

## Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 6 January 2014

**[Turkey, Corruption, Government Figures, Protests]** [Erdogan Eye on 'Crazy Projects' Links Turkey Scandal to Builders](#) – Bloomberg News. (Several police officials [were dismissed](#) after beginning new fraud investigations, according to the Associated Press.)

**[Iraq, Internal Conflict, Internal Politics, al Qaeda Groups]** [Deal struck to drive out fighters in Iraq](#) – Al Jazeera.

**[Syrian Civil War, Foreign Fighters, Unconfirmed]** [Syria rebels kill 34 foreign fighters in northwest – monitor](#) – Reuters. (The BBC also reported that a rebel group [captured the headquarters](#) of the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant.)

**[U.S. Army, Counterinsurgency, Military History]** [I am Colonel \(Retired\) Peter Mansoor, former executive officer to General David Petraeus during the surge in Iraq and now a professor of military history at the Ohio State University. AMA.](#) – Reddit. (Note: an Ask Me Anything (AMA) is a Reddit thread where a knowledgeable figure takes and responds to questions from other commenters. Some form of identification is required to be reviewed by Reddit moderators to confirm the person is who they say they are.)

**[Germany, Government Figures]** [German Leader Injured in Skiing Accident](#) – New York Times.

**[Senegal, Russia, Fisheries, France]** [Senegal seizes Russian vessel for 'illegal fishing'](#) – BBC News.

**[Lebanon, Terrorism, Sectarian Violence, Hezbollah]** [Beirut blast kills at least five in Hezbollah stronghold](#) – BBC News.

**[China, PLAN, History, Analysis/Commentary]** [Three Ways Mao Shaped Naval Warfare](#) – The Diplomat.

**[Canada, Internal Politics, Lulz]** [Toronto mayor Rob Ford signs up for re-election despite crack scandal](#) – Associated Press.

**[Slovakia, Fighter Aircraft]** [Slovakia to replace Mig29s with Swedish JAS39](#) – Macedonian International News Agency.

**[Cambodia, Protests, Labor]** [Cambodian forces open fire as factory strikes turn violent](#) – Reuters.

**[North Korea, Unconfirmed, Government Figures, Executions, China]** [Kim Jong-Un's executed uncle was eaten alive by 120 hungry dogs: report](#) – NBC News.

[**China, Media, Press Freedom, Internet Censorship**] [China blocks the Guardian, censorship-tracking website says](#) – The Guardian.

[**DRC, Internal Conflict, ADF-Nalu**] [Chief of DR Congo troops fighting Ugandan rebels killed](#) – Agence France-Presse.

[**France, UAE, Satellites, Espionage, U.S.**] [French-UAE Intel Satellite Deal in Doubt](#) – DefenseNews.

[**Japan, U.S., Infrastructure, Investment**] [Japan offers to lend US half the cost of ‘Super Maglev’ train between Washington and Baltimore](#) – The Telegraph.

[**Pakistan, Terrorism, Public Sentiment**] [Aitzaz Hasan: Tributes to Pakistan teenager killed when he stopped a bomber](#) – BBC News.

[**China, PLAN, Syria, Chemical Weapons**] [Chinese Warship to Escort Transfer of Syrian Chemical Weapons](#) – DefenseTech.

[**Nigeria, Sectarian Violence**] [Nigeria gunmen ‘kill 30’ in Plateau state raid](#) – BBC News.

[**Syrian Civil War, Diplomacy, U.N., Iran**] [Iran not on Syria peace conference list: UN](#) – Agence France-Presse.

[**South Sudan, Sudan, Diplomacy**] [Sudan’s Leader Flies to South for Crisis Talks](#) – New York Times.

[**China, Crime, Illegal Drugs**] [The Raid on China’s No. 1 Meth Village](#) – Foreign Policy, Tea Leaf Nation blog.

[**India, Internal Politics, Elections**] [Indian PM Manmohan Singh to retire after elections](#) – BBC News.

[**Japan, China, Disputed Territories, Lulz**] [Long-time rivals China and Japan deploy Harry Potter villain in latest spat](#) – CNN.

[**France, Labor, Protests**] [Workers seize 2 bosses at French Goodyear site](#) – Associated Press. (The two bosses were later freed, though Goodyear [filed a lawsuit](#) in French court over their detention by workers, the AP also reported.)

[**U.S., Iraq, Arms Transfers, Internal Politics**] [Obama Admin Blasts Senators for Blocking Iraq Arms Sales](#) – Foreign Policy, The Cable blog.

[**Somalia, al Shabaab, Internet**] [Somalia’s al-Shabaab militants issue internet ban](#) – BBC News.

[**Bahrain, Internal Politics**] [Bahrain suspends reconciliation talks with opposition groups](#) – Reuters.

[**CAR, Refugees, Public Health, U.N.**] [Central African Republic: UN warns of humanitarian disaster](#) – BBC News.

[China, A2/AD, History, WWII] [\*Anti-Access Lessons from the Past\*](#) – Toshi Yoshihara in *Proceedings (USNI)*.

[Syrian Civil War, Chemical Weapons, Unconfirmed] [\*Syria Reports 2 Attacks on Chemical Arms Sites\*](#) – New York Times.

[Europe, Agriculture] [\*Honeybee shortage threatens crop pollination in Europe\*](#) – BBC News.

[China, Media, Press Freedom] [\*China renews Western journalists' visas after months-long standoff\*](#) – Washington Post.