

Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 15 July 2013

[Syria, Internal Conflict, al Qaeda, Foreign Fighters] [*In Syria, infighting between al-Qaeda groups and mainstream rebels undermining revolt*](#) – Washington Post. (Pakistan's Tehreek-e-Taliban also [announced](#) that they were sending fighters to the conflict in Syria, according to Reuters. Another Reuters article reports on [clashes](#) between Kurdish and Islamist groups.)

[Russia, Military Exercises] [*Russia Holds Biggest War Games in Decades*](#) – Associated Press.

[Mexico, Los Zetas] [*Mexico Zetas leader Miguel Angel Trevino captured*](#) – BBC News.

[North Korea, Cuba, Panama, U.S., Arms Transfers, Sanctions] [*NKorea Arms Seizure Could Hurt US-Cuba Détente*](#) – Associated Press.

[Nigeria, Counterterrorism, Boko Haram] [*Nigeria says offensive has destroyed most Islamist bases*](#) – Reuters.

[South Korea, North Korea, Cybersecurity] [*South Korea accuses North of cyber attacks*](#) – Reuters.

[China, Economy, Trade] [*China's economic growth slows more as trade slumps*](#) – Associated Press.

[Bangladesh, War Crimes, Internal Politics] [*Bangladesh Islamist Ghulam Azam found guilty of war crimes*](#) – BBC News.

[Iraq, Terrorism, Sectarian Violence] [*Dozens dead in series of Iraq attacks*](#) – Al Jazeera.

[India, Natural Disasters] [*India floods: More than 5,700 people 'presumed dead'*](#) – BBC News.

[Media, Qatar, Egypt, Muslim Brotherhood] [*Al Jazeera's Awful Week*](#) – Foreign Policy.

[Russia, Internal Politics, Protests] [*Putin Critic Gets 5-Year Jail Term, Setting Off Protests*](#) – New York Times.

[Robotics, DARPA] [*Modest Debut of Atlas May Foreshadow Age of 'Robo Sapiens'*](#) – New York Times.

[U.S., Cybersecurity, NSA] [*How Microsoft handed the NSA access to encrypted messages*](#) – The Guardian.

[**China, Protests, Nuclear Fuel**] [China City Cancels \\$6 Billion Uranium Plant After Protests](#) – Bloomberg News. (Article from Reuters with context on [China's nuclear fuel industry](#) and supply.)

[**China, Internal Politics, Minority Rights, Whistleblowers**] ['Anything But Humane': Tibetan Exposes China from the Inside](#) – Der Spiegel.

[**Japan, Internal Politics, Nuclear Power, Elections**] [Crucial vote: Although quiet on the issue, LDP, New Komeito at odd on nuclear policy](#) – Asahi Shimbun.

[**European Union, Israel, Disputed Territories, Palestine**] [EU takes tougher stance on Israeli settlements](#) – The Guardian.

[**World Bank, Energy, Climate Change**] [World Bank to limit financing of coal-fired plants](#) – Reuters.

[**Russia, Fighter Aircraft, Unconfirmed**] [New G-suit gives PAK-DA higher operations ceiling than the Raptor?](#) – FlightGlobal, The DEW Line blog.

[**India, Education, Food Supply**] [Contaminated Lunches Kill 22 Children in India](#) – New York Times. (Social media [reactions](#) via Global Voices.)

[**U.S., Water, Energy**] [Power Plants Face 'Collision Course' With Water, Researchers Say](#) – Bloomberg News.

[**Russia, Government Agencies, Security**] [Russian security agency to buy typewriters to avoid surveillance](#) – The Moscow News.

[**Spain, Internal Politics, Corruption**] [Rajoy Faces Pressure to Explain Spanish Graft Claims in Court](#) – Bloomberg News.

[**DRC, Uganda, Terrorism, Militant Groups, Refugees**] [Thousands flee DR Congo after Uganda's ADF raid](#) – BBC News.

[**India, Special Forces, Irregular Warfare, Pakistan, China**] [Optimising the Potential of Special Forces](#) – Lt Gen Prakash Katoch in *Indian Defence Review*. ([Opinion and analysis](#) on the article and its relation to the U.S. from CNAS, Abu Muqawama blog.)

[**U.S., Australia, Military Exercises**] [U.S. Ospreys Arrive in Australia for Talisman Saber](#) – DefenseTech.

[**Russia, India, Fighter Aircraft**] [Russia Delays India's 5th-Gen. Fighter Program](#) – The Diplomat, Flashpoints blog.

[**Guinea, Sectarian Violence**] [Guinea deploys troops as 54 are killed in ethnic clashes](#) – Reuters.