

Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 19 May 2014

[Thailand, Internal Politics] [Thailand military seizes power in coup](#) – BBC News.

[Libya, Internal Politics, Militia Groups] [Libya: Election Set for June in Bid to Ease Crisis](#) – Associated Press.

[China, Russia, Energy, Trade] [China signs 30-year deal for Russian natural gas](#) – Associated Press.

[China, Terrorism] [Bombs tossed out car windows in Chinese terror attack; 31 dead](#) – Los Angeles Times.

[Central African Republic, Seleka, Militia Groups] [Central African Republic's Seleka rebels reorganize](#) – BBC News.

[China, PLAN, Radar, U.S.] [Can China's New Destroyer Find U.S. Stealth Fighters?](#) – USNI News.

[U.S., NSA, Cyberespionage, Bahamas, Mexico, Philippines, Kenya] [The NSA Collects All Phone Calls in the Bahamas](#) – Softpedia.

[Mali, MNLA, Internal Conflict] [Tuareg rebels beat back Mali offensive in flashpoint town](#) – France24; Reuters. (France [delayed plans](#) to transfer troops from Mali to counter militant groups in the Sahel region following the failure of the Malian offensive, according to Al Jazeera and Reuters.)

[Space Exploration, Aerospace Industry] [SpaceX Dragon returns to Earth from International Space Station](#) – Associated Press.

[Turkey, Mining, Protests, Internal Politics] [Arrests in deadly Turkish mine fire](#) – CNN.

[Egypt, Internal Politics] [Egypt's Hosni Mubarak jailed for embezzlement](#) – BBC News.

[Pakistan, Pakistani Taliban, Internal Conflict] [Pakistan Airstrikes Kill 60 Militants](#) – Associated Press.

[Germany, European Union, Immigration, Economy] [Germany Seen Becoming a Favorite Destination for Migrants](#) – Wall Street Journal.

[Russia, Journalists, Crime] [Five convicted of killing Russian journalist Politkovskaya](#) – Reuters.

[China, Technology, Business] [China Rules out Windows 8 for Government Computers](#) – Associated Press.

[Kenya, Tourism, Terrorism] [Kenya Slams Travel Warnings as Tourists Evacuated Over Security](#) – Bloomberg News.

[Japan, Fukushima Disaster, TEPCO] [Japan paper says Fukushima workers fled during 2011 crisis](#) – BBC News.

[Egypt, Protests, Political Violence, Internal Politics] [Egyptian police killed in violence ahead of presidential election](#) – Los Angeles Times.

[Taiwan, Crime, Public Transportation] [Taiwan Student Detained After Four Killed in Subway Attack](#) – Bloomberg News.

[U.S., CIA, Public Health, NGOs] [White House says CIA will stop using vaccination programs as cover for operations](#) – Fox News; Associated Press.

[North Korea, Surface Ships] [North Korean Navy Builds Two Helicopter Frigates, Analyst Says](#) – Bloomberg News.

[Cameroon, Boko Haram, China] [Suspected Boko Haram rebels attack Chinese plant in Cameroon](#) – Reuters.

[U.S. Military, Lulz] [Amazing Military Infographics: An Appreciation](#) – The Message.

[U.S., Transportation, IT] [LA air traffic meltdown: System simply 'RAN OUT OF MEMORY'](#) – The Register.

[India, Elections, Internal Politics] [Hindu nationalist Narendra Modi claims victory as India's next Prime Minister](#) – CNN.

[Brazil, Prisons] [Brazilian prisoners release 122 hostages](#) – BBC News.

[South Sudan, Internal Conflict, Food Supplies] [South Sudan President Salva Kiir warns of 'famine'](#) – BBC News.

[Syria, Chemical Weapons] [No sign Syria is handing over remaining chemical weapons](#) – Reuters.

[Australia, Internal Politics] [Popularity of Australian PM Slumps Following Tough Budget](#) – The Diplomat, Oceana blog.

[Switzerland, Internal Politics] [Swiss reject world's highest minimum wage](#) – USA Today.

[South Korea, Maritime, Internal Politics] [South Korean Coast Guard Disbanded After Botched Ferry Rescue](#) – Bloomberg News.

[U.S., Russia, Sanctions, Human Rights] [US Treasury sanctions 12 Russians for human rights violations](#) – Reuters. (Russia stated that it would [retaliate](#) for the sanctions, Reuters also reported.)

[Pakistan, U.S., FBI] [Pakistan drops ammunition case against FBI agent](#) – BBC News.

[Iraq, Internal Politics, Elections] [Iraq's Maliki wins at least 94 parliament seats in national election](#) – Reuters.

[China, Vietnam, Rioting, Disputed Territories] [4,000 Chinese nationals await Vietnam evacuation: report](#) – Agence France-Presse.

[Syrian Civil War, Leadership Figures] [Syria war: Air defence chief Gen Hussein Ishaq killed](#) – BBC News.

[War Crimes, Bosnian War] [Ratko Mladic war crime defence begins](#) – BBC News.

[Banking, Switzerland, U.S.] [Swiss Banking Model Threatened by Legal Rows, Jordan Says](#) – Bloomberg News.

[France, Transportation, Lulz] [French rail company orders 2,000 trains too wide for platforms](#) – Reuters.

[Vietnam, Philippines, China, Disputed Territories] [Vietnam, Philippines jointly denounce China's maritime moves](#) – Reuters. (Vietnam also announced that it would [consider international legal action](#) against China over the recent deployment of a Chinese oil rig to disputed waters, according to a second Reuters report.)

[Indonesia, Military Exercises] [Indonesia to Conduct Massive Military Drill](#) – The Diplomat, Flashpoints blog.

[North Korea, South Korea, Borders] [North Korea artillery fires at South Korean navy ship, and misses](#) – Reuters.

[Ukraine Crisis] [Ukraine crisis: Donetsk sees deadliest attack on troops](#) – BBC News.

[U.S., Nigeria, Boko Haram] [80 U.S. troops in Chad will aid search for abducted Nigerian girls](#) – CNN.

[Russia, Satellites, Space Exploration] [Russian Proton Rocket Explodes After Launch](#) – DefenseTech.