Hunting boko Haram

* Boko Haram trying to impose Islamist state in Nigeria
* Operation flush - state of emergency declared in North, military declares war on boko Haram
* Military trained militias to help and the militias along with some military are acting out of line
  + Summary executions and torture of people who they have no reason of suspecting
* Some people are so scared of the military that they are joining boko Haram
* Eventually boko Haram raided the main complex where prisoners were housed, and the militia rounded up the prisoners that ran, then shot them
  + Estimated 600 deaths

Battle for Ukraine

* Ukrainian tensions over east v west goes back decades
* It has sparked the biggest confrontation between US and Russia since cold war
* In 2014 the prime minister rejected a trade deal with the EU in favor of one with Russia
  + After a protest turned violent and 100 people killed, the prime minister fled and left behind a power vacuum
* Right sector - a nationalist group that led the fight against the police. They are anti Russian and isolationist
  + They are the most powerful faction and are the biggest political party
  + Supposedly Russia is paying pro Russians to resist right sector rule
* As violence continued and the east was slipping away from Kiev rule, Ukraine debated whether to send their forces into the east
  + Doing so could spark a Russian invasion
* More evidence indicates Russia is behind much of the violence
* Pro Russians declared their own state centered around Donetsk
  + A referendum was held and 90% voted to join Russia, but the Russians refused
* The new president promised to unite Ukraine, but they still have trouble controlling the warring factions