


[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.


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


[Crimea Crisis, Cybersecurity, Hacktivist 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.)
One of These Mean Little Ships Could Be the Navy’s New Frigate – War Is Boring.


Congo close to defeating Ugandan Islamist rebels: army – Reuters.

US, Japan to Jointly Develop Littoral Combat Ship – The Diplomat, Flashpoints blog.


Nato attack kills five Afghan troops – The Guardian.

Ukraine navy officers reject plea to defect to Russian-backed Crimea – The Guardian.

Venezuela’s Maduro breaks diplomatic links with Panama – BBC News.

Niger extradites Gaddafi’s son Saadi to Libya – Reuters.

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.)

Russian markets take fright on Putin threat to Ukraine – Reuters. (German stocks also fell sharply after recent developments in Ukraine, Bloomberg News reported.)

Hackers Leak 1,000 Documents from Russian Defense Export Company Rosoboronexport – Softpedia.

U.S. defends Japan against China’s plutonium criticism - Reuters.

Russians sink a boat off Ukraine coast – their own – Los Angeles Times.


Tunisia lifts state of emergency, three years after revolt – Reuters.
Israel halts ‘weapons shipment from Iran’ – BBC News.

(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.

US ups air defense presence in Europe – The Hill, Defcon Hill blog.


RT journalist quits live on air, citing Russian intervention in Crimea – Washington Post, WorldViews blog.

Amid Ukraine turmoil, ghosts of Cold War return to haunt Eastern Europe – Bloomberg News.