

## Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 27 May

[European Union, Syria, Arms Transfers, Russia] [Europe signals Syria diplomacy a priority despite vote to allow member states to arm rebels](#) – Associated Press.

[Iraq, Terrorism, Sectarian Violence] [At Least 53 Are Killed in Bombings in Baghdad](#) – New York Times.

[U.S., China, Cyberespionage, Defense Industry] [Confidential report lists U.S. weapons system designs compromised by Chinese cyberspies](#) – Washington Post.

[Libya, Internal Politics] [Libyan parliament chief resigns over ex-regime ban](#) – Associated Press.

[Ethiopia, Egypt, Sudan, Water] [Ethiopia diverts flow of Blue Nile, fears in Egypt](#) – Associated Press.

[Lebanon, Syria, Borders] [Three Lebanese soldiers killed near Syria border](#) – Reuters.

[Venezuela, Influenza, Public Health] [H1N1 flu outbreak kills 17 in Venezuela: media](#) – Reuters.

[U.S., Canada, Agriculture, Trade] [Canada threatens 'retaliatory measures' over new US meat labeling regulations](#) – Associated Press.

[Georgia, Orthodox Church, Internal Politics, Mob Violence] [Rising church asserts itself in Georgia after Orthodox Christian protestors attack gay-rights activists](#) – Global Post.

[al Qaeda, AQIM, Internal Politics] [Rise of al-Qaeda Sahara Terrorist](#) – Associated Press

[U.S., Caribbean Community, Diplomacy, Trade] [VP Biden signs trade pact, talks security with leaders of 15-nation Caribbean Community](#) – Associated Press.

[China, Cyberwarfare, Military Exercises] [China announces giant military hackathon at SECRET Mongolian base](#) – The Register.

[Japan, India, Nuclear Power, Diplomacy, China] [India, Japan seek early agreement on civil nuclear pact](#) – Reuters.

[Israel, Internal Politics, IDF] [Israel seals deal ending military exemptions for ultra-Orthodox](#) – Reuters.

[European Union, Economy] [OECD: Europe remains threat to world economy](#) – Associated Press.

[Bosnia, Croatia, War Crimes, ICTY] [UN court convicts 6 Bosnian Croats of atrocities](#) – Associated Press.

[Mara Salvatrucha, 18th Street Gang, Honduras] [Honduran gangs Salvatrucha and 18 Street announce truce](#) – BBC News.

[Pakistan, Energy, Infrastructure, Internal Politics] [Pakistan Faces Struggle to Keep Its Lights On](#) – New York Times.

[Germany, Energy, Food Standards] [German Beer Purity Threatened by Fracking Say Brewers](#) – Bloomberg News.

[Spain, Submarines] [Spain's S-81 Isaac Peral Submarine Cost \\$680 Million To Build...And Can't Float](#) – Huffington Post.

[U.K., Terrorism, Mob Violence] [10 arrested so far in British soldier's killing as Muslims fear backlash](#) – CNN. (The Associated Press also [reported](#) that one of the suspects in the murder may be linked to a now-deceased radical Kenyan cleric.)

[European Union, Turkey, France] [Turkey likely to move ahead on EU path in June](#) – Reuters.

[Yemen, Oil, Infrastructure, Sabotage] [Yemen's main oil pipeline attacked, pumping stopped](#) – Reuters.

[Burma/Myanmar, Sectarian Violence] [Muslims and Buddhists clash in northern Myanmar](#) – Reuters.

[Pakistan, U.S., Taliban, Drone Strikes] [Drone Strike Is Said to Kill a Top Pakistani Taliban Figure](#) – New York Times.

[U.S., Colombia, Propaganda, Demobilization, FARC] [Dios Mio! Pentagon's Latest Weapon in Colombian Drug War? Soap Operas](#) - Wired.com, Danger Room blog.

[U.K., Syria, Internal Conflict, Chemical Weapons] [Britain claims new evidence of Syrian chemical weapons use](#) - Foreign Policy, Turtle Bay blog.

[India, Nuclear Weapons, ICBMs] [India's Agni-V ICBM to Carry Multiple Nuclear Warheads](#) - The Diplomat, Flashpoints blog.

[Afghanistan, Red Cross, Terrorism] [Afghanistan: Red Cross office in Jalalabad attacked](#) - BBC News.

[U.S. Army, War Crimes, Afghanistan] [Soldier to admit Afghan massacre](#) - Associated Press.

[Syria, Russia, Arms Transfers, SAMs, Israel] [\*Syrian Claims on Russian Missiles Doubted by Israel\*](#) - New York Times.

[China, Public Sentiment, Economy] [\*Chinese Lead World in Economic Optimism\*](#) - The Diplomat, Pacific Money blog.

[Russia, Civil Society, Pollution, Corruption] [\*Probing Chemical Lake, Eco-Blogger Attacked in Russia\*](#) - Global Voices.

[Egypt, NGOs, Internal Politics] [\*Egypt's president sends controversial NGO law to parliament\*](#) - Reuters.

[Argentina, Iran, Terrorism, Latin America] [\*Iran set up terrorist networks in Latin America: Argentine prosecutor\*](#) - Reuters.