

GLOBAL CHALLENGES: THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Destabilizing Threats, Stabilizing Policies, and Global Powers at a Glance

Threat Summary

	<p>Environment. Nothing prominent. Reminder: Changes that used to take 10,000 years, now take three.</p> <p>Inter-State Conflict. Land disputes root cause of conflict. Losing in Afghanistan and against IEDs.</p> <p>Proliferation. Most Israeli's support using nuclear weapons. Europe conflicted over peaceful sharing.</p>
	<p>Poverty. Indigenous economics, need for slum governance. Malawi poor on \$40 per year. Burma.</p> <p>Infectious Disease. Cholera death in Baghdad, medical threat to the entire region.</p> <p>Civil War. : Sudan a total mess. Zimbabwe down. Horn of Africa, Ethiopia, Thailand, Afghanistan.</p> <p>Genocide. UN describes roadblocks in Rwanda as a form of ethnic cleansing.</p> <p>Transnational Crime. Dirty war in Mexico, ten tons cocaine seized. European centre for narcotics.</p>
	<p>Other Atrocities. Child soldiers in DR Congo. Uganda warrants. Philippines lack of rule-of-law.</p> <p>Terrorism. Basque leadership capture, declaration of war. Central Asia "complicated." Algeria down.</p>

Policy Summary

	<p>Diplomacy. Army dabbles in anthropology. ASEAN looks at Burma. AFRICOM a joke in Germany.</p> <p>Security. Crime chases investors from cities. US mishandles toxins. IED neutralizer seriously stupid.</p> <p>Society. Coup in USA. See also www.oss.net headlines. Religion a root cause of crusades/jihad.</p>
	<p>Economy. Nothing significant, US continues to be bankrupt. Real estate crash in January 2009.</p> <p>Education. Capitalism has destroyed education in Eastern Union. >2 hours TV harms children.</p> <p>Health. Bush vetoes Children Health Bill on ideological grounds.</p> <p>Immigration. 54% of elected official in US declare immigration a "serious Problem. Morocco.</p> <p>Water. See China.</p>
	<p>Agriculture. Nothing prominent, but bio-fuels continue to misdirect resources, starve the poor.</p> <p>Energy. Uganda and DR Congo: one billion barrels of oil reserves? Biofuel cult starving poor.</p> <p>Family. Nothing significant.</p> <p>Justice. WWII interrogators: battle of wits, not compromise of humanity. Terrorism & money.</p>

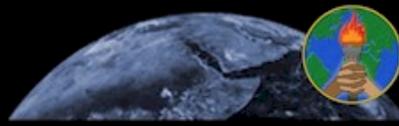
Major Player Summary

	<p>Iran. Australia will not follow US into Iranian idiocy. Cheney intent on nuking Iran. DoD deaths.</p>
	<p>Brazil. US under threat of excessive subsidies.</p> <p>China. China's water evaporating. All warfare is based on deception. Harmonious world plan.</p> <p>India. Food security grim. Stolen explosives. Cash tracking intelligence systems. China encircles.</p> <p>Indonesia. West Papuan call for talks on human rights. Army to stay out of politics. No on martyrs.</p> <p>Russia. Arms war in space (but see Chinese Irregular Warfare report). Putin rolls along into future.</p> <p>Venezuela. CIA screws up (again) in Venezuela. Childish "covert action" leaflets in Army barracks.</p> <p>Wild Cards. Egypt to be Islamic state? Raul Castro calls for internal criticism. North Pole wealth.</p>

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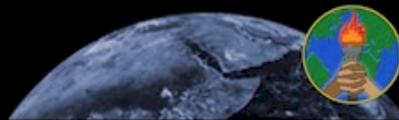
↗	Alert: Democratic Republic of Congo
↓	Deteriorated: Bangladesh, Burundi, DR Congo, Georgia, Guatemala, India (non-Kashmir), Iraq, Philippines, Somalia
↑	Improved: Sierra Leone, Turkey
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unchanged: Afghanistan, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Basque Country (Spain), Belarus, Bolivia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chechnya (Russia), China (internal), Colombia, Comoros Islands, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ethiopia/Eritrea, Gambia, Georgia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Indonesia, Iran, Israel/occupied Territories, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Liberia, Macedonia, Mali, Moldova, Myanmar/Burma, Nagorno-Karabakh (Azerbaijan), Niger, Nigeria, North Caucasus (non-Chechnya), Northern Ireland (UK), North Korea, Pakistan, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Solomon Islands, Somaliland (Somalia), Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syria, Taiwan Strait, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Western Sahara, Yemen, Zimbabwe

