

## Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 21 January

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[U.K., European Union, Internal Politics] [Europe Is Edgy as Cameron Seeks to Loosen Ties](#) – New York Times. (More on [Europe's reaction](#) from Reuters.)

[France, Mali, Operation Serval, French Army] [France Brings Bigger Gunships, Heavy Artillery to Mali as Militants Dig In](#) – Wired.com, Danger Room blog.

[Algeria, Oil and Natural Gas, Economy, Terrorism] [Desert Massacre Threatens Africa's Largest Gas Industry](#) – Bloomberg News.

[China, PLAAF, Strategic Bombers] [China buys Russian bombers](#) – United Press International.

[Iraq, Terrorism, Sectarian Violence] [Suicide bomber kills 22 at Iraqi Shi'ite mosque](#) – Reuters.

[Pakistan, Video Games, Public Opinion, Lulz] [Pakistan anger at video games that depict country as terrorist haven](#) – The Telegraph.

[Nigeria, Boko Haram, Terrorism] [Boko Haram militants suspected of deadly attacks in Nigeria](#) – BBC News.

[Israel, Elections, Internal Politics] [Israeli PM Netanyahu scrambles to keep his job](#) – Associated Press.

[China, Ballistic Missiles, DF-21D] [Did China Test its "Carrier-Killer?"](#) – The Diplomat.

[Norway, Accidents, Lulz] [Norway goat cheese fire closes tunnel](#) – BBC News.

[Thailand, Courts, Lese Majeste] [Magazine editor jailed for defaming Thai king](#) – ABC News (Aus.)

[Russia, Syria] [First Russians evacuated from Syria land in Moscow](#) – Associated Press.

[China, PLA, Internal Politics, Public Opinion] [China's military hawks take the offensive](#) – Reuters.

[Japan, U.S., Defense Cooperation] [Talks start with U.S. on new defense plan](#) – Japan Times.

[Mali, France, Operation Serval] [Mali army 'regains Konna and Diabaly' from rebels](#) – BBC News.

[Cuba, Public Health, Infectious Diseases] [Cuba confirms 51 cholera cases in Havana](#) – BBC News.

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[Somalia, al Shaab, Foreign Fighters, U.S.] [American jihadi faces Somali death threat](#) – Associated Press.

[Pakistan, Corruption, Internal Politics] [Pakistan PM corruption official found dead](#) – BBC News.

[Afghanistan, Apple Maps, Lulz] [Major Afghanistan Streets Renamed “Bad Monkey” and “Hillbilly Hameed” by Apple Maps](#) – Slate, Future Tense blog.

[U.N., U.S., Drones] [U.N. launches drone investigation](#) – Foreign Policy, Turtle Bay blog.

[U.N., North Korea, Human Rights, Japan] [U.N. Official Urges Scrutiny of North Korea](#) – New York Times.