

## Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 2 September 2013

[al Qaeda, UAVs, U.S.] [U.S. documents detail al-Qaeda's efforts to fight back against drones](#) – Washington Post.

[Australia, Elections] [Tony Abbott poised for victory in Australia elections](#) – The Guardian. (Bloomberg News published a [primer](#) on the policies and parties involved, and The Economist offers [commentary](#) on the candidates.)

[Pakistan, Law Enforcement, Counterterrorism, Internal Politics] [Nisar says Karachi 'operation' to start in two days](#) – Dawn.

[Global Economy, U.S., Monetary Policy, IMF] [IMF sees emerging economies vulnerable to U.S. tapering](#) – Reuters.

[Egypt, Shipping, Terrorism, Suez Canal] [Egypt arrests three after gun attack on ship in Suez Canal – source](#) – Reuters. (Egyptian authorities also [attacked militants](#) in the Sinai, killing 15 with helicopter rocket fire.)

[Venezuela, Energy, Infrastructure] [Venezuelan refineries operating at 74 percent – internal PDVSA document](#) – Reuters.

[Syrian Electronic Army, Cybersecurity, Hactivist Groups] [Syrian Electronic Army Denies New Data Leaks](#) – Krebs on Security.

[Israel, Russia, U.S., Ballistic Missile Defense, Military Exercises] [Israeli Sparrow targets trigger ballistic panic](#) – FlightGlobal, The DEW Line blog.

[Egypt, Assassinations, Government Figures] [Egyptian minister Mohammed Ibrahim survives car bomb](#) – Agence France-Presse/Bloomberg News.

[U.S. Navy, Fighter Aircraft] [Boeing Pitches Advanced Super Hornet](#) – USNI News.

[Finland, Business, U.S., IT] [Microsoft's acquisition of Nokia 'has big symbolic value,' says Finnish minister](#) – The Guardian.

[Afghanistan, Afghan National Army, U.S. Army] [U.S. Soldiers Find Surprise on Returning to Afghan Valley: Peace](#) – New York Times.

[Venezuela, Energy, Infrastructure] [Power cut leaves most of Venezuela without electricity](#) – BBC News. (BBC News [also reported](#) that the Venezuelan government announced it was forming a security unit responsible for the country's electrical system after the outage.)

[Mexico, Internal Politics, Taxes] [Mexico Tax Overhaul to Shield Poor From Food, Medicine Hikes: Lawmakers](#) – New York Times.

[Syrian Civil War, al Qaeda Affiliates] [As US strike looms, al-Qaeda-linked rebels attack regime-held Christian village](#) – Associated Press.

[Venezuela, World Bank, Business, Energy] [World Bank arbitration court says Venezuela failed to compensate Conoco for seized assets](#) – Associated Press.

[North Korea, Diplomacy(?)] [Rodman Returns to North Korea to See Kim](#) – New York Times.

[China, Corruption, Internal Politics] [Jiang Jiemin: China sacks former energy chief](#) – BBC News.

[Russia, Art, Internal Politics, Lulz] [Naked Putin and Obama painting seized](#) – Agence France-Presse.

[North Korea, Media, South Korea, U.S., Japan] [North Korea Changes Its Tune \(Again\)](#) – The Diplomat.

[South Africa, Precious Metals, Labor, Internal Politics] [South African gold miners go on strike](#) – BBC News.

[China, Pollution, Water] [Pollutants From Plant Killed Fish in China](#) – New York Times.

[Afghanistan, Taliban, U.S.] [Taliban bombers attack US base in Afghanistan](#) – BBC News.

[U.K., Architecture, Lulz] [London skyscraper's 'deathray' reflection is melting cars, burning businesses, but also cooking eggs](#) – National Post.