

Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 17 June 2013

[Brazil, Protests, Internal Politics] [Thousands Gather for Protests in Brazil's Largest Cities](#) – New York Times. (Additional [social media reactions](#) from Global Voices.)

[Singapore, Indonesia, Air Pollution, Environment] [Haze casts shadow over Singapore-Jakarta ties](#) – Al Jazeera.

[Iran, Elections, Internal Politics] [Iran Moderate Wins Presidency by a Large Margin](#) – New York Times. (Prior to the elections, Google discovered a [significant increase in phishing attacks](#) against Iranian internet users, according to CNET News. [Social media reactions](#) from Global Voices.)

[Democratic Republic of Congo, U.N., Military Intervention, M23] [Bigger guns are on their way](#) – The Economist.

[Russia, Internal Conflict, Corruption, Terrorism, Internal Politics] [The Kremlin and the Octopus](#) – Foreign Policy, Democracy Lab blog.

[Piracy, Nigeria, Somalia] [West Africa piracy overtakes Somalia attacks](#) – BBC News.

[Canada, Corruption, Internal Politics] [In Montreal, Mayor Held on Charges of Bribery](#) – New York Times.

[Japan, Intelligence Agencies, Cybersecurity] [Japan proposes NSA-style agency and new snooping laws](#) – The Register.

[U.S., WWII, Ukraine, SS] [Commander of Nazi-led unit lives in U.S.](#) – Associated Press.

[China, Communications, Internet Monitoring] [China complete Internet, phone monitoring scheme for Tibet](#) – Reuters.

[North Korea, U.S., South Korea, Diplomacy] [After Plans Stall for Talks With South Korea, the North Sends an Invitation to the U.S.](#) – New York Times.

[U.K., Espionage, G20] [British GCHQ spied on G20 delegates to gain advantage in talks](#) – Help Net Security.

[Iraq, Terrorism, Sectarian Violence] [Series of attacks kill 51 people across Iraq](#) – Associated Press.

[Mali, MNLA, Peace Treaties] [Mali and Tuareg rebels sign peace deal](#) – BBC News.

[Organized Crime, Austria, Serbia, Counterfeiting] [International counterfeiting gang arrested in Vienna](#) – Xinhua.

[U.S., Terrorism, Unconventional Weapons] [Feds: 2 upstate NY men tried to make X-ray weapon](#) – Associated Press.

[Egypt, Internal Politics, Tourism, Terrorism] [Egypt appoints member of terror group that once massacred tourists to run tourism region](#) - Washington Post.

[Nigeria, Armed Non-State Actors, Crime] [Nigeria's Zamfara state violence 'kills 48'](#) – BBC News.

[Mozambique, Armed Non-State Actors, Internal Politics] [Mozambican raid 'kills soldiers' in Dondo](#) – BBC News.

[U.S., Afghanistan, Logistics, Military Equipment] [Scrapping equipment key to Afghan drawdown](#) – Washington Post.

[South Korea, ROKAF, Cruise Missiles, Arms Procurement] [South Korea Selects the Taurus KEPD 350 Cruise Missile](#) – Defense Update.

[U.S., UAVs, Software] [New drone OS allows control of multiple types of UAS](#) – Government Computer News.

[Egypt, Sectarian Violence, Refugees, Internal Politics] [Egypt's Coptic Christians say they are 'no longer safe'](#) – NBC News.

[Belgium, Netherlands, Smuggling, Cybersecurity, Port Security] [Dutch and Belgian Police Bust Gang That Used Hackers to Smuggle Drugs](#) – Softpedia.

[China, Environment, Carbon Emissions] [China Emission Trading Experiment Unlikely to Ease Cities' Smog](#) – Bloomberg News.

[Pakistan, Terrorism, Education] [Quetta university shut after attacks](#) – BBC News.

[South Korea, Intelligence Agencies, Elections, Internal Politics] [South Korean Intelligence Agents Accused of Tarring Opposition Online Before Election](#) – New York Times.

[Infectious Diseases, Saudi Arabia] [New MERS virus spreads easily, deadlier than SARS](#) – Associated Press.

[North Korea, Internal Politics, Government Figures] [Report: Kim Jong Un handing out copies of 'Mein Kampf' to senior North Korean officials](#) – Associated Press. (North Korean media later [angrily denied the reports](#) and threatened to kill those making them, according to AFP.)

[**Turkey, Protests, Internal Politics**] [*Turkey Arrests Dozens in Crackdown on Protests*](#) – New York Times.

[**Somalia, U.N., al Shabaab, Terrorism**] [*Militants Attack U.N. Compound in Somalia's Capital*](#) - New York Times. (The al Shabaab group also claims to have [*live-tweeted the attack*](#) on Twitter, according to Foreign Policy's Turtle Bay blog.)

[**Iran, Global Opinion**] [*Global Views of Iran Overwhelmingly Negative*](#) - Pew Research. (The Diplomat's The Editor blog offers [*commentary and focuses*](#) on one of the few areas Iran enjoys majority or plurality support, predominantly-Muslim Asian countries.)

[**U.S., Russia, Cybersecurity, Infrastructure**] [*US and Russia Agree to Cooperate on Cyber Security*](#) – Softpedia.

[**Czech Republic, Corruption, Internal Politics**] [*Czech PM Petr Necas resigns over aide scandal*](#) – BBC News.

[**Afghanistan, Taliban, U.S., Diplomacy**] [*Afghan President Karzai to boycott talks with Taliban*](#) – BBC News.

[**Iran, Nuclear Program, Smuggling, Sanctions**] [*Hidden Report Reveals How Iran Dodges Nuclear Watchdogs*](#) – Foreign Policy, Turtle Bay blog.

[**Kyrgyzstan, U.S., Basing, Russia**] [*Russian ally Kyrgyzstan sets U.S. air base closure deadline*](#) – Reuters.

[**China, Strategy, Central Asia**] [*Toward "Land" or Toward "Sea"?: The High-Speed Railway and China's Grand Strategy*](#) – Wu Zhengyu, in Naval War College Review.

[**Infectious Diseases, Southeast Asia, Public Health**] [*Dengue Scare Sweeps Southeast Asia*](#) – The Diplomat, ASEAN Beat blog.

[**Bulgaria, Protests, Internal Politics**] [*Peevski protests force Bulgaria PM Oresharski's U-turn*](#) – BBC News.

[**China, Pollution, Food Supply**] [*China to Survey Soil Pollution Nationwide, Xinhua Reports*](#) – Bloomberg News.