Global Security Highlights
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Week of 28 April – 4 May 2014

• Africa
  - April 28: 3 aid workers among 22 killed by Seleka Muslim rebels in Central African Republic
  - April 28: Somalia angered its diplomat was arrested by Kenya in mass round-up
  - April 29: Tunisia moves to clear Islamist militants from mountain hideouts
  - April 29: Gunmen attack Libyan parliament, postponing election of new prime minister
  - April 29: Fears of radicalization as Muslims flee Central African Republic
  - April 29: Mali’s Prime Minister and northern armed groups move towards peace talks
  - May 2: At least 9 Students killed in Ethiopia protests
  - May 3: Mombasa, Kenya hit by two bomb attacks
  - May 3: Al Shabab plant bomb in government vehicle, killing 5 including a senior police officer
  - May 3: U.S. pledges to assist Nigeria in recovering missing girls
  - May 4: Nairobi, Kenya attacked by deadly bus bombings; at least 2 killed and more than 50 injured
  - May 4: South Sudan government says it has retaken key towns from rebels and is driving them towards Ethiopian border
  - May 4: Disputes over whether Libya has a new prime minister

• Asia (Central)
  - April 28: 2 Bombings kill 3 soldiers and 3 seminary students in Pakistan
  - April 28: 2 ISAF service-members killed in Afghanistan
  - April 29: Taliban claims it brought down U.S. warplane in eastern Afghanistan
  - April 30: Afghan forces “repel big militant attack on border army base”
  - April 30: 5 major nuclear powers agree to abide by Central Asia Nuclear Weapons Free Zone treaty
  - May 2: Hundreds killed or trapped in Afghanistan landslides

• Asia (Eastern) & Australia
  - April 28: China conducts military exercises near North Korean border
  - April 29: U.S. submarine visits Singapore in bid to reassure allies
  - April 30: Philippine military clashes with Islamists, leaving 15 dead
- May 1: Japan prepares to enter the Arms export market
- May 1: Indonesia to acquire 16 anti-submarine helicopters
- May 4: Chinese sailors killed and injured as their ship sinks; Venezuelan fishing boat and U.S. troops arrive to assist survivors

**Europe**

- April 28: U.S. sanctions target Putin’s inner circle over Ukraine crisis
- April 28: U.S. warship in Lisbon ahead of NATO drills
- April 28: Russian defense minister assures U.S. counterpart that Russia “would not invade Ukraine”
- April 29: Chaos in eastern Ukraine as peaceful protest attacked, mayor shot
- April 29: Baltic countries welcome arrival of U.S. troops
- April 29: Czech Republic and Slovakia agree to joint air patrols and increased cooperation
- May 1: Ukraine brings back conscription as eastern protests turn violent
- May 1: Two Ukrainian military helicopters shot down in east
- May 1: Russia demands Ukraine withdraw its military from eastern Ukraine
- May 2: Dozens killed in clashes in Black Sea port of Odessa, Ukraine
- May 3: Pro-Russian militias release European military observers they had held hostage

**Latin America**

- April 29: Venezuelan ex-intelligence chief and Chavez ally killed
- May 1: Colombia mine collapse kills 3 and traps up to 30 people
- May 1: Mexico seizes ship carrying 68,000 tons of illegal iron
- May 2: Honduras children killed by gangs

**Middle East**

- April 28: Iraq suicide bomb kills at least 30 at Kurdish political rally
- April 28: Yemen begins offensive in south against Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP)
- April 29: Attacks kill and wound dozens in Homs and Damascus a day after Bashar al-Assad registered to stand for re-election
- April 29: Iraqi insurgents threaten to surround Baghdad
- April 29: As U.S. executive branch welcomes Egyptian foreign minister, Senator blocks $650 million in military aid
- April 29: Saudi Arabia publically displays ballistic missiles for first time
- April 30: Syria continues to keep some chemical weapons, for leverage, U.S. says
- May 1: Iraq vote count begins after election occurred under near-lockdown, some violence
- May 1: “Al Qaeda in Kurdistan” breaks with ISIS
- May 1: Airstrike on Aleppo market kills at least 33 Syrians
- May 4: Prominent Syrian rebel commander kidnapped by Al Nusra
• United States & Canada
  ▪ April 28: New U.S. Joint Strike Fighter may not be able to hide from Russian and Chinese radars
  ▪ April 28: U.S. orders 10 new nuclear-powered attack submarines
  ▪ April 28: Mystery jets spotted over central U.S. are B-2 stealth bombers, say military sources
  ▪ May 1: U.S. fails to reach deal with Germany over Spying
  ▪ May 2: U2 spy plane inadvertently triggers technical glitches at Los Angeles airport, grounding hundreds of flights across U.S.

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