

Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 31 March 2014

[European Union, Internet, Communications] [EU Parliament votes to end roaming, protect 'net neutrality'](#) – Reuters.

[U.S., USAID, Cuba, Social Media] [U.S. secretly created 'Cuban Twitter' to stir unrest](#) – Associated Press.

[China, PLA, Corruption, Internal Politics] [Leader of China Aims at Military With Graft Case](#) – New York Times.

[Russian Army, Military Equipment, Crimea Crisis, Photojournalism] [Is That an R-330Zh ZHitel on the Road in Crimea?](#) – New York Times.

[Ukraine, Leadership, Russia, Crimea Crisis] [AP Interview: Yanukovich Admits Mistakes On Crimea](#) – Associated Press.

[Japan, Vietnam, Defense Cooperation] [Japan and Vietnam Expand Defense Partnership](#) – USNI News.

[Israel, Corruption, Internal Politics] [Former Israeli Leader Is Convicted of Taking Bribes](#) – New York Times.

[NATO, Leadership] [Norway's Stoltenberg appointed as new NATO chief](#) – Associated Press.

[Turkey, Internet Censorship, Internal Politics] [Turkey Blocks Users from Accessing Tor Website to Prevent Censorship Circumvention](#) – Softpedia.

[South Korea, North Korea, Borders] [South Korean island evacuated after exchange of fire with North Korea](#) – Associated Press.

[Venezuela, Protests] [Venezuela forces 'clear' protest city of San Cristobal](#) – BBC News.

[U.S., U.K., German, Cybersecurity, Espionage, Communications, Aviation Industry] [Snowden files latest: NSA and GCHQ targeted German satcomms](#) – The Register.

[Ukraine, NATO, Military Exercises] [Ukraine agrees to host NATO war games](#) – Agence France-Presse. (Russia briefly [warned](#) Ukraine against further NATO integration, Reuters reported.)

[U.S., China, Philippines, Disputed Territories] [US accuses China of provoking Philippines](#) – Agence France-Presse. (Reporters were onboard a Philippine vessel during the most recent confrontation and took [several photos](#), BBC News reported.)

[Ukraine, Crime, Internal Politics] [Ukraine accuses ex-president over sniper deaths](#) – Reuters.

[Germany, Airlines, Labor] [Lufthansa to cancel 3,800 flights over pilots' strike](#) – BBC News.

[Lithuania, Media, Russia] [Lithuania bans Russian TV station over 'lies'](#) – Reuters.

[U.S., Surveillance, Internal Politics] [U.S. confirms warrantless searches of Americans](#) – Associated Press.

[Italy, Separatist Movements, Internal Politics] [Italy police arrest 24 for plotting violent Veneto secession](#) – Reuters.

-----[Related]-----

[Ukraine, Cybersecurity] [MiniDuke Malware Used in Targeted Attacks Against Ukraine](#) – Softpedia.

[Russia, Ukraine, China, Hactivist Groups, Espionage] [Hackers Breach Chinese Embassy in Moscow, Reveal How Russia Spied on Ukraine](#) – Softpedia.

-----[Related]-----

[Japan, Energy, Nuclear Power, Internal Politics] [Japan may only be able to restart one-third of its nuclear reactors](#) – Reuters.

[NATO, Lithuania, Russia, Airspace] [Lithuania says rising number of Russian jets flying too close for comfort](#) – Reuters.

[Uganda, DRC, Refugees] [Uganda Lake Albert boat disaster 'killed 251 refugees'](#) – BBC News.

[Japan, China, International Development] [Japan Takes On China Far From Home – in Africa](#) – Newsweek.

[Egypt, Leadership, Internal Politics] [Sedki Sobhi sworn in as Egypt's new military chief](#) – BBC News.

[Fiji, Elections, Internal Politics] [Fiji sets 17 September general election date](#) – BBC News.

[USAF, Spacecraft] [Classified X-37B space plane breaks space longevity record](#) – IDG News Service.

[China, U.S., Cybersecurity] [Chinese CERT accuses US of carrying out 3.6 million cyber attacks on its systems](#) – V3.co.uk.

[South Sudan, Refugees] [UN: Over one million displaced by South Sudan conflict](#) – BBC News.

[U.S., CIA, Internal Politics] [CIA misled on interrogation program, Senate report says](#) – Washington Post.

[Ukrainian Navy, Crimea Crisis, Russia] [One-Ship Ukraine Navy Defies Russia to the End](#) – Wall Street Journal.

[USAF, Rockets, Russia, Defense Industry] [Lawmakers Question Air Force's Use of Russian Rocket Engines](#) – DefenseTech.

[Kenya, Transportation, Urban Development] [Kenyan commuters hit by bus chaos over speed monitors](#) – BBC News.

[Russia, Crimea Crisis, Ukraine] [Flexing Control, Russia Raises Pensions for Crimeans](#) – New York Times.

[U.S., Japan, Diplomacy, Internal Politics, Commentary/Analysis] [U.S.-Japan Relations: Not So Sweet Caroline](#) – The Diplomat.

[Nigeria, Boko Haram] [Nigeria 'attempted jailbreak' leaves more than 20 dead](#) – BBC News.

[Russia, Ukraine, Business, Internal Politics] [Ukrainian-owned Chocolate Factory In Russia Raided By Masked Men And Shut Down](#) – Reuters.

[Japan, Arms Transfers, Internal Politics, China] [Japan Loosens Restrictions on Arms Exports As China Looks On](#) – The Diplomat, The Editor blog.

[Chile, Natural Disasters] [Chile aftershock forces second coastal evacuation in two days](#) – Bloomberg News.

[U.S., Ukraine, India, Crime] [Billionaire Ukrainian industrialist indicted in Chicago on bribery charges](#) – Chicago Tribune.

[Navigation, Russia] [Russia's Glonass GPS system suffers major disruption](#) – IDG News Service.

[Liberia, Senegal, Infectious Diseases] [Ebola: Liberia confirms cases, Senegal shuts border](#) – BBC News.

[U.S., Narcotics Smuggling, Caribbean] [Almost 2 tons of cocaine seized off Puerto Rico coast](#) – Reuters.

[U.S., Israel, Diplomacy, Espionage] [Jonathan Pollard, spy for Israel, could go free in emerging Mideast peace deal](#) – CNN.

[Turkey, Elections, Internal Politics] [Turkey PM Erdogan claims election victory](#) – BBC News.

[Ukraine, U.S., International Aid, Corruption] [Corruption Still Plagues Ukraine as West Pumps in Aid](#) – Time.

[U.S., NSA, Cybersecurity] [Exclusive: NSA infiltrated RSA security more deeply than thought – study](#) – Reuters.

[Japan, Whaling, Australia, UN] [Japan accepts court ban on Antarctic whaling](#) – BBC News.

[Lebanon, Refugees, Syrian Civil War] [Lebanon marks ‘devastating’ milestone with millionth refugee](#) – Reuters.

[Rwanda, U.S., International Aid, Human Rights, Civil Society] [Exclusive: Top Lawmaker Proposes Cuts to Rwanda Aid](#) – Foreign Policy.

[USMC, Romania] [U.S. sending 175 Marines to Romania as part of Africa crisis team](#) – Reuters.

[Pakistan, Leadership, Assassinations] [Former Pakistani military rule Pervez Musharraf escapes bombing](#) – Los Angeles Times.

[Indonesia, Internal Politics] [Suharto family tests Indonesia political comeback on strongman’s legacy](#) – Reuters.