

Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 4 February

[China, Cybersecurity] [The People's Republic of Hacking](#) – Foreign Policy. (The U.S. is reportedly [considering a new National Intelligence Estimate](#) in response to increased cyberattacks on the U.S., according to CNET.)

[Tunisia, Internal Politics, Assassinations] [New Uncertainty Grips Tunisia After Assassination](#) – New York Times. ([Media and social media reactions](#) from Global Voices.)

[China, Japan, Disputed Territories, Navies] [China and Japan Trade Accusations Over Radar Lock Incident](#) – China Digital Times.

[China, Corruption, Investigations] [China arrests bank officer accused of amassing vast property holdings under fake identities](#) - Associated Press.

[U.S., Cybersecurity, Dept. of Energy] [Department of Energy hack exposes major vulnerabilities](#) – CSO.

[France, Niger, Nuclear Fuel] [France protects Niger uranium mine](#) – BBC News.

[Japan, U.S., Fukushima Crisis, Diplomacy] [Prometheus Trap: U.S. frustrated with Japan's initial response to Fukushima](#) (pt1. Story is broken up into [pt.2](#), [pt3](#), and [pt4](#).) – Asahi Shimbun.

[Paraguay, Internal Politics] [Paraguay presidential hopeful Oviedo dies in crash](#) – Associated Press.

[U.S., Mexico, Agriculture, Trade] [\\$5 A Pound? Tomato Price Threat Seen As Tactic In Trade Dispute With Mexico](#) – WLRN 91.3FM Miami.

[Japan, China, Disputed Territories] [Japan frees detained Chinese crew, boat](#) – Associated Press.

[Lebanon, Syria, Terrorism] [Lebanon issues arrest warrant for Syrian official](#) – Associated Press.

[Lithuania, Russia, Energy] [Lithuania shivers as Russia ramps up heating costs](#) – Associated Press.

[Sudan, Refugees, Internal Conflict] [Darfur gold battle: Tens of thousands of Sudanese flee](#) – BBC News.

[Uzbekistan, NATO, Afghanistan] [As NATO Prepares for Afghan Withdrawal, Uzbekistan Seeks War's Leftovers](#) – New York Times.

[U.N., Palestine, Israel, Settlements] [U.N. Panel Says Israeli Settlement Policy Violates Law](#) – New York Times.

[Turkey, U.S., Embassies, Terrorism] [Suicide Blast Kills U.S. Embassy Guard in Turkey](#) – New York Times.

[Germany, Drones] [Germany aims to acquire armed drones](#) – Associated Press.

[Colombia, FARC, Negotiations] [Colombia rebels free seized oil workers, kill four soldiers](#) – Reuters.

[Bangladesh, Internal Politics, Protests] [Protests hit Bangladesh after war crimes verdict](#) – Associated Press. (More on the [public reaction](#) from Global Voices.)

[China, Public Opinion, History, Language] [Not Rising, But Rejuvenating: The “Chinese Dream”](#) – The Diplomat.

[Italy, Internal Politics, Banking] [MontePaschi puts derivative losses at \\$987 million](#) – Associated Press.

[Terrorism] [Terrorists with Western links a growing threat](#) - Associated Press.

[China, Economy, Internal Politics] [China unveils major tax reforms to make rich pay more](#) – Reuters.

[Ivory Coast, France, Piracy] [French tanker, crew hijacked off Ivory Coast freed](#)- Associated Press.

[U.S. Navy, Communications] [Navy's First 4G Network Will Head Out to Sea in March](#) – Wired.com, Danger Room blog.

[Mali, France, U.N., Peacekeeping Operations] [France and U.N. plan Mali peacekeeping force](#) – Foreign Policy, Turtle Bay blog.

[U.K., Drones] [British soldiers flying nano helicopters in Afghanistan](#) – DefenseTech.

[Japan, Russia, Airspace] [Did Russian Jets Violate Japanese Airspace?](#) – The Diplomat, Flashpoints blog.

[Private Naval Forces, Sea Shepherd] [Sea Shepherd's Southern Ocean Armada](#) – Information Dissemination.

[Iran, 'Fighter Aircraft'] [Iran's new Qaher-313 stealth fighter: No, it's not April Fool's Day](#) – Flightglobal, DEW Line blog.