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Threats	see <i>daily</i> items with <i>links to full stories</i> on the web at PDB-Threats
Poverty news list forecast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective Urban Governance Needed for Slums -- a policy statement by the Commonwealth on <i>ComHabitat</i>, a collaboration with UN-HABITAT. New Declaration: "<i>The Declaration reflects <u>an Indigenous approach to economics and resource management</u>, one that contrasts sharply with the dominant model of the global economy</i>" -- <i>Annotate This: The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i>. Thailand Border Bracing for New Burmese Refugees -- "<i>Inside Burma, this border area is home to the Karen ethnic group, which has been fighting the country's military dictatorship for decades</i>". Malawi struggling to reduce poverty -- "<i>The common feature of the Malawi poor is their inability to meet their minimum nutritional requirements and essential non-food needs equivalent to <u>\$40 per capita per annum</u> ..."</i>"
Infectious Disease news list forecast	↓ The first cholera related death in Baghdad : "... could easily turn into a nightmare of epidemic proportions in a relatively short time ..." -- <i>A medical threat to the region</i> .
Environment news list forecast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [nothing significant to summarize but see links to stories in this topical area]
Inter-State Conflict news list forecast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afghanistan Update: Sept. 1-30, 2007 -- thumbnail report for the month. More on the U.S. Army/Marine Corps Counterinsurgency [COIN]Field Manual -- <i>COIN Is Not Small Change</i>. IEDs: "<i>It's a hard problem. There is <u>no solution</u>, just better ways of dealing with it</i>" - - <i>'If you don't go after the network, you're never going to stop these guys. Never'</i>. An interesting US civil affairs case in Afghanistan: "<i>The land dispute had plagued two rival Afghan tribes for 70 years ...</i>" -- <i>Struggle to unite Afghan tribes, one by one</i>.
Civil War news list forecast	↓ Incensed by the killing of its <i>peace-keepers</i> in Darfur , Senegal threatens to withdraw them if the UN system is to blame; " <i>if they died because they didn't have the arms to defend themselves, I will withdraw all the Senegalese ... I am not going to send people to be slaughtered</i> " -- <i>Senegal threatens to withdraw troops from Darfur</i> . Time gets it Right: " <i>The incident at Haskanita is a reminder of the sometimes <u>simplistic</u> understanding of the Darfur crisis in Western public opinion</i> " -- <i>Who Was Behind the Darfur Raid?</i> . The Sudanese government responds in the traditional manner ... by destroying the town where the embarrassing incident took place; " <i>Sudan's army and Darfur rebel movements blame each other for last week's assault on the AU base in Haskanita in which 10 African Union soldiers were killed ...</i> " -- <i>Sudan government, militia forces raze Darfur town - rebels</i> . A commentator stresses that the Right to Self-Determination is the inalienable concept in the south Sudan conflict; "... under the rule of the National Congress Party's vile regime, the country will soon be heading towards disintegration and partition into petty small states similar to what happened to the former Yugoslavia " -- <i>Sudan's Islamists, main dismantling factor of the country</i> . The US envoy also can find little joy on the horizon; relations between the governing National Congress Party in the north and the Sudan People's Liberation Army in the south seems hopeless -- <i>U.S. Envoy Laments 'Poisonous' Atmosphere Dividing Sudan</i> . In Zimbabwe , " <i>as from today, any white farmer still on his land will be deemed to be trespassing on state property</i> " -- <i>Zimbabwe's last white farmers face final push</i> .

