

## Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 10 February 2014

[Central African Republic, Internal Conflict, Sectarian Violence, Militia Groups, Humanitarian Operations] [UNHCR: 'Catastrophe of unspeakable proportions' in C. Africa](#) - Agence France-Presse. (The displacement and fleeing of merchants and farmers in CAR could cause a massive [market collapse](#) in the country, BBC News also reported. Also in CAR, Rwandan peacekeeping troops [killed one person](#) while preventing revenge killings in the country, according to Reuters.)

[China, Taiwan, Diplomacy] [China and Taiwan in first government talks](#) - BBC News.

[U.S., Mexico, Campaign Finance] [Feds: Mexican Tycoon Exploited Super PACs to Influence U.S. Elections](#) - Foreign Policy.

[Venezuela, Protests, Internal Politics] [Venezuela student protest ends in deadly violence](#) - BBC News.

[Afghanistan, ISAF, Prisoners, Internal Politics, Taliban] [Karzai rejects U.S. warnings over freed Afghan detainees](#) - Reuters.

[Cyprus, Negotiations, Energy] [Energy is 'game changer' in new Cyprus peace drive](#) – Agence France-Presse.

[Caribbean, Infectious Diseases] [Mosquito-borne chikungunya virus infects people on 5 Caribbean islands](#) – CBC News.

[China, Maritime Security Forces, Vietnam, Disputed Territories, Media] [Vietnam and China: A Dangerous Incident](#) - The Diplomat.

[Switzerland, Immigration, Internal Politics, E.U.] [Switzerland backs immigration quotas by slim margin](#) – The Guardian.

[Central African Republic, Sectarian Violence, Peacekeeping Operations] [Rwandan troops kill one person, halt lynching in Central African Republic](#) – Reuters.

[U.S., Embassies, Ukraine, E.U., Espionage] [Victoria Nuland gaffe: Angela Merkel condemns EU insult](#) – BBC News.

[U.S., Social Media, NSA, Business, Civil Liberties] [Twitter breaks rank, threatens to fight NSA gag orders](#) – NextGov.

[Afghanistan, Aviation] [Crashed plane owner remains unknown](#) – Pajhwok Afghan News.

[U.K., Natural Disasters] [Winds Gust Near 100 MPH in Wales, Flooding in the UK](#) – AccuWeather. (France 24 and the Associated Press also filed [photos](#) from areas of England hit by flooding.)

[U.S., Japan, South Korea, Education, Cartography] [Textbook change to acknowledge East Sea passes the Virginia House](#) – Washington Post.

[Cybersecurity, U.S., FBI] [The FBI Is Looking to Buy 35 GB of Malware per Day](#) - Softpedia

[Bosnia, Protests, Internal Politics] [Bosnia privatization protests reach other cities](#) – Associated Press. (A more [in-depth report](#) on the underlying causes of the protests from Reuters.)

[Iran, Nuclear Programs, U.N.] [Iran to reveal detonator information in deal with UN](#) – BBC News.

[Pakistan, Civil Society, Intelligence Services] [Pakistan anti-drone campaigner kidnapped, says lawyer](#) – Agence France-Presse.

[Iran, Missile Tests] [Iran Tests Long-Range Ballistic Missiles](#) - The Diplomat, Flashpoints blog.

[India, Olympics] [India Olympics ban lifted after new officials elected](#) – BBC News.

[Philippines, Corruption, Internal Politics] [Philippines Gets State Witness Against Senators in Fund Scam](#) – Bloomberg News.

[Burma/Myanmar, Chemical Weapons, Press Freedom, Unconfirmed] [Pardon, Was That a Chemical Weapons Factory in Myanmar?](#) – The Diplomat, ASEAN Beat blog.

[Japan, Nuclear Power, Nuclear Programs] [Japan to abandon troubled fast breeder reactor](#) – Agence France-Presse.

[U.S. Navy, Special Forces, MSC] [The Navy's Getting a Big, Secretive Special Operations 'Mothership'](#) - War Is Boring.

[Russia, Virtual Currencies, Financial Regulation] [Russia bans bitcoins](#) – Fox News.

