

Global Security Highlights

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Week of 24 February – 2 March 2014

- Africa
 - [February 24: Nigerian army allegedly not doing enough to combat Boko Haram despite state of emergency](#)
 - [February 24: African migrants attempt to “storm” from Morocco into Spanish Melilla, clashing with border guards](#)
 - [February 25: Alleged Boko Haram militants kill at least 29 students in attack on school in northeastern Nigeria](#)
 - [February 26: Hospitals targeted as South Sudan violence continues](#)
 - [February 27: Al-shabab car bomb kills security forces, civilians in Mogadishu, Somalia attack](#)
 - [March 1: Alleged Boko Haram bombings kill at least 51 in northeast Nigerian marketplace](#)
 - [March 2: Two Libyan members of parliament shot as protestors storm the General National Congress demanding its resignation](#)
- Asia & Australia
 - [February 24: South Korea-U.S. military drills begin](#)
 - [February 24: Thailand’s army pledges not to intervene with force in aftermath of bombing attack on protestors](#)
 - [February 25: Pakistani airstrikes hit Taliban in tribal areas in aftermath of failed peace talks](#)
 - [February 25: Suicide bombing kills 9, injures at least 37 in Afghan hotel](#)
 - [February 26: Indian Navy Chief resigns following latest mishap which leaves 7 submarine sailors injured and 2 feared dead](#)
 - [February 26: Japan moves to relax self-imposed arms-export restrictions](#)
 - [February 26: U.S. ends air refueling mission in Krygystan, prepares to withdraw from airbase](#)
 - [February 27: Indian soldier kills 5 colleagues, himself in disputed Kashmir region](#)
 - [February 27: North Korea fires four short-range missiles in apparent exercise](#)
 - [March 1: Pakistani Taliban announces month-long truce with Pakistani government](#)
 - [March 2: Mass-knife attack at Kunming, China railway station kills at least 28 civilians and wounds over 100](#)
- Europe

- February 24: Nearly 500 protesters arrested in Russia, including opposition leader Alexei Navalny
 - February 25: Ex-Guantanamo-detainee arrested in Britain on suspicion of terrorism in Syria
 - February 26: Ukraine disbands elite police force, Crimea offers members refuge; Russia to launch surprise military exercises as uncertainty grips Ukraine
 - February 26: NATO and U.S. prepare to withdraw entirely from Afghanistan if necessary
 - February 27: Pro-Russian heavily armed gunmen seize government buildings in Ukraine's Crimea
 - March 1: Russian parliament gives green-light to deploy troops in Ukraine as their forces seize Crimea; Ukraine warns of war and calls for help
 - March 2: Ukraine mobilizes its reserves; Russia consolidates control over Crimea, surrounding Ukrainian outposts
- **Latin America**
 - February 25: Tensions remain high in Venezuela as government supporters and opposition prepare rallies, call for peace
 - February 26: Venezuelan protestors build barricades; U.S. expels 3 Venezuelan diplomats
 - February 26: U.S. generals see drug interdiction efforts struggling
 - February 27: Convicted Cuban spy freed from U.S. prison
- **Middle East**
 - February 24: Iraq allegedly buys arms and ammunition from Iran
 - February 24: Interim Egyptian government resigns, sparking further speculation that Field Marshal al-Sisi is poised to run for president
 - February 24: Senior al-Qaeda commander killed in Syria, allegedly by a suicide bomber from ISIL (also known as ISIS)
 - February 25: Israel reportedly strikes Hezbollah near Lebanon-Syria border
 - February 25: Al-nusra leader in Syria issues ultimatum to ISIS
 - February 26: Syrian and Hezbollah forces ambush Islamist rebels in outskirts of Damascus, killing or wounding at least dozens
 - February 26: Egypt sentences 26 to death for Suez canal plot; pipeline in Sinai attacked
 - February 26: Iraqi army struggling to defeat Islamist insurgency, which still controls Fallujah
 - February 27: Baghdad bombings kill and injure dozens
 - February 27: U.S. calls Syrian request for chemical weapons-handover delay "completely unacceptable"
 - February 27: The deputy leader of Ansar al Sharia Tunisia is reportedly fighting in Syria
 - February 28: ISIS is allegedly pulling back from some positions in Syria after the Nusra front's ultimatum threatened expulsion
- **United States & Canada**
 - February 24: U.S. Defense Department looks to cut army to pre-WWII levels

- [February 24: U.S. begins pilot program inspecting vehicles in Canada before they reach U.S.-Canadian border in order to reduce wait times](#)
- [February 25: U.S. soldiers survive combat, then lose jobs amid cuts](#)
- [February 27: Anonymous senior defense official blames Congress for cuts](#)
- [February 27: Chairman of House Armed Services Committee says sequestration will likely stay](#)
- [February 27: Americans remain sharply divided on level of military spending, Gallup poll finds](#)

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