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The "colonial" farmers once grew enough to export -- their land has been continually seized to give to **Mugabe's** lackeys and followers who have no *agricultural skills*, and Zimbabwe *starves* -- *White farmers in court for growing crops*

Horn of Africa: "It's not easy fighting against regimes supported by *superpowers*" says Isaias **Afewerki**, president of **Eritrea** -- *A Calm Voice From Embattled Eritrea*.

Puntland in control of disputed town -- "Somalia's *semiautonomous* region of **Puntland** is in full control of a disputed town which was the scene of heavy battles two days ago." *Clashes kill at least seven in northern Somalia* -- "Clan militiamen backing **Somaliland** opened fire on **Puntland** troops. Two battlewagons collided and five of the soldiers were killed."



A detailed address to a subcommittee of the **US House Committee on Foreign Affairs** on the **Ogaden (Ethiopia)** situation -- *Fowsia Abdulkadir denounces tyrant Zenawi's genocidal practices at Ogaden*.

Lessons from the Burmese uprising -- He who strikes the king, must kill the king: "street demonstrations do not necessarily lead to success. The key factor is the *destabilisation* of the existing regime and if protests cannot bring that about, they become vulnerable ...". "Thousands of the *monks* that protested last week have been *disrobed and shackled*" -- 'Thousands of monks seized' by Burma junta. Also see: *Myanmar's Ethnic Groups at a Glance* -- thumbnails of 8 groups.

In **Thailand**, the **Council for National Security** set up after the Thai *military takeover* in September 2006 announces that it has done its job and will have no continuing function -- *CNS has no role, no successor to Sonthi is needed, says Meechai*.

Death rate for Afghan police force 'staggering' -- "with 1,150 officers killed in 18 months, replacements can't be *trained* fast enough."

Genocide
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• *Former UN general describes system designed for mass murder during Rwandan genocide* -- "... the *roadblocks* run by government-backed militia *served no military purpose*. 'It was simply there as a tool of *ethnic cleansing*'."

Han fascism in Tibet: *100,000 Tibetan nomads ordered to settle in towns* -- forcing the "the benefits of *resettling*" on a *definable group* is, by definition, genocide.

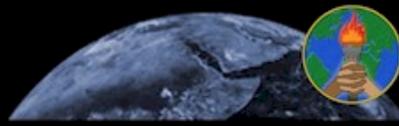
Other Atrocities
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↓ *Reports of child soldiers in rebel build-up in DR Congo: UN* -- "... the reported recruitment of child soldiers by armed groups across Nord-Kivu is a major protection problem".

The **Ugandan LRA** rebels want warrants issued by the **International Criminal Court** withdrawn before a comprehensive *peace agreement* is signed -- *LRA not visiting Ugandan capital*.

"The whole situation was emotional because people were loaded (onto trucks) *by force and not given chance to take their belongings* like livestock and food stuff" -- *Country [Uganda]Deports 3,000 Rwandans*.

Both presidential candidates in **Guatemala's** Nov. 4 runoff promise to remove the current de facto moratorium on *capital punishment* -- *Candidates Pledge to Revive*



Death Penalty.

The latest **Freedom House** report on governance suggests that extrajudicial killings in the **Philippines** are a symptom of a broader lack of dedication to **rule-of-law** -- *To End the Killings, Strengthen Democracy.*

Proliferation
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↓ "Some weapons and materials officially renounced by **Libya** remain in the country, and Libyan frustration over 'unmet promises' is growing" -- *Details Bedevil Libyan Grand Bargain.*

Poll: Most Israelis support using nukes -- "In addition, the survey found that **Israel** had the lowest public support for destroying **nuclear weapons** out of all the countries questioned".

France follows the **US** in offering "**peaceful**" **nuclear technology** to **Viet Nam** -- *France open to Vietnam civil nuclear cooperation.*

Yemen, Jordan hope for nuclear [Analysis] -- "... but a lack of funding and internal violence could derail those plans before they ever get off the ground".

Some EU Officials Want to Resist Nuclear Power Renaissance -- **Germany, Austria, Ireland, Norway, Italy, Luxembourg, and Latvia** have issued a joint declaration against nuclear energy, calling for **energy efficiency** measures and **renewable energies**.

