Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 1 April


[North Korea, South Korea, Commerce] North Korea blocks South workers from Kaesong zone – BBC News.


[Pakistan, Public Sentiment, Internal Politics] Pakistan’s young voters view democracy with despair, finds survey – The Guardian.


[Canada, Algeria, Terrorism, Foreign Fighters] Canadians’ alleged role in Algeria plot stokes Ottawa’s fears of homegrown terrorism – The Globe and Mail.

[Pakistan, Terrorism, Infrastructure] 7 dead, power cut in Peshawar after attack on Pakistan power station – NBC News.
U.N. overwhelmingly approves global arms trade treaty – Reuters. (Information on those countries that cast abstention votes from Foreign Policy, Turtle Bay blog.)

Putin signs law to allow him to pick Russian governors – Reuters.


Pak Pong Ju Named North Korea Prime Minister – Associated Press.

U.S. debates how severely to penalize Russia in human rights spat – Reuters.

Army veteran charged after fighting with Syrian rebel group linked to al-Qaeda – Washington Post.


Sri Lanka crowd attacks Muslim warehouse in Colombo – BBC News.

Argentina Bond Clash Extended as Court Seeks Fund Plan – Bloomberg News.

Spring pledges not to use Huawei, lawmaker says – IDG News Service.

BOJ to pump $1.4 trillion into economy in unprecedented stimulus – Reuters.

Anonymous hacks North Korea’s Twitter and Flickr accounts – CNET News. (Anonymous also claimed to have crashed sites and stolen information from North Korean websites, though a Washington Post, Worldviews blog post cast doubt on the hackers’ ability to penetrate North Korea’s country-wide intranet.)


Slain dictator Gaddafi’s only daughter booted from Algerian safe house for repeatedly setting it on fire – National Post.