Global Security Highlights

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Week of 3 – 9 February 2014

• Africa
  • February 4: Tunisian security forces kill Ansar al-Sharia militants suspected of assassinating prominent politicians
  • February 9: Violence continues in Central African Republic as human rights groups fear a Muslim exodus

• Asia & Australia
  • February 3: Karzai’s secret talks with Taliban cast further doubt on security deal with U.S.
  • February 4: Thai opposition asks court to annul election
  • February 4: U.S. limits drone strikes as Pakistani government seeks talks with Taliban
  • February 5: Talks between Pakistan and Taliban fail to begin
  • February 6: Pakistan opens talks with Taliban-nominated team
  • February 8: Afghan soldiers from private to general criticize Karzai, encourage security deal with U.S.
  • February 8: UN Report cites rising civilian deaths in Afghanistan, primarily blames insurgents

• Europe
  • February 4: Italy subject to “massive” migrant influx
  • February 6: More than 1100 migrants rescued by Italian navy as hundreds more attempt to reach Spanish territory
  • February 7: Mass protests turn violent in Bosnia-Herzegovina

• Latin America
  • February 5: Panama canal expansion talks break down
  • February 7: Hundreds of protestors clash with police in Rio de Janeiro
  • February 8: Mexican vigilantes join police and soldiers to enter key drug cartel’s stronghold

• Middle East
  • February 3: Assad delays chemical weapons delivery
  • February 4: Airstrikes allegedly kill dozens in Aleppo, Syria
  • February 5: Islamic militants, violence spread beyond Anbar province in Iraq
  • February 6: Rebels in Syria seize Aleppo prison, free hundreds
  • February 8: Iraq governor gives Islamic militants in Anbar a one-week ultimatum
  • February 9: Israeli airstrike in Gaza strip threatens cease-fire with Hamas
- **February 9:** Aid Convoy evacuates 600 civilians from besieged Old City of Homs, Syria

- **United States & Canada**
  - **February 3:** U.S. army hit by recruiting fraud scandal
  - **February 4:** U.S. Navy officers accused of cheating on written tests allowing them to qualify to operate nuclear reactors
  - **February 5:** Secretary of Defense Hagel fears “systematic” ethics crisis in military

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