Terrorism
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• In a *fatwa* careful not to name names, **Saudi grand-mufti** Abdel-Aziz seems to be recalling the venomous brood of young Saudi **jihadis** back to the homeland -- *Saudi cleric issues warning over militants.* Also: *Saudi Arabia Launches New Fatwa Website To Tackle Extremist Ideologies* -- "... the move will act as a guide to Saudis and against the **fatwas** issued by **terrorist groups** to propagate jihad or holy war."

Basque leader says arrests of party members amount to declaration of war by Spanish government -- almost the entire suspected **leadership** of **Batasuna** was detained on 20071004 in Segura while its executive committee was holding a secret meeting.

Updated Google Earth exposes sensitive Israeli military sites -- "the new images consist of one pixel per two square metres, compared to previous ones which consisted of one pixel representing only 10-20 square metres on earth".

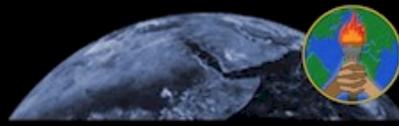
"The US military have claimed that it discovered documents and computer files with details of **al-Qa'eda** loyalists from 13 countries during a raid [in Iraq] last month" -- *UK terrorists on al-Qa'eda 'foreign legion' list.*

Uzbek Foreign Minister **Vladimir Norov** has called on members of the **UN** to take **Islamophobia** out of any "war on terror"; the real situation is as **complex** as the translation: "... the currently shaping up situation in central Asia is intertwined by many contradictory processes in an intertwined knot of numerous contradictory processes ..." -- *Fighting terror should not be Islamophobia: Uzbek FM.*

In the **UK**, **CBRN** awareness is up; "restaurant staff, who are used to the pungent aroma, were baffled when firefighters broke down their door Monday evening" -- *Thai chilli triggers chemical alert in London.*

The **FBI** announced the **conviction** of a member of the **Environmental Liberation Front (ELF)** "for conspiracy to damage or destroy property by **fire** and an **explosive**" -- *Eco-terrorist convicted.*

Violence Smolders in Algeria -- "September delivered a string of spectacular setbacks to government efforts to bring calm and prosperity to this oil- and gas-rich



country".

Prior to the recent unprecedented **bombing**, "the **Maldives** government had received a detailed action plan to combat **Islamist extremism** but had 'sat on its hands'" -- *Maldives were 'warned of Islamic danger'*.

A *Weekly Standard* stay-very-frightened feature: "**Hizb ut-Tahrir** spearheaded the radicalization of the 1990s and cultivated an atmosphere of anger. . . . Buried in the literature is an ideology that inevitably leads to violence" -- *The Bad Guys You Don't Know: Meet Hizb ut-Tahrir*.

**Transnational q
 Crime**
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- The **Mexican** army has seized 10 tons of cocaine in Tampico in Tamaulipas state -- *10 tons of cocaine seized in Mexico*.

"People are still **disappearing**.... It is very similar, almost identical, to what we experienced under the worst regimes" -- *Mexican bombings recall 'dirty war' of decades ago*.

Colombia's president denies links to drug kingpin Escobar -- "Virginia Vallejo claims that in the early 1980s **Uribe**, as head of the **civil aviation authority**, authorized flights and landing strips for members of **Escobar's Medellin cartel** ..."

Britain, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain have launched the **Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre - Narcotics (MAOC-N)** in **Lisbon** -- *Seven EU countries unite to fight cocaine trafficking*.

Policy

Agriculture
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Diplomacy
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- **France's** long-standing -- and continuing -- role in **Central Africa** is not without blemish -- *Inside France's secret war*.

Finland prepares for EU operation in Chad and Central African Republic -- "Finland prepares to deploy a **force protection** troop or a special **jäger** group (30-40 soldiers), staff officers and necessary service and support elements".

Army Enlists Anthropology in War Zones -- "... the first **Human Terrain Team**, an experimental **Pentagon** program that assigns anthropologists and other social scientists to American combat units in **Afghanistan** and **Iraq**".

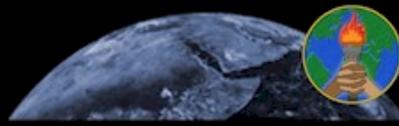
Italy denies visa for Fiji's coup leader -- "We were forced to refuse the visa to him ... It was refused in accordance with the European position regarding the **coup d'etat** in Fiji."

