

Global Security Highlights

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We hope you had a great Spring Break! Below are links to a few events that took place while you were enjoying that Florida sun, followed by the regular newsletter.

Key Events from 17 – 23 March

Asia

[March 21: Taliban attacks Kabul hotel popular with foreigners, killing 9](#)

[March 22: Philippines vow to challenge Chinese Blockade of disputed islands](#)

Europe

[March 21: Russia officially annexes Crimea](#)

[March 23: Europe ramps up Defense posture amid Russia-Ukraine crisis](#)

[March 23: France and Czech Republic latest countries to offer fighter aircraft support to Eastern European NATO allies](#)

Latin America

[March 20: Uruguay accepts prisoners from Guantanamo Bay](#)

[March 21: Brazil to deploy federal troops to quell Rio de Janeiro violence](#)

Middle East

[March 19: Israel bombs Syrian military posts in retaliation for Golan Heights bombing; both sides discount possibility of escalation](#)

[March 21: Scores killed and injured in wave of Iraq bombings, attacks](#)

[March 22: U.S. and Persian Gulf allies focus on Southern Syria](#)

[March 23: Turkey shoots down Syrian military jet](#)

Week of 24 - 30 March 2014

- Africa

- [March 24: U.S. sending additional military aircraft and special forces to hunt for Kony](#)
- [March 25: Tuareg leader asks for talks with Mali government, says another revolt is possible otherwise](#)
- [March 25: South Africa's military is in "critical decline"](#)
- [March 26: Nigeria Boko Haram insurgency "affects millions"](#)

- March 26: Kenya controversially orders all Somali refugees into camps because of “emergency security challenges”
 - March 30: Nigerian president, governors criticize each other over failure to stop violence
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- Asia (Central)
 - March 24: Pakistani government seeks indefinite ceasefire with Pakistani Taliban
 - March 25: 3 separate suicide bombings as Taliban seek to disrupt upcoming Afghan presidential election
 - March 27: 3 Afghan soldiers, 20 militants reportedly killed
- Asia (Eastern) & Australia
 - March 24: South Korea officially selects F-35 fighter aircraft
 - March 24: 1150 U.S. Marines head for Australia in next round of deployment
 - March 26: As U.S., South Korean, and Japanese leaders meet, North Korea fires missiles
 - March 27: Philippines signs peace deal with Moro Islamic Liberation Front
 - March 30: Japan and U.S. create new defense body for disputed islands
 - China’s Navy makes significant advances
- Europe
 - March 24: Russia seizes remaining Crimea bases; Ukraine pulls military out of Crimea
 - March 24: Greece, Israel, and U.S. begin annual Mediterranean Sea navy drills
 - March 25: Additional sanctions possible, but only if Russia goes beyond Crimea or there is violence in Crimea
 - March 26: NATO examining its core mission, capabilities
 - March 30: U.S. and Russia agree to work together to solve Crimea annexation crisis but remain far apart on most aspects
- Latin America
 - March 25: Mexico seeks more cooperation with U.S. marines
 - March 25: South American military expenditures continue to grow
 - March 26: Venezuela arrests 3 generals it accuses of coup amid ongoing unrest
 - March 30: Brazilian security forces occupy favela slums in “pacification” program
 - March 30: Pro-government militias hit at Venezuelan protestors
- Middle East
 - March 24: 528 Morsi supporters sentenced to death in Egypt
 - March 24: Iran has allegedly resumed monetary aid to Hamas

- March 24: Yemeni militants attack elite paramilitary paratroopers, killing 20
 - March 24: U.S. seeks to supply Yemen with precision-strike aircraft, according to leaked memo
 - March 25: Egypt adjourns second controversial mass trial of Morsi protestors
 - March 25: Al Qaeda seeks base in Syria
 - March 26: Syrian rebels reach Mediterranean coast
 - March 28: Masked gunmen kill 2 members of Lebanese security forces
 - March 28: UN says 400,000 people have been displaced in Iraq this year
 - March 30: Israel accepts U.S. pledge of 10 more years of military aid
- **United States & Canada**
 - March 24: U.S. GAO questions affordability of F-35 Joint Strike Fighter
 - March 24: U.S. Navy closes Arctic camp early
 - March 25: Man boards U.S. guided missile destroyer at world's largest navy base in Virginia, kills sailor
 - March 25: U.S. set to approve international debut of F-35 Joint Strike Fighter
 - March 25: U.S. holds military exercises in Arctic
 - March 26: Osama Bin Laden's son-in-law convicted in New York City trial of conspiring to kill Americans
 - March 26: Pentagon withholds funds from F-35 contractors over delays

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