

## Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 3 March 2014

[Qatar, GCC, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain] [Gulf ambassadors pulled from Qatar over 'interference'](#) – BBC News.

[China, South China Sea, Disputed Territories, Vietnam, Philippines] [China to Foreign Fishing Boats: 'Get Out' of South China Sea](#) – The Diplomat, China Power blog.

[China, Terrorism] [Kunming knife attack: Xinjiang separatists blamed for 'Chinese 9/11'](#) – The Guardian.

[Crimea Crisis, U.S., Ukraine, Russia] [Obama warns on Crimea, orders sanctions over Russian moves in Ukraine](#) – Reuters. (The European Union also [froze the assets](#) of former president Yanukovich and other senior Ukrainian officials, Reuters reported. However, the U.K. government [opposed](#) trade and financial sanctions on Russia, another Reuters report stated.)

NOTE: Since the Russian invasion of Crimea has dominated news in the past week, I've partially highlighted any stories related to it in [blue](#).

[Uganda, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, World Bank, Human Rights] [Sweden suspends some aid to Uganda over anti-gay law](#) – Reuters.

[China, Economy, Internal Politics] [Beijing Signals New Worry on Growth](#) – Wall Street Journal.

[Private Military Contractors, Maritime, Seychelles] [Source: Video shows Maersk Alabama contractors on the town before deaths](#) – CNN.

[Pakistan, Terrorism, Judiciary] [Suicide bombers storm Pakistani court complex, killing 11](#) – Washington Post.

[Central African Republic, Peacekeeping Operations, U.N.] [U.N. proposes Central African Republic peacekeeping force](#) – Reuters.

[Venezuela, Protests, Internal Politics] [Venezuelan opposition keeps protests despite carnival season](#) – BBC News.

[Crimea Crisis, Cybersecurity, Hactivist Groups, Media] [Cyber battle apparently under way in Russia-Ukraine conflict](#) – The Register. (Softpedia also [reported](#) that a video service that is part of the RT media network was hit by a DDoS attack.)

[U.S. Navy, Surface Ships, Defense Acquisitions] [One of These Mean Little Ships Could Be the Navy's New Frigate](#) – War Is Boring.

[Israel, Protests, Internal Politics, IDF] [Ultra-Orthodox Jews protest in Jerusalem over required military service proposal](#) – Washington Post.

[DRC, Internal Conflict, ADF-NALU, U.N., Peacekeeping Operations] [Congo close to defeating Ugandan Islamist rebels: army](#) – Reuters.

[U.S. Navy, Japan Maritime Self Defense Force, Surface Ships] [US, Japan to Jointly Develop Littoral Combat Ship](#) – The Diplomat, Flashpoints blog.

[Afghanistan, Internal Politics, Elections] [Karzai's Brother Quits Afghan Presidential Race](#) – Wall Street Journal.

[Afghanistan, NATO] [Nato attack kills five Afghan troops](#) – The Guardian.

[Ukrainian Navy, Crimea Crisis, Russia] [Ukraine navy officers reject plea to defect to Russian-backed Crimea](#) – The Guardian.

[Venezuela, Panama, OAS] [Venezuela's Maduro breaks diplomatic links with Panama](#) – BBC News.

[Niger, Libya] [Niger extradites Gaddafi's son Saadi to Libya](#) – Reuters.

[Japan, China, Airspace, Disputed Territories] [China's activities surrounding Japan's airspace](#) – Japan Ministry of Defense. (The link is an interactive report documenting PLAAF aircraft that have flown close to or violated Japanese airspace.)

[Economy, Russia, Sanctions, Crimea Crisis] [Russian markets take fright on Putin threat to Ukraine](#) – Reuters. (German stocks also [fell sharply](#) after recent developments in Ukraine, Bloomberg News reported.)

[Russia, Cybersecurity, Defense Industry, Hactivist Groups] [Hackers Leak 1,000 Documents from Russian Defense Export Company Rosoboronexport](#) – Softpedia.

[U.S., Japan, China, Nuclear Materials] [U.S. defends Japan against China's plutonium criticism](#) – Reuters.

[Crimea Crisis, Russian Navy, Ukrainian Navy] [Russians sink a boat off Ukraine coast – their own](#) – Los Angeles Times.

[North Korea, Internal Politics, Elections] [How North Korea's elections work](#) – The Economist, The Economist Explains blog.

[Tunisia, Internal Politics, Counterterrorism] [Tunisia lifts state of emergency, three years after revolt](#) – Reuters.

[Israel, Iran, Palestine, Weapons Transfers] [Israel halts 'weapons shipment from Iran'](#) – BBC News.

[Crimea Crisis, Japan, India, China, Analysis/Commentary] (The Council on Foreign Relations published three pieces on what the crisis in Ukraine may mean for various Asian countries. One article on [Japan](#), one on [China](#), and one concerning the [wider region](#).) – Council on Foreign Relations.

[U.S., NATO, Poland] [US ups air defense presence in Europe](#) – The Hill, Defcon Hill blog.

[Somalia, Internal Conflict, Al Shabaab, Ethiopia] [Somalia's al-Shabab 'defeated' in Rabdhure town](#) – BBC News.

[Russia, Media, Crimea Crisis] [RT journalist quits live on air, citing Russian intervention in Crimea](#) – Washington Post, WorldViews blog.

[Central Europe, Eastern Europe, Public Opinion, Crimea Crisis] [Amid Ukraine turmoil, ghosts of Cold War return to haunt Eastern Europe](#) – Bloomberg News.