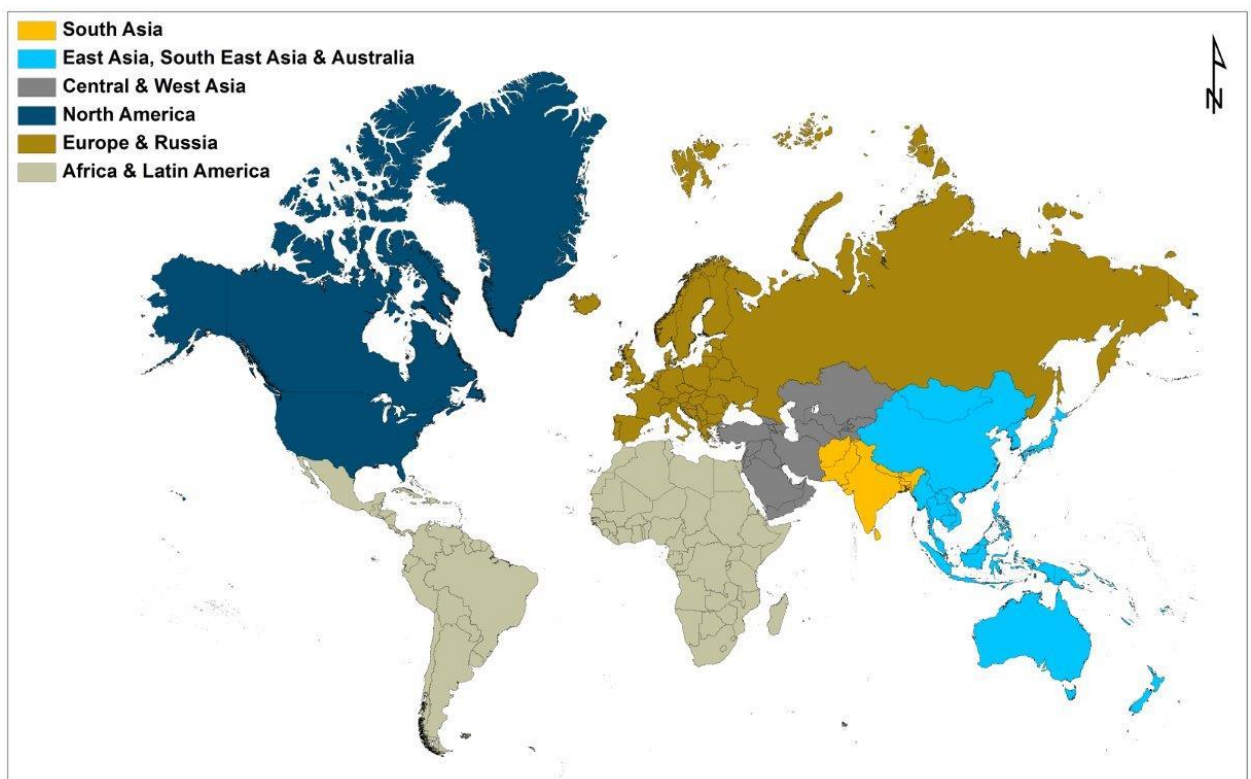




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South Asia

India

[We meet criteria for preferential trade status, India tells US ahead of PM Modi's visit](#)

September 19, 2019, Hindustan Times

New Delhi has been one of the biggest beneficiaries of the Generalised System of Preferences scheme that allowed zero tariff entry to some imports from 120 countries. In June this year, the US has removed India from the removed India from the list of beneficiaries under the GSP which allowed duty-free entry of Indian goods to US.

[Energy deals, address to UNGA on PM's agenda during US visit](#)

September 15, 2019, Live Mint

The unveiling of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's signature initiative, the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, a series of bilateral and multilateral meetings, and an address to the UN General Assembly is expected to mark his six-day visit to the US, which begins on 22 September.

[White House confirms Donald Trump will attend PM Modi rally in US](#)

September 16, 2019, The Times of India

The White House has formally confirmed that US President Donald Trump will participate in the Howdy Modi rally in Houston, Texas on September 22 leading up to the Indian Prime Minister's visit to the US next week.

[Trump's U-turn on the Taliban is good for India and the world](#)

September 15, 2019, Live Mint

On 7 September, US President Donald Trump tweeted that he had cancelled meetings planned for the next day with Taliban leaders and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, and "called off peace negotiations" on Afghanistan. The immediate reason he cited was a Taliban attack in Kabul that had killed 12 people, including an American soldier. Later, he said that the talks were "dead". This is good news for Afghanistan, India and the world.

[PoK a part of India, one day will have physical jurisdiction: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar](#)

September 12, 2019, The Indian Express

This is the first time in recent years that an External Affairs Minister has spoken of taking physical possession of PoK – and this goes much beyond the 1994 Parliament resolution on Jammu and Kashmir.

[Kashmir may not be 'major topic' during Modi-Xi meet: Chinese foreign ministry](#)

September 18, 2019, The Indian Express

Kashmir may not be a “major topic” during the informal talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping likely to be held next month in India, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said.

[National Security Adviser AjitDoval ready with India's new military doctrine](#)

September 19, 2019, Hindustan Times

India's Defence Planning Committee (DPC), headed by National Security Adviser AjitDoval, is expected to submit the National Security Strategy (NSS), effectively the country's military doctrine, to the government in October, focusing on future war fronts, the requirement (if any) of naval expeditionary forces, and the projection of comprehensive national power.

[IAF Wing Commander Anjali Singh first-ever woman defenceattache at overseas mission](#)

September 16, 2019, Zee News

Wing Commander Singh has been posted with the Indian embassy in Moscow, Russia, as the Deputy Air Attache on September 10. She is an Aeronautical Engineer (Electronics) officer with 17 years of service and has been trained on the MiG-29 combat aircraft.

[Indian Air Force successfully flight tests air-to-air Astra missile from Sukhoi-30 MKI](#)

September 17, 2019, India Today

Astra is an indigenous Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Astra missile with a range of over 70 km developed by the DRDO. The missile can fly towards its target at a speed of over 5,555 kilometres per hour. It has a 15-kilogramme high-explosive pre-fragmented warhead.

[Indian delegation to visit US ahead of PM Modi's address to UNGA](#)

September 16, 2019, MoneyControl

The delegation will be visiting the US on September 17 and include Congress leaders Manish Tewari and Jaiveer Shergill, BJP's Rajiv Pratap Rudy and Shiv Sena's Priyanka Chaturvedi. The delegation will visit both Washington DC and New York, where they will participate in discussions on various international issues, including the Indo-US relations and the impact of US-Afghan rumblings on South Asia peace and stability.