UN must give Myanmar junta an ultimatum [Analysis] -- a watershed for **ASEAN's** tradition of **non-interference**: **Singapore's** Prime Minister says ASEAN cannot "credibly remain silent or uninvolved in this matter".

US seeks Asian partners for Global Hawk eye in sky -- "With its advanced radar, optical and infrared sensors, it will become a **key U.S. intelligence asset in Asia and the Pacific** when it starts flying from **Andersen Air Force Base** on **Guam** in 2009".

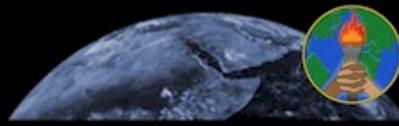
AFRICOM is born; at a safe distance; "the headquarters was set up in the German city of **Stuttgart** so far out of all the African countries only **Liberia** has offered to host the headquarters ..." -- *Africa shuns new US military command*. But for some in **Nigeria**, Stuttgart is still too close -- *US Military Base - Country Begins Diplomatic Inquiries*. The **Pentagon** says it's a command efficiency: few in Africa, except **Liberia**, yet accept this -- *The controversy over Africom*.

Is Ecuador's Correa Following Chavez? -- the **Heritage Foundation** lists President



	<p>Correa's offences against how things were under the Castilian elite.</p> <p>An interesting argument that regimes bent on killing their citizens should be helped to minimize the carnage; <i>"In the age of satellite-guided munitions and global terror networks, isn't it time we start discussing when responsible military aid becomes a humanitarian responsibility?"</i> -- <i>Military aid must be tied to moral concerns.</i></p> <p><i>The 'Great Game' continues only now it's called 'The War on Terror'</i> -- Joining the dots ...</p>
<p>Economy news listforecast</p>	<p>↓ [nothing significant to summarize but see links to stories in this topical area]</p>
<p>Education news listforecast</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNICEF says Education in <i>ex-Soviet bloc countries</i> is now in a shambles due to the new <i>capitalist 'free market'</i> -- <i>Capitalism has destroyed education in ex-Soviet bloc countries.</i> <p><i>"Children aged five who watch television programmes for two hours a day are more likely to suffer behavioural problems ..."</i> -- <i>Two hours' TV a day 'harms children'</i></p>
<p>Energy news listforecast</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An energy war-in-waiting: <i>"Uganda and the DR Congo are sitting on what prospectors believe could be oil reserves of up to one billion barrels in the Albertine Basin they share"</i> -- <i>Uganda says Congo pulls out of crucial oil talks.</i> <p>The new cult of <i>grain biofuels</i> takes more victims: <i>Hunger in Philippines to rise as gov't prioritizes fuel over food</i> -- <i>"a record-high peak in national hunger rates ... We demand that the Arroyo administration quit sacrificing Philippine food security over a few sweet biofuels deals it has entered into."</i></p>
<p>Family news listforecast</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [nothing significant to summarize but see links to stories in this topical area]
<p>Health news listforecast</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bush Vetoes Children's Health Bill</i> -- <i>"he has resorted to political and ideological gamesmanship rather than seek a bipartisan solution that would protect this nation's most vulnerable children"</i>.
<p>Immigration news listforecast</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Elected Officials Across U.S. See Illegal Immigration as 'Very Serious' Problem</i> -- <i>"54% of respondents reported that illegal immigration is 'negatively impacting' or 'somewhat impacting' the jurisdiction they represent"</i>. <p><i>"Morocco, under pressure from Europe to crack down on illegal migration, has begun repatriating 345 Senegalese and Gambians it caught trying to reach Spain's Canary Islands"</i> -- <i>Morocco sends home hundreds of illegal migrants.</i></p>
<p>Justice news listforecast</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>World War II interrogators question current techniques: report</i> -- <i>"We extracted information in a battle of the wits. I'm proud to say I never compromised my humanity"</i>. <p>Attorneys General, Solicitors General, Permanent Secretaries and other senior officials from 34 Commonwealth countries discussed coordination on issues from <i>intellectual property to terrorist financing</i> -- <i>Laws to combat terrorism and money laundering examined.</i></p>
<p>Security news listforecast</p>	<p>↓ <i>Urban crime</i> is an obstruction to <i>development</i>; the UN says that about 60% of urban dwellers in developing countries have been victims of crime <u>in the last five years</u> -- <i>Crime chases investors from cities."</i></p> <p><i>"American laboratories handling the world's deadliest germs and toxins have experienced more than 100 accidents and missing shipments since 2003 ..."</i> -- <i>U.S. labs mishandling deadly germs.</i></p> <p>In the UK, an enquiry concludes that an innocent person was shot seven times in the</p>

