

## Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 14 January

**[Mali, France, Military Interventions, Operation Serval]** [On the Ground in Mali, French and Local Troops Confront Islamist Forces](#) – New York Times. (A [timeline](#) of the lead up to and recent French operations in Mali from Offizierre.ch. The Associated Press also published details of Mali rebel and terrorist groups' [fortifications and resources](#).)

**[Pakistan, Protests, Internal Politics]** [Pakistan government calls demands by protestors 'not possible'](#) – Los Angeles Times. (Amid the large protests, the government's anti-corruption chief refused a Supreme Court order to arrest the Prime Minister, according to Associated Press.)

**[Cyberespionage]** [Cybersleuths Uncover 5-Year Spy Operation Targeting Governments, Others](#) – Wired.com, Threat Level blog. (Detailed, [technical analysis](#) from Securelist.)

**[Pakistan, India, U.S., Opinion]** [Growing U.S.-India military ties threaten Islamabad](#) – Al Arabiya. (Article is an editorial opinion, included for the insight that might be drawn from seeing the issue from Pakistan's point of view.)

**[China, U.S., Business, Regulation]** [Chinese companies retreat from U.S. listings as scrutiny mounts](#) – Reuters.

**[Pakistan, Terrorism, Sunni-Shia Conflict, Government Figures, Protests]** [Pakistan provincial minister sacked over Quetta attacks](#) – BBC News.

**[France, Somalia, Hostage Rescue, Mali]** [France fails to free intelligence agent held in Somali; Paris sends more troops to Mali](#) – Washington Post.

**[Central African Republic, Diplomacy]** [Peace deal announced for C. African Republic](#) – Associated Press.

**[Pakistan, Internal Conflict, Taliban]** [Bomb Kills 14 Pakistani Soldiers as Attacks Shake Up Provincial Government](#) – New York Times.

**[China, Pollution]** [Beijing pollution 'worst on record'](#) – Al Jazeera. ([Photos](#) of the record air pollution from BBC News.)

**[Russia, Internal Politics, Protests, U.S.]** [Thousands march to protest Russia's adoption ban](#) – Associated Press.

**[Spain, Iran, Sanctions]** [Spanish police say seized items intended for Iran nuclear program](#) – CNN.

**[Iraq, Government Figures, Internal Politics, Bombings]** [\*Iraq finance minister escapes bomb attack\*](#) – Al Jazeera.

**[Mali, ECOWAS, France]** [\*Mali conflict: West African troops to arrive 'in days'\*](#) – BBC News. (The U.S. is providing intelligence support to the French intervention, according to the Associated Press, while several NATO countries are also providing [\*logistical and other support\*](#), according to Der Spiegel. The article also provides a look at a German domestic reaction to the intervention.

**[Arms Smuggling, Australia, U.S., Viktor Bout]** [\*US: Arms dealer's associate arrested in Australia\*](#) – Associated Press.

**[Canada, Pollution, Water]** [\*Lake Winnipeg nominated for 'Threatened Lake of the Year, 2013' award\*](#) – Winnipeg Free Press.

**[History, Japan, Counterinsurgency]** [\*Japan's COIN Experience\*](#) – The Diplomat, Flashpoints blog.

**[China, Burma/Myanmar, Borders]** [\*China sends troops to border with conflict-torn Myanmar: media\*](#) - Reuters.

**[Kenya, Terrorism, al Shabab]** [\*Kenya police: Suspected militants kills 5 people\*](#) – Associated Press.

**[Japan, Thailand, Diplomacy]** [\*Japan, Thailand Leaders Agree to Strengthen Ties\*](#) – Associated Press.

**[Indonesia, Natural Disasters]** [\*Jakarta floods leave hundreds of thousands homeless\*](#) – ABC/AFP.

**[Italy, Libya, Embassies, Internal Conflict]** [\*Italy Closes Consulate in Benghazi After New Attack\*](#) – New York Times.

**[Cyberwarfare, Electronic Warfare, Technology, U.S.]** [\*Attacking networks using electromagnetic interference\*](#) – The H.

**[Russia, Organized Crime, Assassinations]** [\*Russian crime boss gunned down in Moscow\*](#) – Washington Post.

**[Iraq, Terrorism, Internal Politics]** [\*Bombings in Iraq Kill More Than 20 and Are Seen as Political\*](#) – New York Times.

**[Pakistan, India, Disputed Territories, Borders]** [\*Kashmir border: Pakistan says India killed soldier\*](#) – BBC News.

[Afghanistan, Intelligence Services, Insurgency] [\*Six bombers attack Afghan spy agency, kill two\*](#) – Reuters.

[Water, Israel, Jordan, Palestine, Infrastructure, World Bank] [\*World Bank finds Red-Dead canal worthwhile\*](#) – Globes.

[China, Beidou, GPS, Navigation] [\*China shoves Beidou into tractors, trucks and buses\*](#) – The Register.

[Syria, Internal Conflict] [\*Car bombs kill at least 22 in northern Syria\*](#) – Associated Press.

[Bangladesh, Russia, Arms Purchases, Nuclear Power] [\*Russia, Bangladesh Ink Arms, Energy Deals\*](#) – RIA Novosti.

[Algeria, Terrorism, Hostage Situations, Unconfirmed] [\*Algeria hostages reportedly escape captors; some may have been slain\*](#) – Los Angeles Times.

[China, Policy, Statements] [\*The Xi Administration Introduces “Eight Musts”\*](#) – China Digital Times.