[Foreign policy: 'Latin American and Caribbean to get more attention in next five years'](#)

September 18, 2019, Financial Express

The Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region is going to get more focus in the coming years which are in line with the government's policy to expand its interactions and presence with the region.

[S Jaishankar to visit Finland from September 19-21](#)

September 18, 2019, Financial Express

The EAM will hold talks with the top leadership of that country to strengthen bilateral ties. Jaishankar will have detailed discussions with Finnish Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto on a broad spectrum of bilateral relations pursuant to the meeting of the prime ministers of India and Finland on the margins of the India-Nordic Summit in April 2018 in Stockholm, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement.

[Amit Shah reviews security situation in J&K](#)

September 17, 2019, Indian Express

The meeting was attended by NSA Ajit Doval, Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba, Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla and IB chief Arvind Kumar, among others. Issues ranging from infiltration from across the border, ceasefire violations by Pakistan on the Line of Control (LoC) and international border, presence of militants in the Valley, forced shutting of shops and markets and anticipation of public unrest were discussed.

[At 17.5 million, Indian diaspora largest in the world: UN report](#)

September 18, 2019, MoneyControl

The International Migrant Stock 2019, a dataset released by the Population Division of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) today,

provides the latest estimates of the number of international migrants by age, sex and origin for all countries and areas of the world.

[India will soar high if Pak stoops low by raising Kashmir issue at UN: Syed Akbaruddin](#)

September 20, 2019, India Today

At a press conference, India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Syed Akbaruddin was asked whether he expected the Kashmir issue to come up during the UN General Assembly session, and, if so, how will India tackle it. He responded by saying that "it is for every country to determine its trajectory of how it wants to approach global platforms. There may be some who stoop low. Our response to them is we soar high. They may stoop low, we soar high."

[Navy to ask Centre for 18% of defence budget](#)

September 18, 2019, The Economic Times

The navy's Vice Chief, Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar, said that for the current financial year the navy's share of the defence budget is 13.66 percent and hinted that this was low. While adding that the navy wants its share to be increased to 18 percent as was the case in 2012-13, he added that it would ask the government for additional funds during the revised estimates later this year.

[Defence Ministry signs ₹5,500 crore Akash SAM contract](#)

September 17, 2019, The Hindu

Though Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) are the main vendors, almost 150 private vendors are involved.

[India to achieve US\\$ 26 billion defence industry by 2025: Defence Minister](#)

September 18, Business Standard

Addressing the second annual session of Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers, Rajnath Singh said that the Defence sector has been identified as one of the most prominent sectors under Make in India Initiative to realize US\$ 5 Trillion Economy by 2024. Underlining the need to reduce dependency on arms imports, the Defence Minister said several steps have been taken under the Make in India initiative to make the country a major Defence manufacturing hub and net Defence exporter. The Government would not hesitate to initiate more measures, if required, he added.

[Rajnath Singh is first Indian defence minister to fly in Tejas](#)

September 19, 2019, Business Standard

In flying in the Indian fighter, he was signalling confidence in the indigenous fighter programme. His predecessor, Nirmala Sitharaman, chose to fly in a Russian-origin Sukhoi-30MKI last year.

Pakistan

[Cops deployed in Swat to counter militancy](#)

September 14, 2019, The News

Following reports about the emergence of the Taliban militants in the Buner district, a heavy contingent of the police was deployed at the Elam Mountain in Swat.

[Pak Navy ship Alamgir visits Oman](#)

September 15, 2019, The News

Pakistan Navy Ship, Alamgir, visited Port Salalah, Oman, as part of Overseas Deployment for Regional Maritime Security Patrols (RMSP) aimed at ensuring safety and security of international shipping along critical choke points. PNS Alamgir is fitted with state of the art weapons and sensors; capable of undertaking wide range of maritime operations in a multi-threat environment.

[Pakistan, China to launch 13 mega projects in agri sector](#)

September 17, 2019, The News

Pakistan Government is mulling 13 mega projects in agriculture sector across the country in collaboration with China, while it has also sought technical assistance from New Zealand to improve dairy production and value addition.

[US applauds PM Imran's statement on Kashmir](#)

September 20, 2019, The News

Alice G Wells, assistant secretary of state for South and Central Asia has lauded Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan for his remarks that anyone from Pakistan going to Kashmir to fight would be doing injustice.

[Deal signed with ExxonMobil for supply of LNG to transport sector](#)

September 19, 2019, Dawn

ExxonMobil, signed an agreement with Universal Gas Distribution Company (UGDC) to supply liquefied natural gas (LNG) to the Pakistan's transport sector. The agreement was signed in Houston, Texas by Vice President of ExxonMobil Richard Rayfield and Chief Executive of UGDC Ghiyas Abdullah Paracha.

[FDI nosedives 58pc in July-August](#)

September 19, 2019, Dawn

Foreign direct investment (FDI) into the country plunged by 58.4 per cent during the first two months of this fiscal year. The total FDI during the July-August period fell to \$156.7 million from \$376.9m in the same period last year. Moreover, on a month-on-month basis, the FDI inflows in August declined by a massive 57.8pc to \$83.4m from \$197.9m in August 2018.

[MNAs Wazir, Dawar granted bail](#)

September 19, 2019, Dawn

The Peshawar High Court on Wednesday granted bail to MNAs Ali Wazir and Mohsin Dawar in the Kharqamar incident wherein a clash between security forces and activists of the Pashtun Tahaffuz Movement in May had left 13 people dead and several others injured.

[Pakistan denies use of airspace to Modi](#)

September 19, 2019, Dawn

Pakistan has decided not to grant India's request for Prime Minister Narendra Modi to use its airspace for his flight to Germany in the last week of September.

[Pakistan participates in Russian military exercise](#)

September 18, 2019, Dawn

Russia started a massive military exercise involving 128,000 troops and the militaries of several allies, including Pakistan, under the ambit of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation on September 16. The weeklong military exercise called TSENTR (Center) 2019 began at Donguz in Orenburg region, with the opening ceremony attended by senior military officials of all participating countries.

[Pakistan should build buffers to absorb shocks: IMF](#)

September 18, 2019, Dawn

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) asked Pakistan to increase buffers in order to absorb unexpected internal and external shocks to the economy as it faced criticism from parliamentarians for designing a programme that caused difficulties for the people and businesses.

[Pakistan provides sanctuary to terrorists, promote terrorism in India: European Union MPs](#)

September 18, 2019, The Times of India

In a major blow to Pakistan, several Ministers of European Parliament have called out the Islamic nation for providing sanctuary to terrorists and for promoting terrorism across LoC in India.

