

**Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 12
November**

[Israel, Palestinian Territories, Armed Conflict, Hamas] [*Israel moves troops toward Gaza*](#) – Associated Press (The Washington Post’s WorldViews blog also reported that the Twitter accounts of the IDF and Al Qassam Brigades have been [trading barbs](#) over the recent conflict. Softpedia also reported that individuals claiming the Anonymous name began [hacks on Israeli websites](#) to protest the Gaza attacks. [Social media reactions](#) and info from Gaza via Global Voices.)

[Iran, Oil, Insurance] [*Is Iran Resorting To An Insurance Scam To Keep Oil Exports Going?*](#) – Forbes.

[Afghanistan, Internal Politics, Internal Conflict] [*Afghan Warlord’s Call to Arms Rattle Officials*](#) – New York Times.

[Latin America, Development, Economy] [*Middle class now rivals poor in Latin America: World Bank*](#) – Reuters.

[Taiwan, Finance, Internal Politics] [*Taiwan scandal linked to state stock investment*](#) – Bloomberg News.

[Egypt, Sinai Peninsula, Internal Conflict, Gaza Strip] [*Deteriorating Security in Sinai Destroys Trade, Livelihoods*](#) – Al-Monitor.

[Egypt, Counterterrorism] [*Militant tied to Red Sea resort attacks arrested, Central Security Forces camp attacked*](#) – Long War Journal, Threat Matrix blog.

[Australia, Corruption, Internal Politics] [*Coal corruption worst scam ‘since Rum Corps’*](#) – The Sydney Morning Herald.

[Japan, Internal Politics, Legal] [*Japan political power broker acquitted in fraud scandal as court rejects prosecution appeal*](#) – Associated Press.

[Cybersecurity, Israel, Palestinian Territories, Espionage] [*Malware Spy Network Targeted Israelis, Palestinians*](#) – Krebs on Security.

[Syria, Opposition Movements] [*Syrian opposition strikes unity deal*](#) – Reuters.

[NGOs, Mapping, International Aid] [*NGO Aid Map*](#) – InterAction.

[Kenya, Internal Conflict, Security Forces] [Kenya police attack in Samburu: More bodies found](#) – BBC News.

[Brazil, Organized Crime, Security Forces] [Wave of violence sweeps Brazil's biggest city](#) – Associated Press.

[Syria, North Korea, Missiles, Arms Embargos] [Suspected North Korean missile parts seized en route to Syria in May](#) – Reuters.

[Thailand, Wildlife Smuggling, Lulz] [Thai authorities seize 600 smuggled deadly cobras](#) – Associated Press.

[China, Money Laundering] [China's Illicit Flows Are 'Big Issue' for Money Laundering](#) – Wall Street Journal, Corruption Currents blog.

[South Korea, Internal Politics, Internet, Regulations] [Internet Explorer becomes Korean election issue](#) – The Register.

[Pakistan, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles] [Pakistan developing combat drones](#) – The Guardian.

[China, CCP, Government Figures] [China Risks Talent Mismatch as Wang Gets Discipline Job](#) – Bloomberg News.

[Pharmaceuticals, International Diplomacy] [Row flares over global fight against fake medicine](#) – Reuters. (More [context](#) on the counterfeit pharmaceutical issue from The Washington Post's WorldViews blog.)

[Russia, U.S., Legislation, Human Rights] [Russia threatens tough response if US backs rights bill](#) – Reuters.

[Japan, North Korea, Diplomacy] [Japan, N. Korea open bilateral talks on abductions](#) – Associated Press.

[Argentina, Ghana, International Law] [Argentina takes legal action against Ghana over seized ship](#) – Reuters.

[United Nations, Sri Lanka, War Crimes] [What the U.N. is \(badly\) hiding on Sri Lanka](#) – Foreign Policy, Turtle Bay blog.

[Burma/Myanmar, Thailand, Development, Infrastructure] [Myanmar, Thailand to speed up development of Dawei SEZ](#) – Xinhua.

[Syria, MANPADS, Missiles] [*Possible Score for Syrian Rebels: Pictures Show Advanced Missile Systems*](#) – New York Times, At War blog.