

Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 3 June

[Turkey, Protests, Internal Politics] [Turkish protestors decry 'unprecedented violence'](#) – CNN. (Social media has played an important role in the protests, with Prime Minister Erdogan calling it a “menace” to society (The Register) and protestors [turning to various security apps](#) to prevent access being cut off (Help Net Security). On other fronts, the Public Workers Unions Confederation [announced a strike](#) in opposition to the crackdown on protestors (Reuters.) Protestors and their supporters also [raised money for a full-page ad](#) in the New York Times (Guardian.) And the deputy PM offered an [apology](#) to protestors as PM Erdogan left the country on a regional tour (Associated Press.))

[Syria, Libya, SALW, U.S.] [Ancient U.S. Weapon Makes a Surprise Reappearance in Syria](#) – Wired.com, Danger Room blog.

[Private Military Contractors, Puntland, Africa] [The Wild West in East Africa](#) – Foreign Policy.

[European Union, China, Trade, Energy] [EU slaps levies on Chinese solar panel imports](#) – Associated Press. (China announced it is considering [retaliatory measures](#) by placing tariffs on wine, The Telegraph reported.)

[Iran, Internal Politics] [Iran dissident's funeral turns into anti-government protest](#) – BBC News.

[U.S., Counterterrorism, Africa] [US offers multi-million dollar rewards for capture of African militants](#) – CNN.

[Latvia, European Union, Eurozone] [Latvia to get green light for euro zone membership on Wednesday](#) – Reuters.

[Russia, Money Laundering, Energy] [Russia investigating bank clients in \\$1B money-laundering scheme](#) – United Press International.

[China, Nuclear Weapons, Policy] [China maintains no-first-use nuclear pledge](#) – Global Post.

[China, Industrial Accidents, Agriculture] [China poultry plant fire kills 119](#) – Los Angeles Times.

[Japan, JSDF, Policy, Internal Politics] [Japan Mulls a Preemptive Strike Capability](#) – The Diplomat, Flashpoints blog.

[Germany, Czech Republic, Austria, Natural Disasters] [Floods Sweep Through Central Europe](#) – New York Times, The Lede blog.

[Japan, South Korea, U.S., Trade, Agriculture] [Japan and South Korea Bar Imports of U.S. Wheat](#) – New York Times.

[U.K., Rwanda, War Criminals, Rwandan Genocide] [Rwandans arrested in UK over 1994 genocide](#) – BBC News.

[ICRC, Afghanistan, Terrorism] [Red Cross halts all staff movement after Afghan attack](#) – Dawn.

[NGOs, Africa, U.S.] [Promising African Development Fund Collapses](#) – New York Times.

[Pakistani Taliban, Negotiations] [Pakistan's Taliban rejects peace talks, citing No. 2 leader's death in U.S. drone strike](#) – Washington Post.

[Syria, U.S., Foreign Fighters] [Who was Nicole Mansfield and what was she doing in Syria?](#) – Christian Science Monitor, USA Update blog.

[China, History, Dissidents] [Witnesses to Tiananmen Square struggle with what to tell their children](#) – Washington Post.

[Israel, Cybersecurity, Water, ICS/SCADA] [Israeli Expert Says Syria Cyberattack Foiled](#) – Associated Press.

[Nigeria, Hezbollah, Arms Transfers, Terrorism] [Nigeria Says Weapons Seized in Kano City Linked to Hezbollah](#) – Bloomberg News.

[Afghan Taliban, Iran, Negotiations] [Afghan Taliban confirm talks in Iran](#) – Dawn.

[France, Syria, Chemical Weapons, U.K.] [France, Britain say sarin gas used in Syria](#) – CBS/Associated Press.

[U.S. Air Force, Nuclear Weapons, Personnel] [Complaints among nuke missile crews suggest sagging morale in a highly sensitive US force](#) – Associated Press.

[Cyberespionage, Worldwide, China] [NetTraveler Espionage Campaign Makes 350 High-Profile Victims in 40 Countries](#) – Softpedia.

[Egypt, NGOs, U.S.] [Egypt's Left Behind](#) – Foreign Policy.

[Syria, Internal Conflict] [Syrian army retakes key town of Qusair from rebels](#) – BBC News.

[Russia, Syria, Arms Transfers, SAMs] [Putin: Russia hasn't sent S-300 missiles to Syria, won't to preserve 'stability'](#) – Christian Science Monitor.

[China, Cybersecurity, U.S.] [Official: China is target of cyberattacks originating in US but does not blame US government](#) – Associated Press.

[Iran, Nuclear Power, Natural Disasters] [Iran's Bushehr reactor damaged by powerful quakes: IAEA diplomats](#) – Associated Press.

[China, PLAN, Intelligence, U.S.] [Are Chinese spy ships in U.S. waters?](#) – Foreign Policy, Killer Apps blog.

[U.S., MS-13, Sanctions] [U.S. moves to freeze assets of 6 Mara Salvatrucha leaders](#) – Los Angeles Times.

[Mexico, Kidnappings, Criminal Organizations] [Three held over disappearance from Mexico City bar](#) - BBC News.

[Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Railways, Infrastructure] [Afghan, Tajik, Turkmen heads lay foundation of regional railway](#) – Reuters.

[Venezuela, U.S., Diplomacy] [Kerry Meets With Official of Venezuela to Set Talks](#) – New York Times.

[Mali, Internal Conflict, MNLA] [Malian army fights Tuareg rebels; unofficial truce over](#) – Reuters.

[Japan, JSDF, U.S., Military Exercises] [Japan's Involvement in U.S. Military Drill 'Unprecedented'](#) – Wall Street Journal, Japan Real Time blog.

[North Korea, South Korea, Industrial Cooperation, Diplomacy] [North and South Korea agree to hold talks over factory complex](#) – The Guardian.

[Russia, Migrant Labor, Illegal Immigration] [Russian police uncover subterranean migrant city](#) – Euronews.

[U.S., War Crimes, Afghanistan] [Staff Sgt Robert Bales admits Afghan massacre](#) – BBC News.

[Bangladesh, Industrial Safety] [Bangladeshi workers fall sick from 'contaminated water'](#) – BBC News.

[Russia, Russian Navy, Syria, Opinion] [Russia's Only Aircraft Carrier Syria Bound?](#) – The Diplomat, Flashpoints blog.

[Brazil, Fighter Aircraft, U.S.] [Brazil closer to Boeing on jets deal after Biden visit](#) – Reuters.

[Sweden, Finland, Russia, NATO] [NATO expansion in Nordics would force Russian response: Medvedev](#) – Reuters.

[Poland, SAMs, BMD, Defense Acquisition] [*Poland to Acquire Middle-Range Missile Systems*](#) – DefenseNews.

[U.S., China, Diplomacy, Public Sentiment] [*Michelle Obama to Sit Out California Summit*](#) – China Digital Times.

[Colombia, NATO, Regional Politics] [*Colombia minister rules out NATO membership despite president's suggestion it's possible*](#) – Associated Press.