Afghanistan

[Damaged power lines cause severe electricity cut in 11 provinces](#)

September 15, 2019, Tolo News

Electric power imported from Uzbekistan was drastically cut in 11 Afghan provinces, including Kabul, after Taliban destroyed two power pylons in the northern province of Baghlan.

[Taliban delegation visits Russia after Trump says talks 'dead'](#)

September 14, 2019, Aljazeera

Taliban representatives have held discussions with Russian officials in Moscow on September 13, just days after US President Donald Trump declared months-long peace talks between Washington and the group "dead".

[Taliban Lift Ban On Red Cross, Pledge To Protect Aid Workers In Afghanistan](#)

September 16, 2019, NPR

The Taliban removed 5-month-old ban that prevented staff with the International Committee of the Red Cross from working in Afghanistan, saying they also will renew security guarantees for the aid workers. The new arrangement was worked out during talks in Doha, Qatar.

[UN extends Afghan Mission after China Veto threat](#)

September 17, 2019, RFERL

The UN Security Council has unanimously extended its assistance mission in Afghanistan after China withdrew its threat of a veto if the text did not mention Beijing's Belt and Road infrastructure initiative. The 15 members of the council on September 17 extended the mission for one year with a compromise text, negotiated by Germany and Indonesia, that doesn't mention "any specific initiative" but refers to promotion of "regional cooperation and connectivity," according to diplomats.

[UN adopts Afghan resolution without China's Belt and Road](#)

September 18, 2019, The Times of India

The UN Security Council unanimously adopted a compromise resolution extending the UN political mission in Afghanistan that drops a Chinese demand to include a reference to China's \$ 1 trillion "belt and road" initiative but stresses the need for regional connectivity.

[US withholds Afghan funds over corruption](#)

September 20, 2019, Tolo News

The United States on announced it is withdrawing about \$100 million earmarked for an Afghan energy project and would withhold another \$60 million in planned assistance.

[U.S. drone strike kills 30 pine nut farm workers in Afghanistan](#)

September 19, 2019, Reuters

A U.S. drone strike intended to hit an Islamic State (IS) hideout in Afghanistan killed at least 30 civilians resting after a day's labor in the fields.

[Suicide attack at Ghani campaign rally kills 26, wounds 42](#)

September 17, 2019, Tolo News

26 people have been killed and 42 wounded on September 17 by a suicide bomber at President Ghani's campaign rally in the central province of Parwan.

[Afghan Govt. people should be included in Peace Process: India](#)

September 13, 2019, Tolo News

India on said that any peace process should have "full consent" of the Afghan government and the Afghan people, days after US President Donald Trump called off negotiations with the Taliban in which the two sides "agreed in principle" on a

deal which would allow a gradual withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan.

Bangladesh

[Rohingyas, a big burden for Bangladesh: PM](#)

September 19, 2019, The Daily Star

"Rohingyas are a big burden for Bangladesh. Local people of Cox's Bazar have to face sufferings because of them (Rohingyas)... Myanmar should take their citizens back". The prime minister said this when visiting Chair of UK All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Anne Main-headed UK Conservative Friends of Bangladesh (CFoB) and the delegation of UK APPG on Population, Development and Reproductive Health jointly met the Prime Minister at the latter's official residence.

[UAE investors set to inject \\$10 billion into Bangladesh economy](#)

September 14, 2019, Gulf News

A number of UAE business groups are set to invest \$10 billion (Dh36.7 billion) into Bangladesh, according to data compiled by Bangladesh Economic Forum. The Forum kicked-off in Dubai on September 15, with more than 300 government officials, business leaders, investors and entrepreneurs participating. The one-day conference aims to strengthen the flow of trade and investment between the UAE and Bangladesh. Bangladeshis are major investors in the UAE economy where more than 50,000 businesses are owned and run by Bangladeshi expatriates who employ more than 150,000 people collectively.

[Bangladesh wants central role for south in int'l economic decision making](#)

September 13, 2019, Dhaka Tribune

Permanent Representative (PR) of Bangladesh to the UN Ambassador Masud Bin Momen has stressed the importance of the role of southern countries in the decision-making process of international economy. He was speaking at an event to observe the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation -- 41st Anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action -- at the UN Headquarters. The ambassador said there must be a more central role for the south in the international economic decision-making.

[India-Bangladesh talks to focus on defence cooperation, Aerospace research and economic cooperation](#)

September 13, 2019, Financial Express

According to sources, ahead of the visit, the Chief of the Indian Navy Admiral Karamveer Singh will be going on a goodwill visit to Dhaka, which is expected to give a boost to the defence cooperation and maritime security between the two countries.

[Indian Coast Guard chief on 3-day visit to Bangladesh](#)

September 16, 2019, The Daily Star

Director General Krishnaswamy Natarajan's visit will strengthen the cooperation particularly in the field of maritime domain and will fortify the close and fraternal ties existing between the coast guards of both nations, according to a press release issued by High Commission of India. During his visit, Natarajan will be calling on high ranking dignitaries of Bangladesh including the home Minister, chief of naval staff and the DG Bangladesh Coast Guard. He will also attend the High-Level Meeting between Indian and Bangladeshi Coast Guards.

[Bangladesh FM Momen to visit France, Germany next month](#)

September 13, 2019, Bd News

During the visit, he will meet his French and German counterparts along with business leaders in the European countries, among others. In France, he will attend an Economic Forum to be organised by the French Senate.

[BNS SomudraAvijan arrives in Visakhapatnam](#)

September 14, 2019, Sify News

During its stay at Visakhapatnam, a series of activities are scheduled between the two navies which include professional interactions, cross visits, sporting events and social interactions between the Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy personnel.

[BAF chief to visit China today](#)

September 15, 2019, New Age Bangladesh

During the visit, the chief will call on with General Wei Fenghe, state councillor and minister of National Defence, China and General Ding Laihang, commander of PLA Air Force where they will exchange views on bilateral issues of mutual interest.

Nepal

['Nepal won't accept military activities that would breach foreign policy'](#)

September 15, 2019, Khabarhub

Speaking at press meet organized on 'Belt and Road Initiative', Minister for Foreign Affairs Pradeep Kumar Gyawali said the incumbent government won't accept any military activities that will invite conflict between countries. He clarified that Nepal's foreign policy doesn't expect hostility with any countries like the US, China, India. He added that Nepal's foreign policy had kept the country's interest at the center stage and it won't deviate from that.

