

Regional Insights: January 14th, 2022

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<p>Mali junta condemns 'clear breach' of airspace by French military plane – The East African</p> <p>Mali's army-dominated government Wednesday condemned what it called a "clear breach" of its airspace by a French military aircraft this week, warning of potential consequences should such practices continue</p> <p>Malian government spokesman Colonel Abdoulaye Maiga stated that a complaint had been issued to France after one of its military planes travelled between Ivory Coast's capital Abidjan and the northern Malian city of Gao on Tuesday</p> <p>Elections, Water, Cyber Shutdowns, Peacekeeping Pose Risks In 2022 – Africa Defence Forum</p> <p>Aid Agencies Suspend Work in Tigray Area Hit by Deadly Strike: UN – The Defense Post</p> <p>South Africa parliament: Man arrested over massive fire – BBC</p> <p>Nigerians react with joy and resolve to lifting of Twitter ban – Al Jazeera</p>	<p>As talks flame out, Moscow and Washington brace for next moves on Ukraine – Politico</p> <p>A week of talks between Russia and the West that began with guarded optimism has ground to a halt amid talk of dead ends and the "drumbeat of war," as the two sides retreated to their capitals to huddle over what's next. "The meetings themselves in the last couple of days have not led to any large changes in the intelligence picture that we see" around Ukraine, NATO's top military official, Adm. Rob Bauer, told reporters in Brussels on Thursday afternoon, suggesting the continuation of a crisis with no clear off-ramps.</p> <p>Russia Suggests Military Deployment to Venezuela, Cuba if Tensions With U.S. Remain High – Wall Street Journal</p> <p>US, Japan agree to two defense pacts amid China worries – Defense News</p> <p>All Eyes on Brazil's Military as Election Approaches – Americas Quarterly</p>	<p>Is China ready to spring military surprises? – The Economic Times</p> <p>Many are alarmed by China's growing military ambitions, with heated tensions in places like the East China Sea, South China Sea, near Taiwan and the Indian border. The People's Liberation Army (PLA) has benefitted greatly from a deluge of cash and copious amounts of cutting-edge equipment being added to its inventory. Last year was full of disconcerting surprises, including the discovery of massive silo fields for intercontinental ballistic missiles, and the testing of a fractional orb</p> <p>France's Defense Strategy in the Indo-Pacific – The Diplomat</p> <p>Japan-Australia defence agreement signals that middle powers are willing to play a more active role in the Indo-Pacific – Indian Express</p> <p>Can Pakistan counter India's new S-400 air defense system? – DefenseNews</p> <p>How Closer India-Indonesia Security Ties Can Promote a Stable Indo-Pacific – The Diplomat</p>
Eastern Europe	Middle East	Western Europe & The Nordics
<p>NATO Secretary General discusses the security situation in eastern Europe with the President of Estonia – NATO</p> <p>Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg welcomed the President of Estonia, Alar Karis, to NATO headquarters on Thursday (13 January 2022). He praised Estonia's contributions to the Alliance, including for hosting one of NATO's battlegroups in the Baltic region. The two leaders also discussed the security situation in Europe, including Russia's military build-up in and around Ukraine.</p> <p>Stronger support for Eastern partners finds way into amended EU military strategy proposal – EURACTIV</p> <p>Swedish defence strategy in tatters if Russian demands met – military chief – Reuters</p> <p>Looming Spectre of Conflict in Eastern Europe? – IDSA</p> <p>Putin presents a profound threat to peace in Europe as 'drumbeat of war' sounds on Russia-Ukraine border – CNN</p> <p>Poland's Military Might and Hopefully Will – CEPA</p>	<p>Israel Knesset approves \$480 million additional funds for defence – MEMO</p> <p>The Israeli Knesset (parliament) approved on Monday the allocation of 1.5 billion shekels (\$480 million) additional funding for the Ministry of Defence, local media outlets reported. Israeli Yedioth Ahronoth newspaper noted that the Knesset's finance committee has recently approved another 7.4 billion shekels (\$2.3 billion) for defence. According to the paper, Israeli lawmakers refused to answer questions about the purpose of the additional funds, which will increase the defence budget by 15 per cent.</p> <p>Morocco in talks with Israel to buy air defence system – MEMO</p> <p>Mahmoud Abbas visits Israeli defence minister's home for talks – Middle East Eye</p> <p>Future Soldier: What Britain's military shake-up means for the Middle East – The New Arab</p> <p>South Korea President to visit Egypt as part of Middle East tour – Daily News Egypt</p>	<p>Sweden's top general on watching Russia and responding to an invasion of Ukraine – Defence News</p> <p>The supreme commander of the Swedish Armed Forces, Gen. Micael Bydén, recently met in person with the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chief's of Staff, Gen. Mark Milley, to discuss the threat posed by Russia's military buildup on Ukraine's border.</p> <p>The northern European nation is not a NATO member but cooperates closely with the alliance. Like others in Europe, Sweden bolstered its defense budget after Russia annexed Crimea from Ukraine 2014, and the government is continuing to deepen pan-Nordic defense cooperation.</p> <p>EU readies key guides for its defense, space postures during French presidency – Defence News</p> <p>Germany reconsiders the F-35 to replace the Tornado – Aerotime</p> <p>Airbus Atlantic: The European Planemaker's New Subsidiary – SimplyFlying</p> <p>British aircraft carrier to become NATO flagship – UK Defence Journal</p>

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