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head -- "the result of **fundamental failures** to carry out a planned operation in a safe and reasonable way" -- '*Shocking errors led to De Menezes death*'.

The laws of Nature do not give a quick answer to **roadside IEDs**; after \$16.7M, the **Joint IED Neutralizer** (JIN) isn't ... it is "severely limited by the fact that the device must be literally positioned on top of undetected IEDs" -- *When 'Physics Gets in the Way'*.

Panel Is Told of 'Mess' Over Eavesdropping -- "... the situation became a '**legal mess**' because the **White House** did not believe either the courts or Congress had any role to play."

Pentagon gives Blackwater new contract -- the **Pentagon** has awarded a \$92M contract to **Blackwater's** aviation unit **Presidential Airways** to fly Department of Defense passengers and cargo around **Central Asia**. **Blackwater** ... a US law professor looks at "a profound change to the Uniform Code of Military Justice" -- *Contractors, the Privatization of War, and Accountability*. The **guns-for-hire** idea is catching on -- *Philippines To Draft 8,400 Militia To Crush Communist Rebellion*.

The **FBI** has "still not fully implemented several crucial recommendations" about its own **internal security** -- *FBI called vulnerable to spying*.

US. Postpones Domestic Spy Satellite Program -- **DHS** says "We are cooperatively working with the **Congress** to answer any questions that they have [on **privacy and legality**] We are totally confident that this is going to go forward."

DARPA hatches plan for insect cyborgs to fly reconnaissance -- **HI-MEMS** (Hybrid Insect Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems) -- the convergence of nanotechnology and biology.

"Outfitting a [US] soldier for battle costs a hundred times more now than it did in World War II" -- *Soldier Gear Is 100 Times More Than WWII*.

Canada to criminalize identity theft -- "to give police the ability to stop such activity before any fraud has actually been carried out targeting the actual **gathering and trafficking** in credit card, banking and other personal data... ". The situation is worse than most think; "these results show a tremendous need to **educate consumers** about **online security**" -- *Consumers Think Their PCs Are Secure -- But They're Wrong*.

Game theory AI research moves from Ph.D. thesis to experimental police tool -- "applying game theory insights to systematically make it extremely difficult for observers to find any **patterns or regularities** in LAX vehicle security routines."

New **Australian software** "... would give its **assessment** on the extent of the **contamination** of water supplies, **damage** of power grid and communications services ... " -- *Oz unveils software program to assess **terror strike impact***.

"A narrator in the video explains how to convert a toy car into a **[remote] detonator** for a bomb ..." -- *New Scrutiny of **Remote-Control Toys***.

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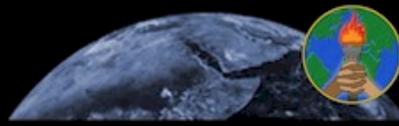
- *Coup d'Etat Militaire Made in USA? ... Impensable* -- An interesting think-piece on a **military coup** in the **US** by five senior US policy-leaders: "And what about Idaho?"
- **Religion**: A reminder that **creating gods in our own image** is the cause of most human destruction -- *A Blueprint for a Saner Planet*.