[Belt And Road Initiatives Beneficial To Nepal: Chairman Dahal](#)

September 15, 2019, Nepal24hours

At a programme named 'BRI Dialogue' head of Nepal's ruling party, Chairman Dahal argued that there was no military alliance in the BRI but an initiative of collective development and social harmony. So, involvement on it could be beneficial for Nepal's development. "BRI's vision is the prosperity of human being with social harmony. It is not for any country's will to be superpower. Rail connectivity, road infrastructures and communication were imperative for Nepal. Nepal signed for it with long homework," he reminded.

[Nepal power export plans in doubt as India reviews options](#)

September 20, 2019, Nikkei Asian Review

\$500m hydropower project cut sharply due to a dimming profit outlook.

[Centre mulling security fencing on Indo-Nepal border to curb trafficking: BJP MP Akshaibar Lal](#)

September 17, 2019, New Indian Express

BJP MP Akshaibar Lal said that the Centre is mulling the possibility of fencing the Indo-Nepal border to curb such illegal activities. "It has been discussed in Parliament several times like the fencing on the Pakistan border", he said.

['MoU for Building Kerung-Kathmandu Tunnel Way Will Be Inked during Chinese President's Nepal Visit'](#)

September 14, 2019, Nepal24hours

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Ishwar Pokharel has said an agreement would be reached in connection with the construction of Kerung-

Kathmandu tunnel way for operating rail service, during Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to Nepal.

[Nepal-China relations and geopolitical dynamics](#)

September 19, 2019, Asia Times

Although Nepal's relations with China are ancient, the geographical barrier of the Himalayas has made people-to-people contact difficult. Therefore, the latest discourse in the political, diplomatic and intellectual circles in Nepal with respect to China has been focused on the need to enhance connectivity between the two countries.

Sri Lanka

[Sri Lanka to hold presidential election on November 16](#)

September 19, 2019, Al Jazeera

Sri Lanka's Election Commission Chairman Mahinda Deshapriya said almost 16 million people in the country are eligible to vote in the election and that there could be a record 18 candidates. Following a 2015 constitutional amendment, the next president will have fewer powers than his predecessors.

[China-run Hambantota port in Sri Lanka links with Thailand's Ranong](#)

September 17, 2019, Hellenic Shipping News

Sri Lanka's China managed Hambantota Port has inked a deal with Thailand's Ranong port with a view to developing shipping routes in the region, the company said. A joint working group will be established to develop coastal shipping in the Bay of Bengal between the two ports. Ranong Port had recently signed an agreement with India's Krishnapatnam port.

[Sri Lanka concerned about Brexit, US-China trade war](#)

September 17, 2019, Colombo Gazette

Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, speaking at the Sri Lanka Economic Summit 2019, said that the ongoing US-China trade war will have an impact on global trade. He also noted that Brexit will have an impact on Sri Lanka with the UK being an important trading partner of Sri Lanka.

[Sri Lanka President thank China for continuous support given for over 60 years](#)

September 19, 2019, Colombo Page

Sri Lanka President Maithripala Sirisena meeting with a Chinese official delegation thanked China for the support extended to the island nation for more than 60 years. Member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, Chen Min'er and his delegation called on the Sri Lankan President at the President's Office on Sept 18 and held a detailed discussion on a wide range of subjects on bilateral relations, economic cooperation and regional stability.

[Sri Lanka unveils South Asia's tallest tower, funded by China](#)

September 16, 2019, The Hindu

Sri Lanka unveiled South Asia's tallest tower, costing over \$100 million, 80% of which has been funded by China under the controversial Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The 350-metre-tall 17-storey Lotus Tower, located in the heart of Colombo city, comprises a television tower, a hotel, a telecommunications museum, restaurants, auditorium, an observation deck, a shopping mall and a conference centre.

Maldives

[Maldives foreign minister meets Chinese vice president](#)

September 19, 2019, Maldives Independent

The pair discussed "various aspects of the bilateral relations" at the Ziguang Pavilion and Shahid "applauded President Xi and the government of China for bringing economic growth and social development for the people of China".

[Maldives to back Palestine in UN General Assembly](#)

September 15, 2019, The Edition

Maldives would extend its full support to Palestine during the upcoming 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly, and will vote accordingly on a number of resolutions articulating this support.

East & South East Asia

China

[China urges U.S. to stop pushing Tibet-related bill](#)

September 19, 2019, Xinhua

China urged the United States to stop pushing a Tibet-related bill and cease using Tibet-related issues to interfere in China's internal affairs, a foreign ministry spokesperson said Thursday.

[China's border region expedites reform to build a financial gateway for ASEAN](#)

September 9, 2019, Xinhua

Pham ThiNguyetHoa, a vendor living in Vietnam's Mong Cai, comes to Dongxing, a southern Chinese port city, to sell Vietnam fruits every day. When night falls, she often ends up with thousands of yuan in her pocket, much more than what she can earn at home.

[Moderating economic data should not be a cause for alarm: China Daily editorial](#)

September 16, 2019, China Daily

Major economic data for August have moderated from the previous month, sparking concerns about further slowdown of China's economy. Such concerns may be somewhat reasonable, but considering the declining trend of major economies across the world, in large part due to rising trade protectionism, and the still-strong growth momentum of the Chinese economy, there is no reason to view China's economic prospects with pessimism.

[US sailing into uncharted waters: China Daily editorial](#)

September 16, 2019 , China Daily

Suppose a country sends its warships with guided missiles regularly to the waters off Hawaii, conducts navy drills in the Gulf of Mexico or the Caribbean Sea targeting "hostile" forces, and test-fires conventional medium-range missiles in the Atlantic or Pacific Ocean near the US coast within just a few months, what would be the United States' response?

[US betrays its disdain for sovereignty: China Daily editorial](#)

September 16, 2019, China Daily

In an obvious show of displeasure with the Solomon Islands leadership's decision to switch diplomatic ties from Taipei to Beijing, US Vice-President Mike Pence has

reportedly canceled his planned meeting with the Pacific island country's prime minister on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York – or later in Washington.

[After Li's Russia visit, ties eye new avenues](#)

September 19, 2019, Global Times

Premier Li Keqiang was on an official visit to Russia from Monday to Wednesday. On Tuesday, Li and his Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev co-chaired the 24th regular meeting between Chinese and Russian heads of government. Li said in an interview published in a Russian newspaper on Monday that China and Russia will raise bilateral cooperation to a higher level. Li's visit to Russia epitomizes China-Russia relations in the new era, pointing the way to the two countries' future cooperation.

