

Global Security Highlights

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Week of 31 March – 6 April 2014

- Africa
 - March 30: U.S. Marines prepare for African Lion exercise in Morocco
 - March 31: Nigerian army killed hundreds when barracks was attacked; controversial tactics on both sides
 - April 1: Deadly blasts in Nairobi, Kenya, Kenyan police arrest hundreds of suspects
 - April 1: 19,000 Muslims surrounded in CAR, at risk of being “slaughtered”
 - April 2: 15 civilians killed in suicide-vehicle attacks on state-run oil facility in northeast Nigeria
 - April 3: Chad to withdraw peacekeeping troops from CAR
 - April 6: Libya rebels and government reach an agreement where some oil ports will be opened; negotiations will continue
- Asia (Central)
 - March 31: U.S. seeks buyers for old military equipment it used in Afghanistan
 - March 31: U.S. general outlines Afghanistan drawdown
 - April 1: India, Afghanistan, and Pakistan all want leftover U.S. Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAPs) vehicles
 - April 1: Afghanistan prepares for elections amid Taliban threats, attacks
 - April 2: Suicide attack kills 6 policemen at Afghan interior ministry
 - April 3: Former Pakistani President Musharraf escapes bomb blast
 - April 6: Afghanistan holds elections with few reports of violence; both leading candidates say they will sign bilateral security agreement with U.S.
- Asia (Eastern) & Australia
 - March 31: U.S. and South Korean marines storm beach in exercise as North and South Korea fire artillery at each others’ waters
 - March 31: Philippines resupply disputed reef over China’s protest
 - March 31: Indonesia expands military presence in South China Sea
 - April 1: Japan officially eases ban of military-related exports
 - April 2: UAVs that crashed in South Korea are likely from North; tensions in peninsula raised further
 - April 6: U.S. to station more missile defense destroyers in Japan

- April 6: Australian navy picks up “black box” signals likely from missing Malaysian airliner
- Europe
 - March 30: Russia could invade eastern Ukraine “any day”
 - April 1: NATO suspends cooperation with Russia
 - April 1: Bulgaria wary of increased Russian military flights over Black Sea
 - April 2: U.S. to deploy another Navy ship to Black Sea, 175 more marines to Romania
 - April 2: 17 European Union countries and El Salvador ratify UN Arms Trade Treaty
 - April 6: Pro-Russian demonstrators seize government buildings in eastern Ukraine, call for referendum to join Russia
- Latin America
 - March 31: Venezuelan forces “clear” protest city, barricades
 - April 1: Mexican forces kill prominent Knights Templar drug lord
 - April 2: Chile declares emergency after earthquake, prison break
 - April 5: Mexican federal authorities arrest prominent interior minister of important state
 - April 6: Mexican vigilantes protest government’s plans to disarm them
- Middle East
 - March 31: Turkey fires artillery into Syria in response to rocket and mortar fire
 - April 1: Iraqi military continues to fight militants in Anbar province, making slower progress than expected
 - April 1: U.S. and Israeli perceptions of Iran nuclear program grow closer
 - April 1: Palestinian-Israeli talks falter as Palestinian Authority President applies to 15 international agencies
 - April 2: Prominent and wanted Sunni cleric flees Lebanese security forces
 - April 2: Deadly explosions target police at Cairo University
 - April 2: Militants target Yemeni security forces in deadly attacks
 - April 6: ISIL (also known as ISIS) possibly threatening Baghdad as it opens new front in Iraq
- United States & Canada
 - March 31: U.S. not properly tracking nuclear-arms records, watchdog finds
 - March 31: U.S. DOD works to boost allies’ cyber security
 - March 31: Senate Intelligence Committee report says that the CIA misled on its interrogation program
 - April 1: U.S. works to lower cost and improve reliability of F-35 Joint Strike Fighter
 - April 1: U.S. NSA performed warrantless searches on Americans’ calls and emails
 - April 1: Potential delays and cost increases for U.S. missile defense
 - April 2: Gunman at Ft. Hood Texas kills 3 soldiers, self; 16 wounded

- April 4: U.S. to hold cybersecurity talks with Japan in D.C
- April 6: NORAD F-16 fighter jets scrambled over Washington, DC

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