

World facing multiple global security crises

The NATO summit in Wales is regarded as among the most important since the fall of the Berlin Wall, due to the unprecedented number of security crises unfolding around the world

Arab Spring fallout: Escalating violence in **Libya** and continued instability in **Egypt**

Russian adventurism: Annexation of **Crimea** and military intervention in eastern **Ukraine**

Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM): Sunni Muslim jihadist group operating out of **Algeria** and **Mali**. Frequent attacks on western targets

Islamic State: U.S. deploying over 1,000 troops to Iraq to combat Islamist militants aiming to establish caliphate across much of **Iraq** and **Syria**

Boko Haram: Militant group funded and trained by AQIM, seeking to establish Islamist state in **Nigeria**

Shrinking coalition: Concerns over stability in **Afghanistan** as NATO combat mission nears end

Disease: World losing battle to contain worst ever Ebola epidemic in **Guinea**, **Sierra Leone** and **Liberia**

Al-Shabaab: Jihadist group fighting government in **Somalia**

South China Sea: Ongoing territorial disputes between **China**, **Taiwan**, **Indonesia**, **Japan**, **Malaysia**, **Brunei**, **Philippines** and **Vietnam**