[US Congress, secessionists deceive HK](#)

September 19, 2019, Global Times

US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and some House members on Wednesday met Hong Kong's extreme opposition, including Joshua Wong Chi-fung and Denise Ho Wan-see. Pelosi and the House members touted Hong Kong's protests and expressed their support for the Hong Kong protesters' demands, including so-called universal suffrage. Wong and Ho said they are at "the forefront of this great noble fight for universal values." Republican Representative Michael McCaul said that "America stands with you."

[Unlike Australia, India treads softly on ties with US](#)

September 19, 2019, Global Times

US President Donald Trump will travel to Texas on Sunday to attend an event with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi culminating in their third meeting. Later the same day, Trump will join a tour in Ohio with Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison. Why does the US attach importance to advancing relations with India and Australia? Is it indicative of efforts by the superpower to reinforce its Indo-Pacific strategy? Global Times reporter Lu Yuanzhi talked to two Chinese experts.

[US to decline from China containment policy](#)

September 19, 2019, Global Times

The US on Tuesday refused China's demand to include the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in a resolution on the UN's political mission in Afghanistan. The Associated Press quoted Kelly Craft, US ambassador to the UN,

as saying the mission would have had "a stronger substantive mandate" if not for the insistence of a member state - a clear reference to China - demanding language highlighting "national political priorities."

[Groundwork pertinent for fourth Trump-Kim meet](#)

September 17, 2019, Global Times

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un invited US President Donald Trump to visit Pyongyang in a letter sent in August, South Korea's JoongAngIlbo newspaper reported on Monday, citing diplomatic sources. North Korea said on September 9 it was willing to restart denuclearization talks with the US in late September, while Trump hinted reporters on Thursday that he could meet Kim by the end of 2019.

[US bellicose stance cannot jolt China](#)

September 17, 2019, Global Times

George Soros, a US billionaire financier, recently published an article – "Will Trump Sell Out the US on Huawei?" in the Wall Street Journal, hailing Donald Trump administration's China policy is a great achievement. He wrote "[Trump] administration rightly declared Beijing a strategic rival" and "my interest in defeating Xi Jinping's China goes beyond US national interests." What could cause the billionaire's hostility toward China?

[China, ASEAN should enhance mutual understanding](#)

September 17, 2019, Global Times

China and Malaysia agreed on Thursday to establish a dialogue mechanism on the South China Sea issue. This is a very good start for regional countries to seek a benign means to increase mutual understanding and trust. This also shows the will of China and Southeast Asian countries to safeguard peace, stability and development.

[No end in sight for Taiwan's 'diplomatic crises'](#)

September 17, 2019, Global Times

The government of the Solomon Islands has voted to cut "diplomatic ties" with the island of Taiwan and switch to Beijing, media reported on Monday.

[India-Russia ties rest on strategic calculations](#)

September 16, 2019, Global Times

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Russia and participation in the 5th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) in the far-eastern Russian city of Vladivostok

earlier this month underscore efforts to develop symbiotic relations between the nations.

[US hawks' 'China threat' paranoia knows no bounds](#)

September 15, 2019, Global Times

Hawks in the US have found a convenient pretext to push the "China threat" propaganda in the garb of the Hong Kong protests. By ramping up anti-China hysteria, they are trying to tar the country's name closer to a momentous occasion – the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

[Modi does balancing act between US and Russia](#)

September 20, 2019, Global Times

On a two-day trip in early September, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Vladivostok to participate in the 20th India-Russia Annual Summit and attend the fifth meeting of the Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) as chief guest. Given the regularity and steadiness of Russian-Indian bilateral interactions, such a summit might well be ignored as just another ho-hum affair. However, going by the global and regional setting, something geopolitically significant is bound to emerge from Modi's latest Far East trip.

[Using law to safeguard rule of law: China Daily editorial](#)

September 20, 2019, China Daily

That the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government has canceled the annual National Day fireworks show on Oct 1 and Hong Kong Jockey Club called off Wednesday's Happy Valley race, both for security reasons, speaks volumes of the damage the violent demonstrations have caused to the city.

Japan

[Japan agrees to hold bilateral talks with South Korea in WTO dispute](#)

September 20, 2019, Nikkei Asian Review

Japanese Trade Minister Isshu Sugawara said that Tokyo would hold talks with Seoul over Japan's move to tighten export controls to South Korea, agreeing to Seoul's request for consultations as part of a dispute settlement through the World Trade Organization.

[Abe reiterates resolve to hold talks about abductees with N Korean leader Kim](#)

September 17, 2019, Japan Today

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said he remains committed to holding talks with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un without preconditions to resolve the issue of Japanese nationals abducted by Pyongyang in a meeting with their relatives.

[N Korea, Japan gov'ts not communicating despite Abe's summit call](#)

September 20, 2019, Japan Today

The top North Korean negotiator on normalizing ties with Japan said there has been no communication between the two governments since Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in May began calling for a summit, according to a Japanese delegation that returned from Pyongyang.

[Motegi: No summit with S. Korea planned at U.N. meeting](#)

September 18, 2019, The Asahi Shimbun

Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi said no summit meeting or foreign ministers' meeting between Japan and South Korea was planned at the moment, but Tokyo plans to maintain diplomatic dialogue with its neighbor.

[Trump: U.S. reaches trade deals with Japan, no word on cars](#)

September 17, 2019, The Asahi Shimbun

U.S. President Donald Trump said Washington had struck trade agreements with Tokyo that could be implemented without congressional approval, but stopped short of assuring Japan that new tariffs would not be slapped on vital auto exports.

[Japan considering medical aid for Iran](#)

September 17, 2019, Japan Today

Japan is considering offering medical aid to Iran when Prime Minister Shinzo Abe meets with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly later in the month, diplomatic sources said.

[Abe says ASDF may evolve into 'Air and Space SDF'](#)

Sep 18, 2019, Japan Today

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said Tuesday Japan's existing Air Self-Defense Force may "evolve into the Air and Space SDF" in the future as he stressed the need to strengthen the country's defense capabilities in outer space. SDF may evolve into 'Air and Space SDF'.

[Japan, New Zealand to jointly aim for expanded TPP](#)

September 19, 2019, Japan Today

Japan and New Zealand agreed to work toward expanding the existing 11-member trans-Pacific partnership free trade pact as they seek further economic and regional integration in the Indo-Pacific.

Korea

[S. Korea, US to launch negotiations on defense cost sharing next week](#)

September 20, 2019, The Korea Herald

South Korea and the United States will launch negotiations in Seoul next week on sharing the cost of upkeep for American troops here, a source with knowledge of the matter said.

[UNC confirms Hambak Island in Yellow Sea as N. Korean territory](#)

September 20, 2019, The Korea Herald

UNC confirms Hambak Island in The United Nations Command recognizes the border island of Hambak in the Yellow Sea as North Korean territory, an official of Seoul's defense ministry said Yellow Sea as N. Korean territory.

