

## Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 29 July 2013

[Sri Lanka, Human Rights, Internal Politics] [In Sri Lanka, Will Mass Grave Case Be Buried?](#) – The Diplomat.

[U.S. Air Force, China, Basing] [China Will Soon Face Arc of US F-35s, Other Fighters, Bombers](#) – BreakingDefense.

[Iraq, Internal Conflict, Sectarian Violence] [Over 1,000 Iraqis killed in July, highest monthly toll since 2008: U.N.](#) – Reuters.

[Palestine, Iran, Internal Politics] [In Gaza, Iran Finds an Ally More Agreeable Than Hamas](#) – New York Times.

[China, Japan, Diplomacy, Disputed Territories] [China rules out Sino-Japanese summit: state media](#) – Reuters.

[Afghanistan, Recreation, USAID] [Afghanistan's waters filled with swan boats](#) – McClatchy Foreign Press.

[Cambodia, Elections, Internal Politics] [Cambodian Opposition Rejects Election Results](#) – New York Times.

[Libya, Prisons, Militias, Internal Politics] [Massive jailbreak near Benghazi, Libya, lets more than 1,000 inmates free](#) – Associated Press.

[China, Economy] [China orders audit of government debt](#)- BBC News.

[Italy, Organized Crime, Ndrangheta] [Italy mafia gang made millions from car crash insurance scam](#) – Reuters.

[European Union, China, Trade, Renewable Energy] [EU and China reach deal in solar power dispute](#) – BBC News.

[North Korea, Information Technology] [Android tablet gives rare glimpse at North Korean tech](#) – IDG News Service.

[Kenya, U.K., Trade, Agriculture] [Kenyan fury at threat to organic trade](#) – The Guardian.

[Sudan, Internal Conflict, Violent Non-State Actors] [134 people killed in clashes in Sudan's Darfur: tribal leader](#) – Reuters.

[Pakistan, Prisons, Taliban] [230 prisoners escape in TTP's DI Khan jail attack](#) – The Express Tribune.

[Nigeria, Boko Haram, Violent Non-State Actors] [Nigeria vigilantes in deadly Boko Haram clashes](#) – BBC News. ([Multiple bomb blasts](#) also killed 15 people in the northern city of Kano, according to a Reuters report.)

[Brazil, Internal Politics, Economy] [Brazil's Dilma Rousseff damaged by protests, trade slump](#) – United Press International.

[Tunisia, Internal Conflict, Internal Politics] [Tunisia Faces More Anger After an Ambush Kills Soldiers](#) – New York Times.

[Syria, Internal Conflict] [Syria army 'retakes' key Homs district of Khalidiya](#) – BBC News.

[U.S., State Department, Afghanistan, International Development] [In Afghanistan, trooper drawdown hems in U.S. diplomats who oversee development projects](#) – Washington Post.

[Pakistan, Terrorism, Sectarian Violence] [Pakistan violence: Deadly bombings in Parachinar market](#) – BBC News.

[Iraq, Counterterrorism, al Qaeda, Chemical Weapons] [Iraqi security shuts down al-Qaeda chemical weapons plants](#) – Central Asia Online.

[U.K., Censorship, Internet Freedom, Internal Politics] [Cameron's proposed filters extend to more than just porn](#) – Wired.co.uk. (Meanwhile, ISP Andrews and Arnold Ltd. issued a policy on their website saying [they will not participate](#) in the internet censorship regime.)

[China, Environment, Industry] [Cadmium poisoning from China factory reportedly kills 26](#) – Agence France-Presse.

[Mexico, Assassinations, Drug Trafficking Organizations] [Mexico's Navy Vice Admiral Killed in Ambush](#) - Associated Press.

[Russia, Intelligence Agencies] [Russia's post-Snowden spooks have not reverted to type](#) – The Register.

[U.K., Libya, Arms Transfers, Negotiations] [Lockerbie bomber release linked to arms deal, according to secret letter](#) – The Telegraph.

[Thailand, Environment, Energy, Tourism] [Thai Oil Spill Feared to Be Spreading](#) – Wall Street Journal, Southeast Asia Realtime blog.

[Iran, Syria, Trade, Energy] [Iran and Syria sign \\$3.6bn oil deal](#) – Al Jazeera.

[Japan, Arms Exports, U.S.] [Pentagon's chief weapons buyer builds Japan ties as it eyes arms exports](#) – Reuters.

[Burma/Myanmar, China, Energy, Development Projects] [With Pipeline, China Launches Burma Charm Offensive](#) – The Diplomat, China Power blog.

[Syria, Internal Conflict, U.N.] [Syria death toll now above 100,000, says UN chief Ban](#) – BBC News.

[U.S., Pakistan, Afghanistan] [Kerry in Pakistan to Discuss Drones and Afghanistan](#) – New York Times/Associated Press.

[South Sudan, Internal Politics] [South Sudan cabinet sacking: US and EU ‘concerned’](#) – BBC News. (The article also includes an informative, interactive map of South Sudan and Sudan with layers such as ethnic group locations and various development statistics.)

[History, U.K., Cold War] [‘Defense against the unknown’: UK releases 1983 nuclear war speech for queen](#) – NBC News.

[Italy, Internal Politics, Fraud] [Italy ex-PM Silvio Berlusconi jail term confirmed](#) – BBC News.

[BAE Systems, U.S. Air Force, Nuclear Weapons, Contracts] [BAE Systems wins \\$535 million nuclear arms maintenance contract](#) – Reuters.

[China, People’s Liberation Army, Computer Games] [China’s army releases FPS trainer game](#) – The Register.

[Zimbabwe, Elections, Election Fraud] [Tsvangirai denounces Zimbabwe vote as “huge farce”](#) – Reuters.

[Bangladesh, Internal Politics] [Bangladesh court rules top Islamic party illegal](#) – Reuters.

[India, Pakistan, Diplomacy] [India’s new foreign secretary hints at restarting talks with Pakistan](#) – Agence France-Presse.

[Egypt, Protests, Internal Politics] [Egypt Vows to End Sit-Ins by Supporters of Deposed President](#) – New York Times.

[Kazakhstan, France, Ukraine, Fraud] [Kazakh dissident banker seized in southern France](#) – Associated Press.

[Cybersecurity, Hactivist Groups, Syria] [Syrian Electronic Army no longer just Twitter feed jackers...and that’s bad news](#) – The Register.

[DRC, Peacekeeping Operations, U.N., M23] [U.N. Warns It Will Disarm Congo Rebels](#) – New York Times.

[People’s Liberation Army Navy (PLAN), A2/AD, Strategy, Shipbuilding] [China’s naval strategy – from sea denial to sea control?](#) – Australian Strategic Policy Institute, The Strategist blog.

[U.S. Navy, Littoral Combat Ship] [Navy Finds Fix for LCS Power Woes](#) – DefenseTech.

[U.S., Philippines, Defense Assistance] [U.S. raises military assistance to the Philippines](#) – Reuters.  
(The Asahi Shimbun also reported that [Japan will be providing the Philippines](#) with 10 cutters and other aid.)

[U.S., Mexico, Drug Trafficking Organizations] [Mexican cartels hiring US soldiers as hit men](#) – Fox News.

[Israel, Syria, Cruise Missiles] [Some Syria Missiles Eluded Israeli Strike, Officials Say](#) – New York Times.

[People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN), Aircraft Carriers, Shipbuilding] [Identified under construction: China's Second Aircraft Carrier](#) – China Defense Blog.