

Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 4 November 2013

[DRC, M23 Rebels, U.N., Peacekeeping Operations] [DR Congo M23 rebels 'end insurgency'](#) – BBC News. (Following the elimination of the M23 rebel movement, the U.N. Security Council agreed to [shift the focus](#) of the Intervention Brigade to other armed groups such as the FDLR, Reuters reported.)

[China, Terrorism] [Suspected Bomb Blasts Hit Northern Chinese City](#) – Time.

[European Union, Ukraine, Russia, IMF, Trade] [EU, IMF coordinate on Ukraine as Russia threat looms](#) – Reuters.

[Philippines, Natural Disasters] [Super typhoon forecast to hit the Philippines](#) – USA Today.

[Palestine, Government Figures, Internal Politics] [Palestinian leader Arafat was murdered with polonium: widow](#) – Reuters.

[Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Nuclear Weapons, Arms Transfers] [Saudi nuclear weapons 'on order' from Pakistan](#) – BBC News.

[Ukraine, Cybersecurity, NATO] [Ukrainian Government Websites Apparently Hacked by NATO](#) – Softpedia. ([Fake emails](#) purporting to be from NATO CCDCOE were also spotted originating from an IP address in Georgia but without a malicious payload typical of phishing attacks, Softpedia later reported. Additionally, Softpedia also reported that hackers claiming affiliation with Anonymous Ukraine launched [a DDoS attack](#) on the NATO CCDCOE website in retaliation for the purported attacks on Ukrainian sites.)

[European Union, Economy] [E.U. Predicts Anemic Growth and High Unemployment in 2014](#) – New York Times.

[Indonesia, Australia, Espionage, Snowden Affair] [Indonesia summons Australian envoy over embassy spying claims](#) – The Guardian.

[Kenya, Somalia, al Shabaab] [Kenyan warplanes bomb Islamist camp in Somalia, military says](#) – CNN.

[Finland, Cybersecurity, Espionage] [China and Russia Suspected of Conducting Cyber Espionage Operation Against Finland](#) – Softpedia.

[Japan, Press Freedom, Internal Politics] [Japan secrecy act stirs fears about press freedom, right to know](#) – Reuters.

[Israel, Syria, Military Interventions] [Israeli planes strike Syrian military base, U.S. official says](#) – CNN.

[Germany, Espionage, Internal Politics, NSA, Snowden Affair] [Germany may invite Edward Snowden as witness in NSA inquiry](#) – The Guardian.

[U.K., Espionage, Media] [Prince Harry had phone hacked for Murdoch tabloid, court told](#) – NBC News.

[Pakistan, Counterterrorism, Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, U.S., Drone Strikes] [Officials: US drone kills Pakistani Taliban leader](#) – Associated Press. (The Express Tribune also reported that the U.N. warned its staff of a security threat following the killing of Mehsud as reports indicated the TTP may be planning [retaliatory attacks](#) on U.S. and other nationals.)

[Bangladesh, Paramilitary Forces, Crime, Internal Politics] [152 soldiers sentenced to die for mutiny in Bangladesh](#) – CNN.

[North Korea, Naval Forces] [North Korea reveals warship sinking](#) – BBC News.

[Nigeria, Boko Haram, Internal Conflict] [Militants kill 70 in northeast Nigeria attacks: officials](#) – Reuters.

[U.S., Russia, Sanctions, Crime, Brothers' Circle] [Pop Star Honored by Putin Named Mafia Courier by Treasury](#) – Bloomberg News.

[Australia, India, Nuclear Power, Trade] [India, Australia inching towards civil nuclear agreement](#) – The Hindu.

[Ireland, Egypt, Smuggling, Crime] [Suez Canal attack by al-Qaida blew Irish cigarette smuggling ring](#) – Belfast Telegraph.

[South Korea, North Korea, Manufacturing, Kaesong Complex] [Two S. Korean firms withdraw from inter-Korean factory park](#) – Yonhap News.

[U.S., NSA, Cybersecurity, US Cyber Command] [Playtime's over: Next NSA boss may be torn away from US cyber-war effort](#) – The Register.

[India, Space Exploration] [India launches spacecraft to Mars](#) – BBC News.

[Syrian Civil War, U.N., Arms Transfers, Dual-Use] [Syrian Opposition Appalled By Assad's U.N. Gambit](#) – Foreign Policy, The Cable blog.

[Italy, Organized Crime, Mafia Groups, Informants] [Make him a wiki he can't refuse: MafiaLeaks takes on the Godfathers](#) – The Register.

[Sudan, Internal Politics, Protests] [Sudan plans cabinet reshuffle after fuel price protests](#) – Reuters.

[Indonesia, Terrorism, Embassies, Burma/Myanmar] ['Burmese embassy bomber' goes on trial in Indonesia](#) – BBC News.

[Japan, Organized Crime, Financial Services, Yakuza Groups] [Japan Watchdog Begins Megabank Probe Amid Crime Loan Scandal](#) – Bloomberg News.

[China, North Korea, Diplomacy] [China's nuclear negotiator visits North Korea](#) – Associated Press.

[Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt, Qatar] [Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood finds havens abroad](#) – Washington Post.

[Iran, Maritime, Smuggling, Navigation] [Vessel Hacking Techniques Put into Practice by Iranian Tanker](#) – Softpedia.

[Iran, Syria, Maritime, Smuggling] [Black Navy: Tracking the Iranian-backed fleet that's fueling the Assad regime](#) – Foreign Policy.

[Colombia, Russia, Venezuela, Airspace Violations] [Colombian Kfirs intercept Russian bombers enroute to Venezuela](#) – Defense Update.

[U.S. Navy, Aircraft Carriers] [USS Gerald R. Ford Carrier Set for Saturday Christening](#) – DefenseTech.