[US is actively engaged to help resolve Korea-Japan row](#)

September 19, 2019, The Korea Times

The United States is actively engaged in efforts to resolve the current trade and historical row between South Korea and Japan, and will continue to encourage both sides to find "positive solutions," a top U.S. official said.

[Korea strips Japan of preferred trade partner status](#)

September 18, 2019, The Korea Times

Korea has removed Japan from its "whitelist" of countries receiving preferential status in the trading of strategic items, the government said.

[US files illegal fishing complaint against S. Korea](#)

September 20, 2019, The Korea Times

US authorities for the first time filed a complaint against South Korea under environmental rules of the free trade pact between Seoul and Washington, over illegal fishing, the government announced complaint against S. Korea.

Southeast Asia

[Malaysia to propose new water tariff to Singapore](#)

September 20, 2019, Nikkei Asian Review

Malaysia will submit a revised price for raw water sales to Singapore, as Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's government pushes ahead with its effort to change the terms of a half-century-long agreement between the neighbors.

[Indonesia forest fires choke Southeast Asian neighbours](#)

September 20, 2019, The Daily Star

Malaysia said it will raise pressure on its Southeast Asian neighbours to find a solution to recurring outbreaks of smog-belching forest fires in Indonesia, as air quality plummeted and more schools closed.

[Malaysia to push Southeast Asian nations for long-term solution to smog](#)

September 19, 2019, Channel News Asia

Malaysia will push its Southeast Asian neighbours to strengthen cooperation in finding a long-term solution for smog wafted across the region from forest fires in Indonesia, its environment minister said

[Vietnam, Thailand hold defence policy dialogue](#)

September 20, 2019, Nhan Dan

The third Vietnam-Thailand defence policy dialogue took place on September 19 under the chair of Vietnam's Deputy Defence Minister Nguyen Chi Vinh and Thailand's Permanent Secretary of Defence Natt Intracharoen.

[China to mediate Bangladesh-Myanmar talks over Rohingya crisis](#)

September 17, 2019, bdnews24.com

The foreign ministry made the disclosure at a meeting with its parliamentary oversight committee on Tuesday, confirmed Mohammed Faruk Khan, the head of the panel. diate Bangladesh-Myanmar talks over Rohingya crisis.

[China, Asean strengthen bond to boost trade, financing](#)

September 20, 2019, Malay Mail

The financial ties between China and Asean member countries have been strengthened to boost trade and financing cooperation.

[Asia-Pacific students kick off global climate strike in Australia](#)

September 20, 2019, WION

Thousands of students took to the streets of Australia and other Asia-Pacific countries on Friday. They kicked off a global strike demanding world leaders who are set to meet for a United Nations Climate Action Summit to adopt urgent measures to stop an environmental catastrophe.

[UK seeks trade deal with New Zealand as it prepares for post-Brexit](#)

September 16, 2019, Reuters

Britain's Trade Minister Liz Truss said on Monday that striking a trade deal with New Zealand, one of its smallest trading partners, would be a priority, as her government desperately looks to line up post-Brexit agreements.

Central & West Asia

Central Asia

[Act East: India to offer 1000 PhDs in IITs for ASEAN nationals](#)

September 16, 2019, The Economic Times

In January 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced at the 25th Anniversary ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit in New Delhi India's offer of upto 1000 integrated PhD Fellowships for ASEAN students in the prestigious Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs).

[China taking Big Brother to Central Asia](#)

September 14, 2019, The Times of Central Asia

China is strengthening its influence in Central Asia countries in the economic, military, and political spheres. Now, Chinese advanced surveillance technology is coming to the region, with local governments completely disregarding human rights considerations and even internal security issues.

[Uzbekistan: no word from Afghanistan regarding power line transmission damage](#)

September 16, 2019, Trend News Agency

The Ministry of Energy of Uzbekistan did not receive information from the Afghan authorities about the disruption of the power transmission line on Afghan territory, which receives electricity from Uzbekistan.

[Kyrgyzstan's energy arrears reached \\$1.47 billion](#)

September 20, 2019, Trend News Agency

MP Aaly Karashev requested Vice PM Kubatbek Boronov to take the matter under his control to avoid negative consequences.

[Discussions over Armenian aggression against Azerbaijan held in Italy](#)

September 19, 2019, Azer News

At the meeting the sides expressed satisfaction with the Azerbaijani-Italian strategic partnership, the ongoing political dialogue between the two countries, the high level mutual visits, extensive economic cooperation, and intensive exchanges in the fields of culture, science and education.

[Investment opportunities of Kyrgyzstan presented to entrepreneurs in Ankara](#)

September 16, 2019, Trend News Agency

Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan to Turkey Kubanychbek Omuraliyev met with management and representatives of the companies of the 1st Organized Industrial Zone (OIZ) (Sincan) of the Ankara Industrial Chamber, Trend reports with reference to Kabar which cited the press service of the Kyrgyz Foreign Ministry.

[Uzbekistan Officially Applies For Membership In Turkic Council](#)

September 13, 2019, Rferl.org

The Uzbek government has officially applied for membership in the Council of Cooperation of Turkic-speaking Countries, also known as the Turkic Council.

[Uzbekistan Offering Seven-Day Visa Free Travel To Chinese Citizens Starting In 2020](#)

September 12, 2019, Rferl.org

Uzbekistan is offering Chinese citizens seven-day visa-free travel in what the Uzbek government says is an attempt to boost tourism.

West Asia

[Oil attacks 'unquestionably sponsored by Iran': Saudi Arabia](#)

September 19, 2019, Al Jazeera

Saudi Arabia said strikes on its oil infrastructure came from the "north" and were "unquestionably" sponsored by Iran, but the kingdom was still investigating where exactly they were launched from.

[UAE, Saudi views on Yemen war 'identical'](#)

September 18, 2019, Gulf News

The UAE reiterated that its main goal in Yemen is to restore the power of the Yemeni state and the legitimate government following the Al Houthi coup. The UAE and Saudi Arabia share identical views about their main goal of restoring the internationally recognised government's legitimacy on Yemen war 'identical'.

[Trump says he'd give Iranian leaders visas to attend UN](#)

September 20, 2019, The Times of Israel

Iranian media reports President Rouhani and his foreign minister, Zarif, have not yet received visas and could miss gathering.

