

Regional Insights: January 28th, 2022

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<p>Burkina Faso coup: New leader Damiba gives first speech – BBC</p> <p>The new military leader of Burkina Faso has promised a return to the normal constitutional order "when the conditions are right". Lieutenant Colonel Paul-Henri Damiba led a mutiny that ousted President Roch Kaboré on Monday. He blamed the president for failing to contain violence by Islamist militants. He made his first national speech since taking power on the eve of an emergency summit of West African leaders, called in response to the coup. Burkina Faso is the third West African country to witness a military takeover in the past year.</p> <p>Wagner's dubious operations in CAR and beyond – ISS Africa European embassies warn of possible terror attack in Kenya – The East African Mali's Junta Feels Sting Of International Isolation – Africa Defense Forum Ethiopia's cabinet approves lifting of state of emergency – Reuters</p>	<p>Ukraine crisis: Nord Stream 2 pipeline could be axed, US warns – BBC</p> <p>The US has threatened to halt the opening of a key pipeline that would send Russian gas to Western Europe, if Russia invades Ukraine. Nord Stream 2 would run from Russia to Germany, and on Thursday officials in Berlin said the project could face sanctions if Russia attacks. Western allies say they will target Russia's economy if it invades, and the latest comments signal a hardening of their stance on the lucrative pipeline. Russia denies it is planning an attack, but the build-up of tens of thousands of Russian troops on Ukraine's borders in recent weeks has stoked tensions and escalated fears of an invasion.</p> <p>US Navy wants to get crashed stealth fighter back -- before China can – CNN Honduras: Chaos in congress as politicians brawl over election of new president – SkyNews US approves \$2.2 billion sale of C-130J aircraft to Egypt – DefenseNews Chile buys three Boeing E-3D Sentry aircraft from UK – Janes</p>	<p>UK and Australia conclude first AUKMIN since pandemic – UK Government</p> <p>UK and Australian ministers concluded vital defence and security talks today (Friday 21 January) following the first Australia UK Foreign and Defence Ministerial meetings (AUKMIN) since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Discussions focussed on key geopolitical challenges, including concerns around the situation in Ukraine. Ministers agreed on the vital need to defend freedom in the face of Russia's growing aggression and underpinned their steadfast solidarity with Ukraine. The ministers agreed to step up collaboration to deter malign threats, promote positive critical technology standards and to support the development of quality infrastructure and standards.</p> <p>Synergising joint Aus-UK efforts in the Indo-Pacific – Defence Connect France snubs China with its Indo-Pacific forum – Politico India's Role in the Emerging Dynamics of the Indo-Pacific – ORF Indonesia, Singapore sign extradition, airspace and defence agreements – Reuters</p>
Eastern Europe	Middle East	Western Europe & The Nordics
<p>US, NATO deliver counteroffers to Russia on defusing Ukraine war prospects - DefenseNews</p> <p>U.S. and NATO officials have separately delivered new sets of proposals to the Russian government for sorting out security concerns in Europe, while rejecting Russia's demand that the alliance forever close its door to Ukraine.</p> <p>'There is no contradiction': Ukraine envoy says Kyiv and Washington agree on Russian invasion threat - Politico Pentagon reveals info on \$200M military aid to Ukraine, including more Javelins - DefenseNews War only possible if Belarus or Russia attacked, says Lukashenko- Reuters Lukashenko Runs Out of Road- CEPA Is a Russia-Ukraine war imminent?- Chatham House</p>	<p>China, Saudi Arabia set for closer military ties as sun sets for US in Middle East – South China Morning Post</p> <p>looser military ties with Saudi Arabia are on the cards for China, which is expanding its presence in the Middle East as US influence wanes. Chinese Defence Minister General Wei Fenghe, meeting the Saudi deputy defence chief via video link, pledged to push forward "practical cooperation [and] strengthening solidarity" between the two armies. China and Saudi Arabia should "strengthen coordination and jointly oppose hegemonic and bullying practices, to safeguard ... the interests of developing countries together", Wei told Prince Khalid bin Salman, the deputy defence minister of Saudi Arabia, in an apparent reference to the United States.</p> <p>UAE discussing defence upgrade after Houthi attacks- envoy to U.N. – Reuters Egypt requests to buy C-130J-30 and air defence radars from US – Airforce Technology Greek and Israeli defence ministers meet – MEE</p>	<p>Why Germany Is Undermining NATO Unity on Russia - CarnegieEurope</p> <p>Publicly, Berlin toes the NATO line on sending troops and equipment to the Baltic states and Romania in order to boost the alliance's eastern flank. In practice, it does not want to send any defensive weapons to Ukraine. It blocked Estonia from sending such equipment, which had been made in Germany, and a UK aircraft carrying military equipment to Ukraine detoured around German airspace. The German political establishment believes such moves will destabilize Europe and make it more difficult to have a dialogue with Russia.</p> <p>British Army taps Lockheed to upgrade air-defence command system – Defence News NATO's influence has weakened – the world is not better for it – UK Defence Journal Rattled by Russia, Finland and Sweden revisit NATO debate – News.Au Spain approves Eurodrone participation - Janes</p>

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