Water
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- See: **China**

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Brazil

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- The **WTO** case continues: *Brazil case could put U.S. over subsidy limit: report -- "the number of **violations** could be larger; however Brazil has not yet provided the specific details on its year-by-year determinations"*,

China

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- The world's largest army is getting ready to send **315 peacekeepers** to **Sudan** -- "*Our peacekeeping mission is not to change the western media's perception of us*" -- *Chinese Peacekeepers Heading to Sudan.*
Shijiazhuang on the North China Plain: "*Hundreds of feet below ground, the **water** supply for this provincial capital of more than 2 million people is steadily running out*" -- *Beneath booming cities, China's future dries up.*
*Combating **climate change**: China goes on offensive* -- "*As a **developing country**, China **tries to shoulder more responsibilities** in addressing the issue of climate change and reducing **greenhouse gas** (GHG) emissions*" says China.
*China keeps **arms spend** under wraps* -- "*All warfare is based on deception*" - Sun Tzu.
 The *Novus Ordo Seclorum* from behind the *Han Wall* -- *Harmonious world: China's ancient philosophy for new int'l order.*
[US] Spies 'stole secrets' to arm Chinese military -- "*The stolen data related to the design and development of **microchips** and **processors** that could be used in military technology*".

India

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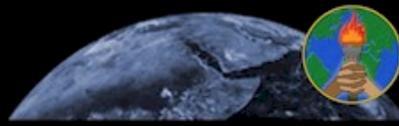
- The situation in **Jammu and Kashmir** is improving: *Trucks cross **India-Pakistan border for first time** ... for the first time since independence from the UK in 1947.* Also: the number of security forces and civilians killed or injured in Jammu and Kashmir has dropped significantly year-on-year -- *Kashmir no more a valley of violence.*
*India's **food security** future grim: Expert* -- "*if India fails to enhance production, leading to a huge gap between supply and demand, there could be **social upheavals** and **rampant hunger** and **malnutrition**". *Starving Indians clash with police, dozens hurt* -- "*clashes this week in **communist-ruled West Bengal** state during **protests** against what locals say is widespread **graft** in the government's **public [food] distribution system.**"*
 Deterrence of *intrusion* by foot at almost every *land border* is what *land-mines* were designed for; "*India states that anti-personnel landmines still continue to be integral to the country's defence preparedness*" -- *Q&A: 'India's position on landmines isn't tenable'*.
 Large quantities of largely untraceable *explosives* continue to be *stolen* from India's 21,000 licensed explosives manufacturers -- *Stolen, no trace: Tonnes and tonnes of explosives.*
 Indian *Communists* caution their *Nepali* counterparts on recent tactics; "*we would seriously request the **CPN (Maoist)** and its leadership to reconsider some of its recent positions and learn from the history of past mistakes*" -- *Maoists not happy with Nepali comrades.*
 , UPI - USA, 20071003. [22902]
 Fatalities from *Maoist (Naxalite)* actions across several states is significant; "*the figure includes 129 civilians, 162 security forces and 93 Maoists. The highest numbers of killings were reported from **Chhattisgarh**, 208, followed by **Andhra Pradesh**, 59, **Jharkhand**, 44, and **Bihar**, 28*" -- *384 slain in Maoist violence in 2007.**

