

Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 14 October 2013

[**Netherlands, Russia, Diplomatic Personnel**] [Senior Dutch diplomat beaten up in Russia](#) – Agence France-Presse. (More context on the [ongoing diplomatic incidents](#) between the two countries from The Economist.)

[**Navigation, Maritime, Cybersecurity**] [Global Vessel Tracking Systems Vulnerable to Hacker Attacks, Experts Warn](#) – Softpedia.

[**Slavery, Labor Practices**] [Mauritania, Haiti, Pakistan top charity's new global index on modern slavery](#) – Associated Press. (Link to the [full report](#) from the Walk Free Foundation (pdf).)

[**U.N., Peacekeeping Operations, Somalia, al Shabaab**] [U.N. Declares War on al-Shabaab](#) – Foreign Policy, The Cable blog.

[**Cuba, Media, Internal Politics**] [Cuban Communist Party appoints new editor for Granma](#) – BBC News.

[**Philippines, Natural Disasters**] [Death toll from Philippines quake at 144, more people missing](#) – Reuters.

[**Japan, Internal Politics, Regional Politics**] [Japan's Leader Rejects Visit to War Shrine](#) – New York Times.

[**China, Agriculture, Business**] [Cockroach farms multiplying in China](#) – Los Angeles Times.

[**U.K., China, Nuclear Power, Business**] [China welcomed to British nuclear sector](#) – United Press International.

[**North Korea, Internal Politics, Sanctions**] [Kim Jong Un importing more luxury goods than his father](#) – Asahi Shimbun.

[**Egypt, Commercial Aviation, Internal Conflict, MANPADS**] [Rocket attack fear for flights to Egypt](#) – The Telegraph, Agence France-Presse.

[**Nigeria, Internal Conflict, Boko Haram**] [Nigeria military says repels attack, kills 40 Islamists](#) – Reuters.

[**Burma/Myanmar, Terrorism**] [Blasts Kill 2 and Injure an American in Myanmar](#) – New York Times.

[**Italy, Migrants**] [Lampedusa migrant crisis: Sicily declares emergency](#) – BBC News.

[Japan, Natural Disasters] [Typhoon sideswipes Tokyo, at least 17 dead](#) – Reuters.

[Mongolia, China, Cybersecurity] [China Conducts Cyber Espionage Campaign Against Mongolia](#) – Softpedia.

[Pakistan, Terrorism] [Bomb blasts kill 10 in all four provinces](#) – Agence France-Presse, Dawn.

[Germany, Internal Politics] [Merkel Wins Over Social Democrats for Power-Sharing Talks](#) – Bloomberg News.

[Pakistan, Internal Politics] [Pakistan's Prevez Musharraf rearrested after court grants bail](#) – Los Angeles Times.

[Libya, Terrorism, Sweden, Embassies] [Car bomb damages Swedish consulate in Benghazi](#) – CNN.

[South Korea, North Korea, Cybersecurity] [NORKS cyber mayhem cost South Korea £500 MEELLION](#) – The Register.

[Unconfirmed, China, U.S., Attack Helicopters] [Did China Clone a U.S. Apache Attack Helicopter?](#) – War Is Boring.

[China, Pakistan, Nuclear Power] [China defends its plan to build nuclear reactors in Pakistan](#) – Press Trust of India.

[Morocco, Internal Politics] [Morocco's king names new ministers, Islamists lose ground](#) – Reuters.

[Catholic Church, Germany, Finance] [Finance scandal spurs German bishops to reveal secret funds](#) – Reuters.

[Media, Snowden Affair] [Greenwald exits Guardian for new Omidyar media venture](#) – Reuters.

[Japan, Energy, Infrastructure] [Japan on gas, coal power building spree to fill nuclear void](#) – Reuters.

[Poland, Cybersecurity, Hacktivist Groups] [Anonymous Leaks Large Number of Files After Hacking Poland's Ministry of Economy](#) – Softpedia.

[Italy, Commercial Aviation] [Rome rides to the rescue of ailing Alitalia](#) – Reuters.

[Malawi, Internal Politics, Corruption] [Malawi president sacks cabinet amid fraud scandal](#) – Agence France-Presse.

[Turkey, Israel, Iran, Intelligence Agencies] [Turkey blows Israel's cover for Iranian spy ring](#) – Washington Post.

[Pakistan, Assassinations, Government Figures] [Pakistan minister Israrullah Gandapur killed in blast](#) – BBC News.

[East Asia, Arms Transfers] [*How dependent are East Asian states on arms imports?*](#) – Center for Strategic & International Studies.

[Vietnam, China, Arms Transfers, Diplomacy] [*With Russia's Help, Vietnam Adopts A2/AD Strategy*](#) – The Diplomat, Flashpoints blog.