozen Taliban
 - March 4: NATO supply trucks bound for Afghanistan are attacked in Pakistan, 2 are killed
 - March 4: China vows to respond to provocations in disputed seas
 - March 5: Pakistani peace talks resume with Taliban as at least 6 soldiers are killed in northwest
 - March 5: China announces 12.2% increase in military budget
 - March 6: NATO airstrike kills 5 Afghan National Army soldiers
 - March 8: U.S. military joins search for missing Malaysia Airlines jet
 - March 8: U.S., Afghan militaries attempting to get out the vote for upcoming Afghan presidential elections in face of Taliban threats
 - March 9: Japan scrambles jets to counter Chinese military planes near disputed islands
- Europe
 - March 3: U.S. suspends military ties to Russia, prepares to impose sanctions
 - March 4: Putin breaks silence on Ukraine; rules out war but will use force "as last resort;" denies Russian troops are besieging Ukraine's in Crimea
 - March 5: E.U. and U.S. threaten Russia with sanctions; Russia drafts law allowing it to seize companies' assets if sanctions are imposed

- March 5: U.S. sending additional F-15's and a refueling tanker to help patrol Baltic airspace
- March 6: U.S. guided-missile destroyer heads to Black Sea in pre-scheduled visit
- March 6: Crimea parliament votes to join Russia, sets a referendum for March 16; U.S., E.U., Ukraine condemn move as illegal; tensions increase as Russia continues to deny it has control over gunmen occupying Crimea
- March 9: Ukraine vows not to cede any land; Russia tightens control over Crimea

- **Latin America**
 - March 4: U.S. Coast Guard seizes \$122 million of cocaine off Guatemalan, Panamanian, Colombian coasts
 - March 5: Venezuela marks anniversary of Hugo Chavez's death amid ongoing discontent
 - March 8: Venezuelan protests continue including over food shortages as the Organization of American States approves a plan opposed by U.S., Canada, and Panama
 - March 9: 'Long Dead' Mexican drug lord is actually killed

- **Middle East**
 - March 3: Bomb kills 3 Bahrain policemen
 - March 3: Israeli airstrike kills 2 in Gaza; Israel claims they were about to fire a rocket across the border
 - March 3: Drone strikes kill 4 militants in Yemen; 6 Yemeni soldiers killed in ambushes
 - March 4: Egyptian Field Marshal hints at presidential run; Egyptian court bans all dealings with Hamas
 - March 4: Armed men seize city council headquarters of Samarra, Iraq, holding hostages for four hours until violent storming of compound by Iraqi army and police
 - March 5: Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Bahrain recall ambassadors from Qatar
 - March 5: Israel says it seized "Iranian-supplied rockets made in Syria that were intended for Palestinians in the Gaza Strip" in the Red Sea
 - March 5: U.S. drone strikes kill militants in Yemen, including one who fought in Iraq
 - March 5: Militants use celebration as cover to kill 7 Iraqi policemen
 - March 7: U.S. special forces training Iraqis in Jordan
 - March 8: Iraqi president accuses Saudi Arabia and Qatar of supporting militants fighting his government
 - March 9: Suicide bomber kills at least 45 in Hilla, Iraq
 - March 9: Amnesty International alleges Syrian government using starvation as weapon of war against Yarmouk refugee camp

- **United States & Canada**
 - March 4: U.S. Budget released details military cuts
 - March 4: U.S. Navy Budget cuts aircraft, weapons

- March 4: U.S. Navy to hold end strength in fiscal year 2015, unlike Army and Air Force
- March 6: U.S. D.O.D. proposes revolutionary changes to retirement benefit system

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