[Israel, India, Missile Defense] [India, Israel to Build Anti-Missile System](#) – Defense News.

[Japan, Severe Weather] [Eleven dead in Japan after worst snowfall in decades hits capital](#) – Reuters.

[Australia, Manufacturing] [Toyota to end car manufacturing in Australia by 2017, spelling end of car making in Australia](#) – Canadian Press.

[Turkey, Hactivist Groups, Cybersecurity, Internet Freedom] [RedHack Begins Hack Attacks in Protest Against Turkey's New Internet Law](#) – Softpedia. (RedHack hactivists also [claimed](#) to leak the contact information for staff members at the U.S. embassy in Turkey, Softpedia also reported later in the week.)

[Transport Aircraft, Defense Industry] [Medium airlift and the big sales spat](#) - FlightGlobal, The DEW Line blog.

[Japan, Internal Politics] [Ruling party-backed candidate wins Tokyo race](#) – Associated Press.

[Iraq, Terrorism, ISIS] [Suicide Bomb Trainer in Iraq Accidentally Blows Up His Class](#) – New York Times.

[Syrian Civil War, U.N.] [Ceasefire in Syria's Homs extended: governor](#) – Reuters.

[Afghanistan, Infectious Diseases, Public Health] [Kabul records first polio case since 2001](#) – The Telegraph.

[Mali, Niger, MUJAO, Sectarian Violence] [30 Dead in Clash With Al-Qaeda-Linked Rebels](#) - New York Times.

[Yemen, Internal Politics] [Yemen federation deal gives autonomy, not independence, to south](#) – Reuters.

[U.S., Italy, Mafia Groups, Drug Trafficking] [Mafia raids: 26 arrested in US and Italy](#) - BBC News.

[Cuba, E.U., Negotiations] [Europe approves negotiations with Cuba](#) – Miami Herald.

[South Africa, Elections, Internal Politics] [South African elections set for 7 May](#) – The Guardian.

[Russia, Internal Politics, Judiciary] [Russia's Putin approves merger of top courts](#) – Reuters.

[Indonesia, Singapore, Bilateral Relations] [Singapore angry at Indonesia move to name navy ship for convicted bombers](#) – Reuters.

[Russia, Sochi Olympics, Press, Cybersecurity] [Sochi security forbids journalists to use private Wi-Fi](#) – Help Net Security.

[Algeria, Algerian Military] [Algerian army plane crashes – dozens dead, one survivor](#) – BBC News.

[Syrian Civil War, U.N., Russia] [Russia says Syria aid draft groundwork for military action](#) - Reuters.

[U.K., NHS, Cybersecurity, Enterprise Technology] [Whitehall and Microsoft negotiate NHS Windows XP hacker survival plan](#) - The Register.

[Japan, China, Maritime, Disputed Territories] [Japan Seeks Chinese Compensation Over 2010 Boat Collision Incident](#) - The Diplomat, China Power blog.

[Mexico, Knights Templar Cartel, Militia Groups] [Mexico police find mass grave and severed heads in Michoacan](#) - BBC News.

[Nigeria, Internal Politics] [Nigerian president sacks ministers in new shake-up](#) - Reuters.

[Censorship, Internet Freedom, Technology, China] [Is Microsoft's Bing spreading the Chinese government's censorship around the world?](#) - Quartz.

[Philippines, Internal Politics, Corruption] [Filipino gov't to seize \\$29M from Marcos family account](#) - United Press International.

[Iraq, Internal Conflict, Terrorism, ISIS] [Islamic Extremists Slaughter 15 Soldiers in Northern Iraqi City](#) - New York Times.

[South Korea, North Korea, Diplomacy] [North and South Korea seek better ties at rare high-level talks](#) - Reuters.

[Nigeria, Internal Conflict, Terrorism, Boko Haram] [Nigeria's Boko Haram kill 51 in northeast attack: witnesses](#) - Reuters.

[Iraq, Internal Conflict, IDPs] [Violence in Iraq's Anbar province 'displaces 300,000'](#) - BBC News.

[Egypt, U.S., Embassies] [Security Forces in Egypt Detain Employee of American Embassy](#) - New York Times