

## **Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 25 March**

**[BRICS Countries, Banking, Bretton Woods Institutions]** [BRICS Nations Plan New Bank to Bypass World Bank, IMF](#) – Bloomberg News.

**[Syria, Internal Conflict, Sectarian Conflict, Lebanon, Refugees]** [Syria's Shiites offer different picture of war](#) – Los Angeles Times.

**[Afghanistan, Pakistan, Taliban, Negotiations]** [Afghanistan says ready to work for peace without Pakistan help](#) – Reuters. (Related: NBC News reported that [Pakistan's ISI accused Afghanistan of supporting Taliban groups](#) inside Pakistan.)

**[Peru, Environment, Pollution, Energy]** [Peru declares oil contamination emergency in Amazon jungle region](#)- Associated Press.

**[United Kingdom, Terrorism, Northern Ireland]** [Car bomb defused near Northern Ireland border](#) – Associated Press.

**[Argentina, Illegal Fishing, Falkland Islands]** [Outlaw Fleet Scoops Squid From Argentine Waters](#) – Associated Press.

**[China, Cybersecurity, Education]** [Top China college in focus with ties to army's cyber-spying unit](#) – Reuters.

**[United Kingdom, Russian Oligarchs]** [No radiation at Berezovsky home, no sign of outside role in death](#) – Reuters.

**[Iran, Cybersecurity, Anonymous Groups]** [OpIranMenace: Anonymous Hackers Leak Data from Iranian Organizations](#) – Softpedia.

**[France, Counterterrorism, Mali, AQIM]** [France confirms death of Al-Qaeda chief Abou Zeid](#) – Associated Press.

**[Central African Republic, Internal Conflict]** [C. African Republic President Overthrown by Rebels](#) – Associated Press. (AP also reported that [13 South African soldiers on a training mission were killed](#) in the C.A.R. by rebels during the ouster of Bozize.)

**[Syria, Internal Conflict, Opposition Movements]** [Syrian opposition in disarray as its leader resigns](#)- Washington Post.

[Mali, Internal Conflict, Terrorism] [Radical Islamists attack Malian city of Gao](#) – Associated Press.

[Burma/Myanmar, Internal Conflict, Sectarian Conflict] [Buddhists-Muslims violence spreads in Myanmar](#) – Associated Press.

[Cybersecurity, Stuxnet, NATO, International Law] [Stuxnet attack was illegal under international law, experts say](#) – Help Net Security.

[United Kingdom, Terrorism] [Major terror attack on scale of 7/7 foiled every year in UK, police reveal](#) – The Telegraph.

[China, Pakistan, Nuclear Programs] [China defends deal to build 1000 MW nuclear plant for Pakistan](#) – Press Trust of India.

[Serbia, United Nations] [UNGA president's Serbian nationalism rankles Western powers](#) – Foreign Policy, Turtle Bay blog.

[U.S. Navy, Brainstorming] [After the Aircraft Carrier: 3 Alternatives to the Navy's Vulnerable Flattops](#) – Wired.com, Danger Room blog. (Commentary on the article and the broader debate on the future of carriers from [Information Dissemination](#).)

[Canada, Fighter Aircraft, Procurement] [Canada's F-35 procurement saga](#) – Flightglobal, The DEW Line blog.

[Russia, Internal Politics, Russian Oligarchs, Canada, Israel] [Russian oligarch resigns from parliament after National Post investigation reveals Israeli citizenship, Canadian assets](#) – National Post.

[Cybersecurity] [Honeytrap Stings Attackers With Counterattacks](#) – Dark Reading.

[Egypt, Internet, Infrastructure] [Sabotage suspected in Egypt submarine cable cut](#) – IDG News Service.

[China, Separatist Movements] [China Convicts and Sentences 20 Accused of Militant Separatism in Restive Region](#) – New York Times.

[Russia, NGOs, Germany] [Fears for NGOs in Russia as tax raids multiply](#) – BBC News.

[China, Brazil, Currency] [China and Brazil sign \\$30bn currency swap agreement](#) – BBC News.

[Bosnian Conflict, Crimes Against Humanity] [Two Bosnian Serb officials convicted of crimes against humanity](#) – Los Angeles Times.

[Madagascar, Pests, Agriculture] [Plague of locusts infests impoverished Madagascar](#) – CNN.

[U.S. Navy, Personnel, Regulations] [\*Admiral at Center of Inquiry Is Censured by Navy\*](#) – New York Times. ([Commentary](#) on the investigation from Information Dissemination.)