Global Security Highlights
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Week of 10 - 16 February 2014

• Africa
  ▪ February 11: South Sudan government, rebels begin new peace talks
  ▪ February 11: Al-Qaeda-linked group claims it has kidnapped missing Red Cross team in Mali
  ▪ February 11: Algerian military transport plane crashes; 1 survivor found; 100 feared dead
  ▪ February 15: Unrest and violence continues in Central African Republic
  ▪ February 15: France to send 400 more troops to Central African Republic in attempt to quell violence
  ▪ February 16: Grim aftermath of South Sudan violence
  ▪ February 16: Boko Haram militants allegedly massacre over 100 villagers in northeast Nigeria

• Asia & Australia
  ▪ February 10: Regional tensions highlighted at Asia Pacific Security Conference in Singapore
  ▪ February 11: China and Taiwan hold first direct talks since 1949
  ▪ February 11: North and South Korea hold first direct talks since 2007
  ▪ February 11: Afghanistan orders release of 65 detainees over U.S. objections
  ▪ February 16: Faction of Pakistani Taliban says it has executed 23 Pakistani soldiers, further jeopardizing peace talks
  ▪ February 16: U.S. seeks alternative drone bases in Central Asia
  ▪ February 16: Proposed Chinese military naval base receives key go-ahead in Hong Kong despite popular opposition

• Europe
  ▪ February 10: Bosnian protests continue peacefully, but with more demands
  ▪ February 11: First of 4 U.S. missile destroyers for European missile defense arrives in Spain
  ▪ February 16: Tensions in Ukraine eased slightly as protestors vacate Kiev city hall in deal for amnesty

• Latin America
  ▪ February 10: European Union agrees to launch negotiations with Cuba
  ▪ February 10: Mexican vigilantes team up with police and army to combat cartels
  ▪ February 14: Cuba suspends US consular services
- **February 14**: Protests in Venezuela turn violent
- **February 16**: Venezuela expels three U.S. consular officials

- **Middle East**
  - **February 10**: Caution as Second round of Syrian peace talks begin in Geneva
  - **February 11**: President Obama acknowledges diplomacy failures on Syria
  - **February 11**: U.S. to step up training of Iraqi forces
  - **February 14**: Senior al-Qaeda leaders’ departures from Iran raises questions
  - **February 15**: UN special envoy apologizes to Syrian people as Geneva II talks fail and blame is spread around
  - **February 16**: Iraq violence picks up as army tries to expel militants
  - **February 16**: Hezbollah vows to continue fighting alongside Syrian government in Syria
  - **February 16**: Sinai Bus bombing kills Egyptians and South Koreans, closes border with Israel

- **United States & Canada**
  - **February 10**: Crisis Response operations may be “new normal” for U.S.
  - **February 11**: Uncooperative local police impede U.S. federal background checks
  - **February 11**: Differing views on threat posed by al-Qaida in U.S. administration

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