

## Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 13 May

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[Pakistan, Elections, Internal Politics] [Pakistani Party Leader Looks Forward, as Claims of Vote-Rigging Swirl](#) – New York Times.

[Nigeria, Internal Conflict, Terrorism, Boko Haram] [Nigeria president declares state of emergency](#) – Associated Press.

[North Korea, Sanctions, U.N., Nuclear Programs] [Sanctions delay North Korea's atom bomb work, U.N. says](#) – Reuters.

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[Libya, Terrorism] [Deadly car bombing hits Libya's Benghazi](#) – Al Jazeera.

[China, PLA, Peacekeeping Operations, U.N.] [Beijing's Blue Berets: UN Peacekeeping and the Evolution of Chinese Diplomacy](#) – The Atlantic.

[France, Infectious Diseases, Saudi Arabia] [France Confirms Second Case of Virus Linked to SARS](#) – New York Times.

[U.K., European Union, U.S., Trade] [UK's Cameron urges "everything on table" in U.S.-EU trade talks](#) – Reuters.

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[Afghanistan, U.S., Criminal Accusations] [Afghans Say an American Tortured Civilians](#) – New York Times.

[Liberia, Press Freedom] [Liberia journalists protest with black front pages](#) – Associated Press.

[European Union, China, Trade, Telecoms] [EU threatens trade duties against China's Huawei, ZTE – sources](#) – Reuters. (India has also joined the U.S. in expressing security concerns about Huawei and LTE hardware, The Register reports.)

[China, Natural Disasters, Photojournalism] [Sichuan Earthquake: Five Years Later](#) – The Atlantic.

[Palestine, Egypt, Smuggling, Illicit Economies, Lulz] [KFC smugglers bring buckets of chicken through Gaza tunnels](#) – Christian Science Monitor.

[Pakistan, Political Figures, History] [The story of how Nawaz Sharif pulled back from nuclear war](#) – Foreign Policy, Passport blog.

[European Union, China, Trade, Energy] [EU Finally Moves on Chinese Solar Threats](#) – Forbes.

[Russia, U.S., Espionage] [5 signs there's something fishy about the alleged CIA spy arrested in Moscow](#) – Washington Post, WorldViews blog.

[Japan, Economy] [Japan GDP Jumps Most in Year as Consumers Open Wallets](#) – Bloomberg News.

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[Russia, Space-based Weapons, History] [The secret laser-toting Soviet satellite that almost was](#) – Ars Technica.

[China, Food Supply] [China steps up inspection of meat trade after fake lamb scandal](#) – Reuters.

[Burma/Myanmar, Natural Disasters, Internally Displaced People] [\*Distrust Hinders Burma Cyclone Evacuation Effort\*](#) – Voice of America. (The same storm previously hit [Sri Lanka and then Bangladesh](#), BBC News reported.)

[Iran, Internal Politics, Elections] [\*Iran's conservatives divided over presidential candidates\*](#) – Washington Post.

[Israel, Syria, Hezbollah] [\*Israel Hints at New Strikes, Warning Syria Not to Hit Back\*](#) – New York Times.

[Bulgaria, Internal Politics, Elections] [\*Main party in Bulgaria seeks to void election result\*](#) – BBC News.

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