

## **Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 15 October**

**[Mauritania, Slavery]** [Slavery's last stronghold](#) – CNN.

**[Cybersecurity, Banking, U.S., Russia]** [Under Fire: Russian Hackers Plan U.S. Cyber Bank Heist](#) – Fox Business.

**[Mali, ECOWAS, France, U.N.]** [African Mali intervention in 'weeks' says France](#) – Agence France-Presse.

**[Methamphetamines, Mexico, U.S.]** [Cheap, potent meth seized in US made in Mexican 'superlabs'](#) – Associated Press.

**[Israel, Palestinian Territories, SAMs]** [Israel: Hamas turns Gaza into SAM hot zone](#) – United Press International.

**[Syria, Internal Conflict, Islamist Groups]** [Islamic militants help seize missile base in Syria](#) – Associated Press. (A [United Nations panel also warned](#) of the threat of radicalization in the Syrian conflict, the Australian Associated Press reported.)

**[U.S., Iran, Sanctions, Trade]** [RPT-U.S. exports to Iran rise nearly one-third despite sanctions](#) – Reuters.

**[Lithuania, Elections, Internal Politics]** [Lithuanians sway toward opposition parties](#) - Associated Press.

**[Israel, Hezbollah, UAVs, Nuclear Facilities]** [Hezbollah drone may have been sent to monitor Israel's nuclear facility at Dimona](#) – McClatchy Newspapers.

**[History, Cuba, Soviet Union, Nuclear Weapons]** [Cuba Almost Became a Nuclear Power in 1962](#) – Foreign Policy.

**[MS-13, U.S., Sanctions]** [Treasury Labels MS-13 Transnational Criminal Organization](#) – Wall Street Journal, Corruption Currents blog.

**[U.S., Jordan, Syria, Chemical Weapons]** [US military has Syria task force in Jordan: report](#) – Agence France-Presse.

[European Union, United Kingdom, Internal Politics] [\*David Cameron threatens to veto EU budget unless Brussels sacks staff\*](#) – The Telegraph. (The Czech prime minister also [\*threatened to veto a planned EU banking union\*](#), according to The Financial.)

[Lebanon, Government Officials, Terrorism] [\*Top security official killed in Lebanon blast\*](#) – Al Jazeera.

[France, Google, Legal] [\*French Law Endangers Google's 'Very Existence', Threatens Country-Wide News Boycott\*](#) – TechCrunch.

[Export Controls, U.S., Satellites] [\*Could Satellites Finally Spin Out of the ITAR Orbit?\*](#) – Export Law Blog.

[China, People's Liberation Army, Corruption] [\*\\$100 Billion for China's Railroads\*](#) – The Diplomat, Flashpoints blog.

[Mexico, Sinaloa Cartel, U.S.] [\*Daughter of Mexico drug lord offers no clues on father's whereabouts after San Diego arrest\*](#) – Associated Press.

[Vietnam, Economy] [\*Vietnam Economic Rise Threatened as Middle-Income Trap Looms\*](#) – Bloomberg News.

[Rwanda, Congo, Burundi, 'Conflict Minerals', M23 Mutiny] [\*Mineral traders in Rwanda helping fund Congo rebels – U.N. panel\*](#) – Reuters.

[Israel, Elections, Internal Politics] [\*Israeli parliament dissolves, schedules early election\*](#) – CNN.

[Lebanon, Cybersecurity, Flame] [\*New 'surgical' virus targets Lebanon in wave of cyberattacks\*](#) – Beirut Daily Star/McClatchy Tribune Information Services.

[South Korea, North Korea, Border Security] [\*Heads roll after 'unnoticed' border breach\*](#) – Associated Press.

[Diseases, Central America, Agriculture] [\*Mystery kidney disease decimates Central America sugarcane workers\*](#) – NBC News, Open Channel blog.

[CIA, Counterterrorism, Netherlands] [\*Report: CIA Arranged Bride for Terrorist in Plot to Kill Him\*](#) – ABC News.

[Germany, Energy, Economy, Internal Politics] [\*Merkel defends costly switch out of nuclear power\*](#) – Associated Press.

[U.S., Japan, China, Foreign Debt] [China Credit Card Romney Assails Gives Way to Japan](#) – Bloomberg News.

[World Bank, UNESCO, Employment] [Tackling the jobs crisis: new thinking from the World Bank and UNESCO](#) – From Poverty to Power blog (Oxfam.)

[South Africa, Water, Economy, Infrastructure] [South Africa's \\$40 Billion Water Gap Threatens Economy](#) – Bloomberg News.

[Mongolia, Mining, Internal Politics] [Tax Proposal in Mongolia Threatens Rio Tinto Project](#) – New York Times, DealBook blog.

[Greece, Golden Dawn Party, Crime, Rule of Law] [During a Violent Incident At A Greek Theater, An Elected Official Went On An Unimaginably Vile Rant](#) – Business Insider.

[South Korea, U.S., Narcotics Smuggling] [Seized drugs smuggled via U.S. military mail surge in 2012](#) – Yonhap News.

[Pacific Ocean, Geoengineering, Climate Change, International Law] [World's biggest geoengineering experiment 'violates' UN rules](#) – The Guardian.

[Argentina, Internal Politics, Ghana] [Argentina axes navy chief after frigate seized in Ghana](#) – Reuters.

[Mexico, Protests, Universities] [Mexico raids seized campuses, battle protestors](#) – Associated Press.

[Greece, Economy] [Greece's Biggest Company Quits Country](#) – Reuters.

[Italy, Catholic Church, Internal Politics] [Italian church to be stripped of tax exemption from 2013](#) – The Telegraph.

[United Nations, U.S.] [A kinder, gentler U.N. Security Council?](#) – Foreign Policy, Turtle Bay blog.

[China, Banking, Economy] ['Shadow Banking' in China](#) – The Diplomat, Pacific Money blog.

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## **SPECIAL SECTION: Real Time Mapping**

**[Cybersecurity]** HoneyNet Project – [Real-time IT intrusion mapping](#). The organization runs a series of ‘honeypots’, systems set up as sensors to attract cyberattacks.

**[Shipping]** MarineTraffic.com – [Real-time \(voluntary\) ship mapping](#). Information collected by ships outfitted with the Automatic Identification System (AIS.)

**[Commercial Aviation]** FlightRadar24 – [Live commercial aviation mapping](#). Some flights in real-time, some on 5-minute delay.

**[Natural Disasters]** TornadoVideos.net – [Live tracking of tornado-hunting vehicles, reports, and videos/images](#).

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