

Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 28 October 2013

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[DRC, U.N., Peacekeeping Operations, M23] [DR Congo M23 rebels 'all but finished', says UN](#) – BBC News.

[Syria, Chemical Weapons] [Syria meets deadline to destroy chemical weapons production facilities](#) – Reuters.

[Afghanistan, ISAF, ANA] [Insider attack mars opening of Afghanistan's Sandhurst in the Sand](#) – The Telegraph.

[Argentina, Internal Politics, Elections] [Party of Argentina's leader loses ground in election](#) – Los Angeles Times.

[Italy, Internal Politics] [Italy's right could split after Berlusconi move – lawmakers](#) – Reuters.

[Iraq, Terrorism, Sectarian Violence] [Over 50 dead as 10 car bomb blasts rip across Baghdad province](#) – Reuters. (BBC News [reported](#) later in the week that more attacks killed at least 20.)

[China, PLAN, U.S. Navy] [China Naval Modernization: Implications for U.S. Navy Capabilities – Background and Issues for Congress](#) – Congressional Research Service.

[Georgia, Internal Politics, Elections] [Georgian Billionaire Premier's Pick Wins Presidential Ballot](#) – Bloomberg News.

[Tunisia, Internal Politics, Terrorism, Ansar al Sharia] [Unrest rises in Tunisia after Islamists kill police officers](#) – Reuters.

[Libya, Crime, Militia Groups] [Libyan gunmen steal over \\$50 million from bank van](#) – Associated Press.

[U.S., Russia, Embassies, Espionage] [FBI Probing Whether Russia Used Cultural Junkets to Recruit American Intelligence Assets](#) – Mother Jones.

[Cybersecurity, North Korea, South Korea, Espionage] [Norks seed online games with malware in fiendish DDoS plot](#) – The Register.

[Turkey, Transportation] [*Istanbul's underwater Bosphorus rail tunnel opens to delight and foreboding*](#) – The Guardian.

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[Japan, Financial Crime, Yakuza, Banks] [*Mizuho Bank's Yakuza Scandal: More Than 30 Execs to be Punished*](#) – The Diplomat, Asia Life blog.

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[Japan, Fukushima Disaster, Labor Practices, Yakuza] [*Special Report: Help wanted in Fukushima: Low pay, high risks and gangsters*](#) – Reuters.

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[Thailand, Internal Politics] [*Thai ex-PM says will fight indictment*](#) – Associated Press.

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[China, Protests, Land Rights] [*Land deal stand-off continues in China village*](#) – BBC News.

[Russia, Internal Politics] [*Russian Officials File New Charges Against Navalny*](#) – Associated Press.

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[Bangladesh, Internal Politics, Microfinance] [*Bangladesh targets only Nobel prize winner, claims he is 'un-Islamic'*](#) – Agence France-Presse.

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[Iran, Internal Politics, U.S.] [Tehran removes anti-U.S. billboards, sparking more debate over Rouhani's foreign policy](#) – Washington Post.

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[Canada, Internal Politics] [Alleged drug video involving Mayor Rob Ford reportedly obtained by Toronto Police](#) – CBS/Associated Press.

[Syrian Civil War, Unconfirmed] [Reports huge blast 'destroys Syrian air defence base' at Latakia; Israel blamed](#) – Melbourne Herald Sun.

[Japan, Internal Politics] [Japan lawmaker breaks taboo with nuclear fears letter for emperor](#) – Reuters.

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