

Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 30 December 2013

[Iraq, Internal Conflict, Sectarian Violence, al Qaeda Groups] [Iraqis battle militant uprising in 2 Sunni cities](#) – Bloomberg News.

[Libya, U.S., Benghazi Consulate Attack, Militia Groups] [A Deadly Mix in Benghazi](#) – New York Times. (The NYT investigation that found a militia commander responsible for the attack was disputed between U.S. political factions, with Fox News reporting that [its sources](#) indicated the attack was in fact executed by al Qaeda.)

[Russia, Terrorism, Counterterrorism] [Russia detains hundreds after Volgograd bombings](#) – BBC News. (Following the attacks, The Guardian compiled an [interactive map](#) of terrorist attacks in Russia since 1991.)

[U.S., India, Human Trafficking, Embassies, Diplomats] [Foreign diplomats accused of human trafficking, assault in US](#) – Sydney Morning Herald.

[Greece, Germany, Embassies] [Shots fired at German ambassador's home in Greece](#) – Associated Press.

[Egypt, Press Freedom] [Egypt arrests Al-Jazeera journalists](#) – Agence France-Presse.

[El Salvador, Natural Disasters, Airlines] [El Salvador's Chaparrastique volcano erupts for first time in 37 years](#) – CNN.

[U.S., Guantanamo Bay, Slovakia, China] [Final three Uighur prisoners moved from U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay](#) – Washington Post.

[Iraq, U.S., Arms Transfers, Counterterrorism] [US sends missiles and drones to Iraq to fight al-Qaeda](#) – BBC News.

[U.S. Air Force, Personnel, Airlines] [Air Force Warns: We Could Run Out of Pilots](#) – Foreign Policy, The Complex blog.

[Colombia, FARC, Conflict Minerals, Counterinsurgency] [Colombia Plans Raid to Seize FARC Rebels' Tungsten Mine](#) – Bloomberg News.

[India, U.S., Diplomats] [American schools, officials targeted in India as diplomat dispute deepens](#) – Reuters.

[Consumer Electronics, Taiwan, China] [HTC former VP charged with fraud and leaking trade secrets](#) – Android Community.

[Indonesia, Natural Disasters] [Indonesia volcano Mt Sinabung in fresh eruptions](#) – BBC News.

[Japan, Labor, Organized Crime, Fukushima Disaster] [Japan's homeless recruited for murky Fukushima clean-up](#) – Reuters.

[DRC, Internal Conflict, Militia Groups] [DR Congo 'repulses' TV, airport and army base attacks](#) – BBC News.

-----Several stories out of Lebanon this week-----

[Lebanon, Government Figures, Assassinations] [Beirut bomb kills Lebanese ex-minister who opposed Assad](#) – Reuters.

[Lebanon, Air Defense, Borders, Syrian Civil War] [Lebanese army fired on Syrian planes, officials say](#) – Associated Press.

[Lebanon, al Qaeda Groups, Counterterrorism, Internal Politics] [Lebanon Arrests Leader of Qaeda-Linked Group, Reports Say](#) – New York Times.

[U.S., NSA, Espionage, IT] [Report: NSA intercepts computer deliveries to plant spyware](#) – IDG News Service.

[U.S., Russia, Nuclear Materials] [Russian-American program to retrieve spent nuclear fuel prolonged to 2024](#) – Interfax-Ukraine.

[U.S. Army, Christmas, Lulz] [War on Christmas Is Over: We Made Bin Laden's House Out of Gingerbread](#) – The Atlantic Wire.

[Aviation Industry, Business] [Textron to buy Beechcraft for \\$1.4 billion](#) – Reuters.

[U.S. Navy, UAVs] [Drone that hit Chancellorsville ruined computer center](#) – Navy Times.

[North Korea, Sanctions] [North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un hails 'impeccable' new Masik Pass ski resort](#) – Agence France-Presse.

[China, Stealth Aircraft, Unconfirmed] [Is This China's New Stealth Bomber?](#) – Foreign Policy, The Complex blog.

[Cambodia, Protests, Labor] [Cambodian troops quash protest at garment factory](#) – Associated Press.

[Czech Republic, Palestine, Embassies] [Czech police find weapons at Palestinian mission](#) – Reuters.

[Argentina, Natural Disasters] [Seven people die in the worst heat wave ever recorded in Argentina](#) – The Independent.

[Latvia, European Union, Currency] [Latvia becomes 18th state to join the eurozone](#) – BBC News.

[South Africa, Rwanda, Government Figures] [Body of Former Rwandan Spymaster Is Found in Johannesburg Hotel](#) – New York Times.

[European Union, Immigration, Public Opinion, Internal Politics] [EU tries to calm fears of Bulgarian, Romanian exodus](#) – Reuters.

[Japan, Internal Politics, China, South Korea] [Japan minister follows Abe to war shrine, pouring salt on wound for China](#) – Reuters.

[China, Hong Kong, Protests, Internal Politics] [Thousands march in Hong Kong in escalating battle for democracy](#) – Reuters.

[Ukraine, Protests, Internal Politics] [Fresh Ukraine protests draw thousands onto Kiev streets](#) – BBC News.

[Central African Republic, Internal Conflict, Militia Groups] [Central African Republic: attack on presidential palace beaten back](#) – The Guardian.

[Japan, U.S., Basing, Internal Politics] [Okinawa Approves U.S. Base Move After 17 Years of Talks](#) – Bloomberg News.

[Bangladesh, Labor, Manufacturing] [Bangladesh factory owners to face homicide charges](#) – Associated Press.

[China, Japan, Disputed Territories] [Chinese balloonist lands in midst of isle dispute with Japan](#) – Reuters.

[Turkey, Internal Politics, Protests] [Turkey: Army will not get involved in politics](#) – BBC News.

[Israel, Internal Politics, Prisoners, Palestine, Diplomacy] [Israel releases Palestinian prisoners amid protests](#) – CNN.

[Somalia, Internal Conflict, Terrorism] [Mogadishu hotel targeted by bombs, at least 11 killed](#) – Reuters.

[South Sudan, Internal Conflict, Diplomacy] [South Sudan fighting continues ahead of Ethiopia talks](#) – BBC News.

[China, PLAN, Amphibious Craft, Taiwan, Ukraine] [Eyeing Taiwan, China Is Getting Four Giant Hovercraft](#) - War Is Boring