

Global Security Highlights

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Week of 10 - 16 February 2014

- Africa
 - [February 11: South Sudan government, rebels begin new peace talks](#)
 - [February 11: Al-Qaeda-linked group claims it has kidnapped missing Red Cross team in Mali](#)
 - [February 11: Algerian military transport plane crashes; 1 survivor found; 100 feared dead](#)
 - [February 15: Unrest and violence continues in Central African Republic](#)
 - [February 15: France to send 400 more troops to Central African Republic in attempt to quell violence](#)
 - [February 16: Grim aftermath of South Sudan violence](#)
 - [February 16: Boko Haram militants allegedly massacre over 100 villagers in northeast Nigeria](#)
- Asia & Australia
 - [February 10: Regional tensions highlighted at Asia Pacific Security Conference in Singapore](#)
 - [February 11: China and Taiwan hold first direct talks since 1949](#)
 - [February 11: North and South Korea hold first direct talks since 2007](#)
 - [February 11: Afghanistan orders release of 65 detainees over U.S. objections](#)
 - [February 16: Faction of Pakistani Taliban says it has executed 23 Pakistani soldiers, further jeopardizing peace talks](#)
 - [February 16: U.S. seeks alternative drone bases in Central Asia](#)
 - [February 16: Proposed Chinese military naval base receives key go-ahead in Hong Kong despite popular opposition](#)
- Europe
 - [February 10: Bosnian protests continue peacefully, but with more demands](#)
 - [February 11: First of 4 U.S. missile destroyers for European missile defense arrives in Spain](#)
 - [February 16: Tensions In Ukraine eased slightly as protestors vacate Kiev city hall in deal for amnesty](#)
- Latin America
 - [February 10: European Union agrees to launch negotiations with Cuba](#)
 - [February 10: Mexican vigilantes team up with police and army to combat cartels](#)
 - [February 14: Cuba suspends US consular services](#)

- February 14: Protests in Venezuela turn violent
- February 16: Venezuela expels three U.S. consular officials
- Middle East
 - February 10: Caution as Second round of Syrian peace talks begin in Geneva
 - February 11: President Obama acknowledges diplomacy failures on Syria
 - February 11: U.S. to step up training of Iraqi forces
 - February 14: Senior al-Qaeda leaders' departures from Iran raises questions
 - February 15: UN special envoy apologizes to Syrian people as Geneva II talks fail and blame is spread around
 - February 16: Iraq violence picks up as army tries to expel militants
 - February 16: Hezbollah vows to continue fighting alongside Syrian government in Syria
 - February 16: Sinai Bus bombing kills Egyptians and South Koreans, closes border with Israel
- United States & Canada
 - February 10: Crisis Response operations may be "new normal" for U.S.
 - February 11: Uncooperative local police impede U.S. federal background checks
 - February 11: Differing views on threat posed by al-Qaida in U.S. administration

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