

Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 11 November 2013

[Philippines, Natural Disasters, Internal Politics, U.S. Navy, JSDF, Royal Navy] [U.S. carrier starts Philippine storm relief as Aquino comes under pressure](#) – Reuters. (The Los Angeles Times also reported that China [increased its aid](#) to the Philippines from \$100,000 to \$1.64 million after domestic and foreign criticism ([Commentary](#) on this misstep from The Diplomat.) [Social media](#) reactions from the Philippines from Global Voices.)

[China, Terrorism, Crime, Internal Politics, Public Opinion] [China Attacks: Not the Usual Suspects](#) – The Diplomat, China Power blog.

[China, Economy, Internal Politics] [China vows 'decisive' role for markets, results by 2020](#) – Reuters.

[Egypt, Russia, Negotiations, Arms Transfers] [Russia and Egypt in 'historic' talks](#) – BBC News.

[DRC, M23 Rebels, Negotiations, U.N., Peacekeeping Operations] [DR Congo refuses to sign M23 'accord' in Kampala](#) – BBC News. (Reuters also reported that Uganda claimed to have the leader of the M23 Rebels [in custody](#).)

[Iraq, Terrorism, Sectarian Violence] [Suicide bomber attacks Iraqi Shi'ite pilgrims, killing 35](#) – Reuters.

[Paraguay, Paraguayan People's Army, Guerilla Groups, Internal Conflict] [Guerrillas Step Up Campaign in Paraguay](#) – New York Times.

[Nigeria, Internal Conflict, Niger, Refugees, Boko Haram] [Nigeria offensive drives 40,000 refugees into Niger: U.N.](#) – Reuters. (Nigeria's president also asked for [Cameroon's assistance](#) in securing their mutual border as the offensive against Boko Haram continues, according to Reuters.)

[Kosovo, War Crimes, European Union] [EU in Kosovo Indicts 15 for War Crimes](#) – Associated Press.

[Somalia, Natural Disasters] [Somalia cyclone: 140 confirmed dead in Puntland](#) – BBC News.

[Afghanistan, Narcotics, Agriculture, Internal Politics] [Afghanistan's poppy farmers plant record opium crop, UN report says](#) – The Guardian.

[Ukraine, Internal Politics, European Union] [Ukraine's Tymoshenko release hangs in balance](#) – BBC News.

[Argentina, War Crime, Prisoners] [Jailed Argentine ex-army officer Alejandro Lawless escapes](#) – BBC News.

[Dominican Republic, Citizenship, Internal Politics] [Dominican govt: 24K affected by citizenship ruling](#) – Associated Press.

[U.S., U.N., UNESCO, Palestine] [U.S. loses its UNESCO voting right](#) – USA Today.

[U.K., Sri Lanka, War Crimes] [Britain's Cameron to demand Sri Lanka war crimes investigation](#) – Reuters.

[China, PLA] [China's Military Strategy in the Asia-Pacific: Implications for Regional Stability](#) – Project 2049 Institute.

[Russia, Nuclear Power, Stuxnet, Cybersecurity] [Russian nuclear power plant "badly infected" by Stuxnet](#) - ITProPortal

[Taiwan, Internal Politics, Social Media] [Taiwan's 'White Shirt Army,' spurred by Facebook, takes on political parties](#) – Washington Post.

[Japan, Nuclear Power, Fukushima Disaster, Labor Practices] [Wrecked Japanese nuclear plant to double play after criticism](#) – Reuters.

[Iran, Negotiations, Nuclear Programs, Internal Politics] [Iranians frustrated by lack of deal on their nuclear program](#) – Los Angeles Times.

[Vietnam, Financial Services, Corruption, Internal Politics] [Ex-Bank Executive May Face Death in Vietnam Fraud Trial](#) – Bloomberg News.

[U.S., Nigeria, Boko Haram] [Nigeria: US 'to name Boko Haram as a terrorist group'](#) – BBC News.

[Bangladesh, Protests, Labor Practices] [Bangladesh garment factories close amid violent protests](#) – Reuters.

[Trans-Pacific Partnership, Trade, Copyright] [Secret Trade Pact Will Spread U.S. Copyright Rules Abroad](#) – Wired.com.

[U.S. Navy, Surface Ships] [LCS Defends Against Swarm Boats in Live Fire Tests](#) – DefenseTech.

[Cambodia, Thailand, Disputed Territories, ICJ] [Cambodia Cheers ICJ Ruling on Preah Vihear](#) – The Diplomat.