[Iran's Foreign Minister Javad Zarif warns of 'all-out war'](#)

September 20, 2019, Al Jazeera

Any attack by the United States or Saudi Arabia on Iran will result in an "all-out war". Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif made the comments as tensions in

the Gulf continue rise after attacks on Saudi Arabia's oil infrastructure halted the production of about five percent of the world's oil supply.

[Russia, China cast vetoes to block UN resolution on Syria](#)

September 20, 2019, Gulf News

Russia and China vetoed a UN Security Council resolution backed by 12 of the 15 member states that called for a ceasefire in Syria's war-torn Idlib province.

[Turkey at odds with US and Russia over northern Syria](#)

September 19, 2019, Al Monitor

Turkey still faces an uphill battle in northern Syria. The situation west of the Euphrates remains uncertain and volatile despite the hopes invested in President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani in Ankara Sept. 16.

[UK seeks full support for Saudi Arabia's talks on Yemen's stability](#)

September 20, 2019, Arab News

UK ambassador to the International Organization of the Security Council member states, Karen Pierce, on Monday appealed for full support for the "Jeddah talks" planned by the Saudi leadership to provide stability in Yemen.

United States

[In coup for Modi, Trump will join Indian prime minister at U.S. rally](#)

September 18, 2019, The Washington Post

When President Trump and Narendra Modi met last month in France, their camaraderie was on full display as they smiled, laughed and even clasped hands in front of reporters. Now the leaders of the world's two largest democracies are taking their relationship to the next level: On Sunday, they will appear together at a rally in Houston in front of tens of thousands of people.

[Whistle-Blower Complaint Sets Off a Battle Involving Trump](#)

September 19, 2019, The New York Times

A potentially explosive complaint by a whistle-blower in the intelligence community said to involve President Trump emerged on Thursday as the latest front in a continuing oversight dispute between administration officials and House Democrats.

[Zuckerberg meets with Trump, Republican senators](#)

September 19, 2019, Politico

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg met with President Donald Trump at the White House on Thursday, the latest sign of the tech mogul's personal outreach amid mounting scrutiny from Washington.

[Bolton unloads on Trump's foreign policy behind closed doors](#)

September 18, 2019, Politico

John Bolton, President Donald Trump's fired national security adviser, harshly criticized Trump's foreign policy on Wednesday at a private lunch, saying that inviting the Taliban to Camp David sent a "terrible signal" and that it was "disrespectful" to the victims of 9/11 because the Taliban had harboured al Qaeda.

[Growing ties: India-US military trade touches \\$18 billion](#)

September 16, 2019, Financial Express

The military trade between India and the US is expected to cross \$ 25 billion over the next few years from the existing \$ 18 billion.

[Democrats press Trump to commit to Paris climate deal as part of USMCA](#)

September 17, 2019, Politico

More than 100 House Democrats are urging President Donald Trump to ensure his new North American trade deal will “meaningfully address climate change” by including binding environmental standards and a commitment from the United States to remain in the Paris climate agreement.

[Pompeo calls attacks on Saudi oil facilities ‘act of war’ as Trump orders increase in sanctions on Iran](#)

September 18, 2019, The Washington Post

Tensions between the United States and Iran ratcheted up Wednesday as Secretary of State Mike Pompeo decried the weekend attacks on the Saudi oil industry as an “act of war” and President Trump ordered a substantial increase in sanctions against the government in Tehran.

[Pompeo making spur-of-the-moment trip to Mideast as Iran rules out talks](#)

September 17, 2019, The Washington Post

The Trump administration announced that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo would fly to the Persian Gulf on Wednesday to discuss a response to an attack on Saudi oil facilities, as Iran’s supreme leader ruled out any direct talks with the United States.

[Border wall, Iran, Space Force among hurdles for \\$700 billion U.S. defense bill](#)

September 20, 2019, Reuters

Disputes between U.S. Republicans and Democrats over President Donald Trump’s proposed border wall, Space Force and his ability to launch a war with Iran are among the biggest obstacles Congress faces in passing a massive annual defense policy bill.

[Trump says there is still a national emergency over border security](#)

September 19, 2019, Reuters

U.S. President Donald Trump, visiting a wall on the border with Mexico in California, said on Wednesday there was still a national emergency with regard to border security.

[NATO Is Making Sure It Can Stop a Russian Invasion](#)

September 18, 2019, National Interest

NATO has stood up a new command whose job it is to speed alliance troops and tanks around Europe in order to defend against a Russian invasion.

Europe & Russia

Europe

[France next to exit EU? Only a third of French people trust Brussels survey finds](#)

September 18, 2019, Express

Only 36 percent of voters trust the European Union, according to the Ipsos Sopra-Steria poll for French newspaper Le Monde, despite relentless efforts undertaken by the country's pro-EU leader Emmanuel Macron to restore confidence in the soon to be 27-member bloc.

[Brexit secretary to meet EU's chief negotiator](#)

September 20, 2019, BBC

Brexit Secretary Stephen Barclay is to hold talks with the EU's chief negotiator, Michel Barnier, later. It comes after European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said a new Brexit deal could still be reached before the 31 October deadline.

[Brexit: UK shares confidential documents with EU](#)

September 19, 2019, BBC

Confidential documents that "reflect the ideas the UK has put forward" on Brexit have been shared with the EU, the UK government has said.

[Brexit: Johnson rejects Macron's two-week deadline for backstop plan](#)

September 19, 2019, The Guardian

Downing Street has refused to commit to tabling its Brexit plans for replacing the backstop within two weeks, branding it an "artificial deadline" despite a warning from the Irish taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, of the urgent need to bridge a wide gap between the two sides.

[EU 'confident' of new Russia-Ukraine gas deal](#)

September 19, 2019, Al Jazeera

Trilateral talks about gas from Russia being piped to Europe through Ukraine were "constructive" and have taken steps in the right direction, European Energy Commissioner Maros Sefcovic said on Thursday.

[David Cameron has unwittingly written the best ever case for Brexit](#)

September 19, 2019, The Telegraph

For The Record, David Cameron's memoir, was written as political tragedy, a 700-page apology to the nation for the former prime minister's role in what he regards as a calamity. It is, unintentionally, the most convincing case for Brexit that you will ever read.

[France urges Germany to act on economy sooner rather later](#)

September 19, 2019, Reuters

Germany should act sooner rather than later to revive its flagging economy, France's finance minister said on Thursday, as he struggled to hide frustration with the pace of Berlin's efforts to engineer a recovery.

[Italy and France agree migrants must be distributed around the EU](#)

September 19, 2019, Reuters

The European Union must introduce a new, automatic system of taking in migrants saved from the Mediterranean, the leaders of Italy and France said on Wednesday, as they sought to patch up bruised bilateral relations.

