

**Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 11
February**

[Egypt, Palestine, Hamas, Smuggling] [*Egypt floods Gaza tunnels to cut Palestinian lifeline*](#) – Reuters.

[South Korea, Popular Opinion, North Korea, Nuclear Tests] [*South Koreans shrug off nuclear neighbor, check out cosmetics sale*](#) – Reuters. ([Social media reactions](#) from Global Voices.)

[U.S., E.U., Trade] [*EU and US free-trade talks launched*](#) – BBC News.

[Italy, Defense Industry, Corruption, India] [*Finmeccanica CEO Arrested In Corruption Probe*](#) – Associated Press. (Also, an [article from December](#) in The Indian Express provides more context on the corruption charges related to the purchase of AW101 helicopters by India.)

[U.K., Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Infectious Diseases] [*New case of SARS-like virus shows person-to-person transmission*](#) – Reuters.

[Thailand, Internal Conflict] [*Thai marines kill 16 militants who attacked base*](#) – Associated Press.

[Russia, Precious Metals] [*Putin Turns Black Gold to Bullion as Russia Outbuys World*](#) – Bloomberg News.

[Iran, 'Fighter Aircraft', Lulz] [*Iran's 'fake' fighter jet which experts say can't fly is spotted in the air \(with a little help from Photoshop\)*](#) – Daily Mail.

[China, Public Opinion, North Korea, Nuclear Tests] [*Lively Online Reactions in China to Nuclear Test*](#) – International Herald Tribune.

[Augmented Reality, Cybersecurity] [*Unintended, malicious and evil applications of augmented reality*](#)- Help Net Security.

[Philippines, Internal Conflict, Abu Sayyaf, MNLF] [*Filipino extremists face new foe: fellow rebels*](#) – Associated Press.

[Iran, Internal Politics, Political Prisoners] [*Report: Iran detains daughters of opposition head*](#) – Associated Press.

[Mali, Internal Conflict, Terrorism] [Second suicide bomber strikes city in northern Mali](#) – Associated Press.

[Afghanistan, Corruption] [Afghanistan bribery cost 'increases sharply'](#) - BBC News.

[U.S., Drones, Saudi Arabia, Basing] [Is This the Secret U.S. Drone Base in Saudi Arabia?](#) – Wired.com, Danger Room blog.

[China, Strategy, Central Asia] [Westward Ho!](#) – Foreign Policy.

[Indonesia, Terrorist Finance, Cybersecurity] [Indonesian Hacker Accused of Funding Terrorists Sentenced to 8 Years in Prison](#) – Softpedia.

[Botswana, Culture, Music, \m/] [Rebels with a cause: Botswana's heavy metal heads](#) – CNN.

[Venezuela, Prisons, Crime] [Official: Arsenal found inside Venezuelan prison](#) – Associated Press.

[European Union, Energy, Pollution] [Europe consuming more coal](#) – Washington Post.

[Strategy, Science Fiction, Opinions] [Defense Nerds Strike Back: A Symposium on the Battle of Hoth](#) – Wired.com, Danger Room blog.

[U.N. Security Council, North Korea, Sanctions] [Is there anything left to sanction in North Korea?](#) – Foreign Policy, Turtle Bay blog.

[Japan, China, Disputed Territories] [Senakaku/Diaoyu islands: Japan may release China radar data](#) – BBC News.

[Sweden, Defense Spending] [Use Patriot missiles to defend Sweden: minister](#) – The Local.

[Pakistan, Culture, Holidays] [Valentine's Day sparks celebrations, protests in Pakistan](#) – Express Tribune.

[Space, Mining] [Earth-skimming DA14 asteroid contains \\$195 billion of minerals, if we can catch it](#) – ExtremeTech.

[Syria, Iran, Lebanon, IRGC] [Iranian general reportedly assassinated while traveling from Syria](#) – Los Angeles Times.

[Iran, Nuclear Program] [Iran's bid to buy banned magnets stokes fears about major expansion of nuclear capacity](#) – Washington Post.

[United Kingdom, Media, Cybersecurity] [UK police arrest 6 people in phone hacking investigation](#) – Associated Press.

[Pakistan, Internal Conflict, Terrorism] [*Suicide bombers attack police station in northwest Pakistan; 1 officer wounded*](#) – Associated Press.