

## Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 12 May 2014

[Vietnam, China, Taiwan, Rioting, Disputed Territories] [Rioters storms steel mill in Vietnam, killing 1 Chinese and injuring 90 amid anger over oil rig](#) – Associated Press. (The Diplomat’s China Power blog reported that a PLAN admiral [defended](#) the Chinese action at a joint press conference with the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, while USNI News also reported that China’s Foreign Ministry released statements [blaming](#) the U.S. for using language that encouraged Vietnam.)

[Turkey, Mining, Internal Politics, Protests] [Mass funerals, mounting anger as Turkey mourns mine workers](#) – Reuters.

[Nigeria, Nigerian Military, Boko Haram] [Nigerian soldiers ‘fire at army commander in Maiduguri’](#) – BBC News. (Reuters also has a [piece](#) on the reasons behind the decline in Nigeria’s military over the past two decades.)

[Refugees, IDPs] [Report: Over 33.3 million people internally displaced in 2013](#) – Al Jazeera.

[Afghanistan, Elections, Internal Politics] [Afghan presidential election head to runoff in June](#) – CNN. (A former rival of front-runner Abdullah Abdullah [pledged his support](#) to the candidate in the runoff election, BBC News reported.)

[Italy, Refugees, European Union] [Italy threatens to release refugees into EU unless help increases](#) – Reuters.

[Lebanon, Internal Politics] [Lebanese lawmakers fail for fourth time to elect president](#) – Reuters.

[Israel, Corruption, Internal Politics] [Israel ex-PM Ehud Olmert jailed for six years for bribery](#) – BBC News.

[Uruguay, U.S., Diplomats, Telecoms] [Uruguay: Prisoner Hacks US Ambassador’s Cellphone](#) – Associated Press.

[China, Corruption, Pharmaceuticals, U.K.] [Chinese police charge British former head of GSK in China with bribery](#) – Reuters.

[Nigeria, U.S., Boko Haram] [Nigeria girls’ abduction: US deploys manned planes](#) – BBC News.

[Iran, Cybersecurity, Hactivist Groups] [Iranian hacktivists move into hardcore hacking against West, dissidents](#) – The Register.

[U.K., Internal Politics] [UK Cameron’s party in poll lead for first time in over two years](#) – Reuters.

[Mexico, Los Zetas] [Mexican troops 'kill Zetas cartel founder Mellado'](#) – BBC News.

[Saudi Arabia, Infectious Diseases, Social Media] [Saudi Arabia: Farmers flout Mers warning by kissing camels](#) – BBC News.

[Canada, Environment, Energy] [Alberta to sell off land that serves as crucial caribou habitat](#) – Canadian Press.

[Venezuela, Protests, Internal Politics] [Venezuela frees most students detained in camp raids](#) – Reuters.

[Mexico, Militia Groups] [Mexico begins swearing in former vigilantes for new Michoacan force](#) – BBC News.

[Internet, European Union] [European Court Lets Users Erase Records on Web](#) – New York Times. (A Commentary/Analysis piece from BBC News elaborates on the cultural divide over the issue between the U.S. and E.U. [here](#))

[China, Law Enforcement] [China tightens security in Beijing](#) – BBC News.

[Iraq, Terrorism, Sectarian Violence] [Deadly car bombings hit Baghdad Shia districts](#) – BBC News.

[Syrian Civil War, Chemical Weapons, France] [France says Syria used chlorine in 14 recent attacks](#) – Reuters.

[al Qaeda, Boko Haram] [Even Al Qaeda decries Nigerian schoolgirl kidnappings, as 276 still go missing](#) – Washington Times.

[Syrian Civil War] [Massive bomb detonated under Syrian military base](#) – Reuters.

[U.S., France, Russia, Arms Transfers, Surface Ships] [US voices 'concerns' at sale of French warships to Russia](#) – Agence France-Presse.

[Australia, Defense Spending] [Australia Boosts Defense Spending 6.1%](#) - The Diplomat, Flashpoints blog.