[China summons German ambassador to Beijing](#)

September 11, 2019, Deutsche Welle

The Chinese government took action in protest at German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas meeting with pro-democracy activist Joshua Wong. Beijing says it has "sufficient proof" of foreign intervention in Hong Kong.

Russia

[Russian Military: Syria's War Will Not End Until U.S. Troops Leave](#)

September 19, 2019, Newsweek

The head of the Russian military's command and control center warned that the war in Syria was unlikely to end unless U.S. forces withdrew from the country.

[Putin Wants to Be the Middle East's Go-To Problem Solver](#)

September 17, 2019, The Moscow Times

President Vladimir Putin's offer to sell Russian air defense systems to Saudi Arabia is about more than mere trolling, even though it caused laughter from Iran's

President Hassan Rouhani. Putin was trying to persuade the entire Middle East that working with him is more effective than cooperating with the U.S.

[Israel Is a 'Russian-Speaking Country,' Putin Says](#)

September 18, 2019, The Moscow Times

Russian President Vladimir Putin has said that Israel is a Russian-speaking state and that the two countries share a common history and extensive family ties.

[Russia Detained More Than 160 North Korean Sailors After Attack](#)

September 18, 2019, The Moscow Times

Russia is holding 161 suspected North Korean poachers who were detained in the Sea of Japan on Tuesday after one of the boats they were on attacked a Russian patrol, the state-run RIA news agency said.

[Russia-Ukraine Gas Talks Resume as EU Seeks to Avert Supply Cut](#)

September 20, 2019, The Moscow Times

Russia and Ukraine are set to restart natural gas talks later on Thursday, with the European Union seeking to avoid disruptions in imports this winter from its biggest supplier.

[U.S. Says It Has Plans to 'Take Down' Western Russian Region's Air Defenses](#)

September 20, 2019, The Moscow Times

The United States military has a secret blueprint targeting the air defense system protecting Russia's westernmost territory of Kaliningrad, according to the U.S. Air Force's top commander in Europe.

Africa & Latin America

Latin America

[Chile taps China, Japan in lithium-for-tech push; faces tough sell](#)

September 20, 2019, Japan Today

Chile is making a renewed push for battery technology investment in return for access to its lithium deposits, piquing interest from China, Japan and Europe as global firms look to tie up supply of the metal vital for the shift to electric vehicles.

[Mexico to keep fuel prices stable despite Saudi attacks: president](#)

September 17, 2019, Reuters

Mexico's government will uphold its pledge to keep fuel prices stable and has gasoline supplies secured despite attacks on Saudi oil sites, President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said.

[U.S., Mexico Finalize Tomato Suspension Agreement](#)

September 19, 2019, Southeast Produce Weekly

The U.S. Department of Commerce finalized an agreement with Mexican tomato growers to suspend the ongoing anti-dumping duty investigation of fresh tomatoes from Mexico, halting the process for imposing anti-dumping duties on tomatoes from Mexico.

[US Lawmakers Cite Progress on US-Mexico-Canada Trade Deal, but More Work Needed](#)

September 18, 2019, VOA

Democratic and Republican U.S. lawmakers on Wednesday cited progress in talks with the Trump administration aimed at ensuring passage of a new U.S.-Mexico-Canada trade agreement, but said more work was needed.

[Venezuela's rival factions take power struggle to UN after talks fail](#)

September 19, 2019, The Times of India

Guaido is seeking to get more countries to implement sanctions on Venezuela as the US has done.

[US imposes New Sanctions Targeting Venezuela's Food Program](#)

September 18, 2019, Venezuelanalysis.com

The Trump administration announced new sanctions Monday targeting three individuals and sixteen companies allegedly tied to Venezuela's subsidized CLAP food distribution program.

[Argentina raises fuel prices after Saudi oil attack](#)

September 19, 2019, Reuters

Argentina said it would increase fuel prices by 4% on Wednesday to account for volatility in the international oil market after weekend attacks on Saudi Arabia's oil infrastructure.

[As Amazon Burns, Brazil's Bolsonaro to Address UN on Environment](#)

September 20, 2019, Bloomberg

Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro is determined to address the United Nations General Assembly in New York City next week, despite aides' concerns over his recovery from surgery and a potentially hostile reception from European delegates.

Africa

[314 Nigerians return to Nigeria following violence](#)

September 19, 2019, ENCA

The Nigerian consulate says 314 Nigerians have left South Africa following recent attacks on foreign nationals in some parts of the country.

[Is Kenya waging war on Somalia's economic lifeline?](#)

September 20, 2019, TRT World

The destruction of telecom towers in Somalia, allegedly by Kenyan forces, will damage Somalia's economy and could destabilise the entire Horn of Africa.

[Ethiopia rejects Egypt's proposal to manage Nile dam](#)

September 19, 2019, Africa News

Ethiopia's Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), announced in 2011, is designed to be the centerpiece of the country's bid to become Africa's biggest power exporter, generating more than 6,000 megawatts.

[Xenophobia puts South Africa's moral authority in Africa at risk](#)

September 19, 2019, The Conversation

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa was heckled during the recent funeral service of Zimbabwe's erstwhile leader Robert Mugabe. It was easy to guess why. When he stood to speak, Ramaphosa apologised for weeks of violence in his country targeted at non-national Africans.

[Why Zimbabwe Is Again In A Deep Economic Crisis](#)

September 16, 2019, NPR

The people of Zimbabwe used to say that things would get better once longtime leader Robert Mugabe was no longer alive. Now, they see a future after Mugabe as more of the same.

[DR Congo – too many crises for one country?](#)

September 20, 2019, Standard Media

DR Congo – too many crises Ebola is the one topic that makes headlines from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, but it is unfortunately only one among several crises affecting the Congolese people. In two very recent reports, DR Congo has come a close second after the widely acknowledged critical humanitarian crises in Syria and Yemen.

[Somaliland sets tough rules on Somalia talks](#)

September 16, 2019, The East African

self-declared independent Somaliland has given tough conditions for future dialogue with Somalia on bilateral relations after the last talks collapsed in Turkey in 2015.

[Rwanda, Uganda Hold Peace Talks to Defuse Tensions](#)

September 17, 2019, VOA

Rwanda and Uganda have agreed to resolve issues that have strained bilateral relations in recent months. Through an ad hoc commission, the two sides have been working on their differences in order to defuse tensions.

[France to Press US to Drop Sudan from Terror Blacklist, Build Relationships Afresh](#)

September 17, 2019, News 18

Decades of US blacklisting along with a trade embargo imposed on Sudan in 1997 has kept overseas investors away from the country, in turn isolating it from the global economy.



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