

## **Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 8 October**

**[Illegal Fishing, Sierra Leone, Europe]** [West African fishing communities drive off 'pirate' fishing trawlers](#) – The Guardian.

**[South Korea, Environment, Water, Industrial Accidents]** [South Korea Acid Spill Now Threatens Waterways, Government Declares Disaster Zone After 3,200 Injured](#) – OOSKANews. (Selected [social media and public responses](#) from Global Voices.)

**[Philippines Military, Corruption]** [The Philippines' Great National Security Challenge \(and it's NOT China\)](#) – The Diplomat, Flashpoints blog.

**[South Korea, Russia, Energy, North Korea]** [S. Korea, Russia Agree to Push Gas Pipeline Through N. Korea](#) – Chosunilbo.

**[France, Terrorism]** [France 'uncovers biggest bomb plot in years'](#) – BBC News.

**[Turkey, Syria]** [Turkey Threatens Even Stronger Response to Syrian Fire](#) – Bloomberg News.

**[Israel, UAVs]** [Israel intercepts suspicious aircraft near Tel Aviv](#) – Xinhua. (The BBC also reported that [Hezbollah admitted to launching a drone](#) that was downed previously over the Negev.)

**[Argentina, Ghana, Finance]** [Argentina says 'Arrh, no!' to Paul Singer's \\$20 million demand for seized ship](#) – New York Post.

**[Economy, IMF]** [Global financial confidence "very fragile", euro crisis key threat: IMF](#) – Reuters.

**[Japan, Nuclear Power, Government Agencies, Opinion]** [Fukushima Slugfest – Japan's New Nuclear Regulation Authority](#) – Forbes.

**[Venezuela, Internal Politics, Elections]** [Chavez foes make gains in vote but face struggles](#) – Associated Press. ([Public sentiment and social media excerpts](#) from Global Voices.)

**[U.S. Army, Federal Budget]** [Army to Congress: Thanks, but no tanks](#) – CNN, Security Clearance blog.

**[Russian Military, Personnel]** [Russian Military Pay Rises, But Draft to Remain – Chief](#) – RIA Novosti.

[Stocks, Facebook, SEC] [Bloomberg's bomb: How SEC shredded Facebook's pre-IPO claims](#) – The Register.

[Afghanistan, U.S., IEDs, Contracting] [Afghans Sold U.S. Troops Bogus Bomb Protection](#) – Wired.com, Danger Room blog.

[Mali, U.N., France, ECOWAS, Military Intervention, Terrorism] [The bicycle theory of international diplomacy drives Mali debate into slow motion](#) – Foreign Policy, Turtle Bay blog.

[Weapons Platforms, Precision Munitions, Economics] [Expendable Missiles vs. Reusable Platform Costs and Historical Data](#) – RAND Corporation. ([Commentary](#) on the report from Center for a New American Security's Abu Muqawama blog.)

[Defense Industry, BAE-EADS Merger Talks] [Analysis: BAE-EADS merger collapse shifts focus to smaller deals](#) – Reuters.

[Philippines, U.S., Basing] [Philippines Sees Naval Port As Vital To U.S. Presence in Pacific](#) – Defense News.

[Philippines, Moro Islamic Liberation Front, Insurgency, Peace Building] [Trust, Communication Enabled Philippines Peace Deal](#) – World Politics Review.

[Japan Self Defense Forces, Amphibious Warfare] [Everything You Want to Know About Japan's Marines](#) – Japan Security Watch.

[Taiwan, U.S., Visas] [US allows visa-free travel for Taiwanese](#) – Straits Times.

[Turkey, Syria, Russia, Air Travel] [Turkey releases detained Syrian passenger plane](#) – Deutsche Welle. (Turkey's Prime Minister said that the plane carried [ammunition and defense equipment](#), according to BBC News.)

[U.S. Air Force, Fuel Consumption] ['Vortex surfing' could be revolutionary](#) – Air Mobility Command Public Affairs.

[Pakistan-Russia Relations] [Pakistan and Russia – Another Tricky 'Reset' With Global Consequences](#) – Kommersant/Worldcrunch.

[Brazil, Crime, Police] [War Breaks Out Between Police and Sao Paulo's Biggest Gang](#) – Folha de S.Paulo/Worldcrunch.

[Mexico, Torture, Legal] [Torture cases rise sharply in Mexico, Amnesty International says](#) – Los Angeles Times.

[Yemen, Terrorism, U.S.] [\*Yemeni Employee at American Embassy in Sana Is Killed\*](#) – New York Times.

[U.S., Libya Embassy Attack, CIA, Unconfirmed] [\*Should the CIA Share Some of the Blame for Benghazi?\*](#) – The Atlantic Wire.

[Naval Forces, Technology, Science Fiction] [\*Taking a Page From Sci-Fi\*](#) – The Diplomat, The Naval Diplomat blog.

[Greece, Economy] [\*Greek Unemployment Rises Above 25 Percent\*](#) – Associated Press.

[Russia, U.S., Weapons Treaties] [\*Russia says it will not renew arms agreement with U.S.\*](#) – Reuters.

[Taiwan, Open Source Intelligence, Radar] [\*Taiwan to ask Apple maps to blur sensitive radar site\*](#) – The Telegraph.

[U.S. Navy, Railguns, Technology] [\*Dahlgren Tests Second Railgun\*](#) – Fredericksburg Freelance-Star.