

**Global Security Highlights**

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Week of 3 – 9 February 2014

* Africa
* [February 4: Tunisian security forces kill Ansar al-Sharia militants suspected of assassinating prominent politicians](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-26033217)
* [February 9: Violence continues in Central African Republic as human rights groups fear a Muslim exodus](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-26109987)
* Asia & Australia
  + [February 3: Karzai’s secret talks with Taliban cast further doubt on security deal with U.S.](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/02/04/world/asia/karzai-has-held-secret-contacts-with-the-taliban.html?nl=todaysheadlines&emc=edit_th_20140204&_r=0)
  + [February 4: Thai opposition asks court to annul election](http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2014/2/4/thailand-oppositionpetitionscourttoannulelection.html)
  + [February 4: U.S. limits drone strikes as Pakistani government seeks talks with Taliban](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/us-curtails-drone-strikes-in-pakistan-as-officials-there-seek-peace-talks-with-taliban/2014/02/04/1d63f52a-8dd8-11e3-833c-33098f9e5267_story.html?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_term=*Situation%20Report&utm_campaign=SITREP%20FEB%205%202014)
  + [February 5: Talks between Pakistan and Taliban fail to begin](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/pakistan-taliban-talks-fail-to-begin-amid-questions-about-legitimacy-fresh-violence/2014/02/04/48aff0ba-8dd0-11e3-95dd-36ff657a4dae_story.html)
  + [February 6: Pakistan opens talks with Taliban-nominated team](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-26065385)
  + [February 8: Afghan soldiers from private to general criticize Karzai, encourage security deal with U.S.](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/afghan-soldiers-desperate-for-pact-with-us-criticize-president-karzai-for-delay/2014/02/08/7caf4b4a-891b-11e3-a760-a86415d0944d_story.html)
  + [February 8: UN Report cites rising civilian deaths in Afghanistan, primarily blames insurgents](http://www.stripes.com/news/middle-east/report-insurgents-blamed-as-civilian-casualties-mount-in-afghanistan-1.266437)
* Europe
* February 4: [Italy subject to “massive” migrant influx](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-26043057)
* [February 6: More than 1100 migrants rescued by Italian navy as hundreds more attempt to reach Spanish territory](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-26064697)
* [February 7: Mass protests turn violent in Bosnia-Herzegovina](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/02/08/world/europe/protests-over-government-and-economy-roil-bosnia.html?_r=0)
* Latin America
* [February 5: Panama canal expansion talks break down](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-26047097)
* [February 7: Hundreds of protestors clash with police in Rio de Janeiro](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-26077374)
* [February 8: Mexican vigilantes join police and soldiers to enter key drug cartel’s stronghold](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-26103464)
* Middle East
  + [February 3: Assad delays chemical weapons delivery](http://thehill.com/blogs/defcon-hill/policy-strategy/197301-pentagon-civilians-wait-as-assad-delays-chemical-weapons#ixzz2sIwiD5cI)
  + [February 4: Airstrikes allegedly kill dozens in Aleppo, Syria](http://www.cnn.com/2014/02/03/world/meast/syria-civil-war/index.html?hpt=wo_bn8)
  + [February 5: Islamic militants, violence spread beyond Anbar province in Iraq](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/02/06/world/middleeast/islamic-militants-extend-battle-into-another-iraqi-province.html?partner=rss&emc=rss&smid=tw-nytimesworld&_r=1)
  + [February 6: Rebels in Syria seize Aleppo prison, free hundreds](http://edition.cnn.com/2014/02/06/world/meast/syria-civil-war/index.html?hpt=hp_t1)
  + [February 8: Iraq governor gives Islamic militants in Anbar a one-week ultimatum](http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Middle-East/2014/Feb-08/246799-iraq-governor-gives-anbar-militants-one-week-ultimatum.ashx#ixzz2srLAcNJL)
  + [February 9: Israeli airstrike in Gaza strip threatens cease-fire with Hamas](http://www.latimes.com/world/worldnow/la-fg-wn-israeli-air-strike-gaza-20140209,0,511720.story#ixzz2suUSK8bd)
  + [February 9: Aid Convoy evacuates 600 civilians from besieged Old City of Homs, Syria](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/02/09/us-syria-crisis-homs-idUSBREA170S120140209)
* United States & Canada
* [February 3: U.S. army hit by recruiting fraud scandal](http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/02/03/army-national-guard-bogus-bonus-payments-iraq-afghanistan/5182717/)
* [February 4: U.S. Navy officers accused of cheating on written tests allowing them to qualify to operate nuclear reactors](http://www.navytimes.com/article/20140204/NEWS05/302040028/Sailors-suspected-spreading-nuke-cheating-scandal)
* [February 5: Secretary of Defense Hagel fears “systematic” ethics crisis in military](http://www.militarytimes.com/article/20140205/NEWS/302050032/Hagel-deeply-troubled-by-ethics-scandals-ranks)

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