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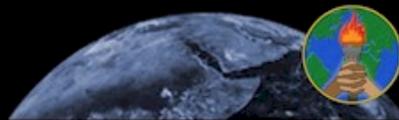
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	<p><i>No madrasa in India provides military training: Maulana Asrar ul-Haq Qasmi -- "after touring the madrasas [unannounced], we found absolutely nothing incriminating at all".</i></p> <p>India is implementing <i>cash tracking intelligence systems</i>; "3-4% of the <i>dirty money</i> coming into India is used for funding <i>terror</i>...[Also] <i>fake currency</i> from <i>Pakistan</i> is a growing menace" -- <i>Tracking terror funds may be a click away</i>.</p> <p><i>China encircling India</i> -- "the <i>PRC's 'encirclement'</i> of the country <u>through an archipelago of military and intelligence assets</u> around the periphery of the world's only billion-plus democracy ..."</p>
<p>Indonesia news list forecast</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Indonesia president tells army to stay out of politics</i> -- "The <i>TNI</i> needs to maintain its consistency in staying out of <i>politics</i> and should <u>not try to find a new way to get involved in politics</u>". <p>An argument <u>not</u> to execute the <i>Bali bombers: Don't let terrorists be martyrs [Opinion]</i> -- "In many cases, the offspring of terrorists continue their 'struggle' and seek <i>revenge</i> on the state and society for their parents' death. This only leads to a <i>vicious cycle of violence</i>".</p> <p>"A United front of [<i>West</i>] <i>Papuan</i> leaders has called for crisis talks with <i>Jakarta</i> as <i>human rights abuses</i> escalate in the militarised Indonesian province" -- <i>Papuan leaders unite to push for self-rule talks</i>.</p>
<p>Iran news list forecast</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Australia</i> loses its nerve with the ongoing <i>US</i> agenda; "We're not planning to get involved with any military action against anybody" -- <i>We won't follow US into Iran says [Foreign Minister] Downer</i>. <p>A fraternal exchange of invitations: <i>Iran university invites Bush for Q&A session</i> -- "The invitation to speak at <i>Ferdowsi University</i> comes a week after his Iranian counterpart visited <i>Columbia university</i> in New York".</p> <p>[SOLE SOURCE] <i>Report: Cheney ordered nuking Iran</i> -- "It is also important to note that some half dozen personnel linked to the <i>Minot</i> and <i>Barksdale</i> air bases have reportedly died under mysterious circumstances since July".</p>
<p>Russia news list forecast</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Russia warns of arms war in space: report</i> -- "We need to have strong rules about space, to avoid its <i>militarization</i> and if any country will place a weapon in space, then <u>our response will be the same</u>," says <i>Space Forces</i> Commander Colonel-General <i>Vladimir Popovkin</i>. <p>Some have greatness thrust upon them: <i>Putin Signals Plan to Hold Onto Power</i> -- "He agreed to head <i>United Russia's</i> candidate list ... [enabling] him to become a powerful <i>prime minister</i> leading in tandem with a weakened <i>president</i>".</p>
<p>Venezuela news list forecast</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President <i>Chávez</i> says the <i>CIA</i> is behind the distribution of <i>mutinous leaflets</i> inside <i>army barracks</i> -- <i>Chávez accuses U.S. of spurring military rebellion</i>.
<p>Wild Cards news list forecast</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An <i>Egyptian</i> Court has ordered the authorities to free several <i>detainees</i> who are members of the outlawed <i>Muslim Brotherhood</i>, which holds a <u>fifth of seats</u> in parliament as Independents, seeks an Islamic state through democratic elections and operates openly despite a decades-old ban -- <i>Egypt frees senior Brotherhood leader, 9 others</i>. <p>In <i>Cuba</i>, "Interim President <i>Raúl Castro</i> has called publicly for <i>criticism</i>, saying that the only way to fix the country's many problems is to air them" -- <i>Cubans urged to vent views</i>.</p> <p><i>Turkey</i> again warns "everyone" not to take the <i>Kurdish</i> issue lightly; "It is a well-</p>



known fact that it is not possible for a **terrorist organization** to survive without **outside help**.... We have warned several countries on this issue" -- *Buyukanit: Independent Kurdish state is security risk.*

Canadian hegemony: *Cold War over North Pole? [Analysis]* -- "Studies claim that up to a fourth of the world's undiscovered oil and gas resources lie there, as well as **uranium, titanium** and **gold**, so there's a lot of money at stake."

"**Kyrgyzstan's** foreign minister sought to allay **U.S.** concerns about the **Shanghai Cooperation Organization** ..." -- *Shanghai alliance not military, U.S. told.* [Comment: But SCO does hold joint military exercises.]

100 girls' schools close in Pakistan after militant threats -- "following the murder of a female teacher by suspected pro-Taliban militants ..." **Pakistani** President **Musharraf** has appointed former intelligence chief Ashfaq Kiyani to be his successor as **army chief** -- *Musharraf appoints successor as army chief.* **Pakistani** legislators have re-elected President **Musharraf** but a **Supreme Court** decision in a week or so will confirm or nullify this when it rules whether it was lawful for him to stand -- *Musharraf Wins Presidential Vote as Expected, Victory Not Yet Official.* Also: *Pakistanis to Vote With Musharraf's Status in Doubt.*

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