

Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 18 March

[Cyprus, EU, Economy, Russia] [Cyprus seeks Russian rescue, EU threatens cutoff](#) – Reuters. (Local [social media reactions](#) via Global Voices.)

[South Korea, Cyberattacks] [Experts Study Malware Used in South Korean Attacks](#) – Softpedia. (Additional details on the malware's [timing and coordination](#) from Dark Reading. [North Korea](#) previously reported experiencing a cyberattack March 15 as well.)

[Syria, Chemical Weapons, Internal Conflict] [What to Make of Chemical Weapons Claims in Syria](#)- The Diplomat, Flashpoints blog.

[Rwanda, M23 Rebels, DRC] [Congo M23 faction leader arrested in Rwanda](#) – Associated Press. (Another major figure in the M23, warlord Bosco Ntaganda, turned himself in to the U.S. embassy in Rwanda and asked to be taken to The Hague where he is wanted for war crimes, the [AP also reported.](#))

[Saudi Arabia, Espionage] [Saudi Arabia arrests 18 for spying](#) – BBC News.

[Nigeria, Terrorism] [Suicide car bomb death toll rises to 41](#) – Associated Press.

[U.S., Guantanamo Bay, Prisoners] [Guantanamo hunger strike grows; military says total now 24](#) – Miami Herald.

[U.S., Software Piracy, Defense Contractors] [US defense scientist bought pirated software from Russians, Chinese, DOJ says](#) – IDG News Service.

[Syrian Rebels, Turkey, Crime, U.S.] [Man suspected in NYC woman's death nabbed in Syria](#) – Associated Press.

[European Union, Organized Crime] [Europol Says There Are 3,600 Active Organized Crime Groups in the EU](#)- Softpedia.

[U.S., Syrian Rebels, Sanctions] [U.S. exempts Syria's opposition forces from sanctions](#) – Reuters.

[Bangladesh, Internal Unrest, Internal Politics] [Blasts, arrests mark Bangladesh general strike](#) – Associated Press.

[North Korea, Japan, Nuclear Programs, Smuggling] [Japan seizes nuclear-related materials from North Korea cargo](#) – Agence France-Presse.

[China, Spyware, VoIP] [Skype instant messaging in China is censored, spied upon](#) – Network World.

[Taiwan, Cybersecurity, China] [Taiwan Taking Steps to Protect Itself Against Cyberattacks from China](#) – Softpedia.

[Iran, U.S., Smuggling] [U.S. says it has exposed Iranian shipping scheme aided by businessman](#) – CNN, Security Clearance blog.

[Argentina, Catholic Church] [New pope tied up in Argentina's 'dirty war' debate](#) – Associated Press.

[Egypt, Hamas, Internal Politics] [Report Blames Hamas for Egypt Soldier Killings](#) – Associated Press.

[Pakistan, Activists, Crime] [Parveen Rehman: a fighter for the poor silenced](#) – Dawn.

[Airlines, Aircraft Manufacturing] [Boeing sees 787 airborne in weeks with fortified battery](#) – Reuters.

[Taiwan, China, Missiles] [Taiwan to aim missiles at China](#) – Australian Associated Press.

[Greece, Neo-Nazi Movements, Soccer/Football] [Greek footballer Giorgos Katidis banned for Nazi salute](#) – BBC News.

[PKK, Turkey] [Kurdish leader Abdullah Ocalan declares ceasefire with Turkey](#) – The Guardian.

[Cyberespionage] [Researchers Uncover 'TeamSpy' Attack Campaign Against Government, Research Targets](#) – Threatpost.

[China, Infrastructure, Corruption] [Poor-quality Chinese concrete could lead to skyscrapers collapsing](#) – Wired.co.uk.

[Afghanistan, Taliban, Internal Politics] [Afghan Villagers Take On Taliban in Their Heartland](#) – New York Times.

[China, PLAN, Carrier Aircraft] [China's Testing Woes Remind That Developing Carrier Planes Is Hard](#) – Wired.com, Danger Room blog.