

## World

### [U.S. Accuses Pakistan of Militant Ties](#)

(WSJ: Julian Barnes, Matthew Rosenberg, and Adam Entous) The Obama administration put its fragile alliance with Pakistan on the line Thursday, accusing the country's intelligence service of aiding a militant group considered responsible for a string of attacks, including last week's assault on the U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan.

### [China denounces U.S. arms deal for Taiwan](#)

(WaPo: Keith B. Richburg) The new round of U.S. arms sales to Taiwan, no matter in what excuses and reasons, cannot hide the intention of interfering in China's internal affairs and will send very wrong signals to the 'Taiwan independence' secessionist forces, and will severely disturb the momentum of peaceful development in cross-Strait relations.

### [Hezbollah Considers a Future Without Syria's Assad](#)

(Atlantic: Thanassis Cambanis) The continued rebellion in Syria is forcing Hezbollah to look elsewhere for support – including the opposition forces. "Hezbollah was worried enough to shift its weapons caches from Syria into Lebanon, reportedly, and its emissaries have been working behind the scenes to mend relations with Syria's opposition."

### [The treachery of Julian Assange](#)

(The Guardian: Nick Cohen) You did not have to listen for too long to Julian Assange's half-educated condemnations of the American "military-industrial complex" to know that he was aching to betray better and braver people than he could ever be. "Well, they're informants," Assange replied. "So, if they get killed, they've got it coming to them. They deserve it."

## National

### [America's Security Overload](#)

(Daily Beast: Dana Priest) The Office of the Director of National Intelligence found 1.07 million private contractors hold clearances...at the top-secret level alone, there are nearly 525,000. Much of their work and the lobbying activity surrounding it is classified, making it impossible for the public to monitor the feeding frenzy.

### [Chief of CIA's 'Global Jihad Unit' Revealed Online](#)

(Gawker: John Cook) The CIA is having trouble keeping its secret agents off the internet. First, it allowed the White House to publish a photograph of the man behind the operation to kill Osama bin Laden. And now the identity of the woman who runs its "Global Jihad Unit" has been published online by two documentary filmmakers who sussed it out with the help of some "savvy internet research."

## Local

### [Battle command project nears end](#)

(NW Missourian: Ben Lawson) Northwest faculty and staff have worked on a project for two years that could change the way the U.S. military does their war-gaming. Last week a study that would have brought their work to a close was postponed due to issues with the project.

## **Defense**

### **[House approves funding bill; Senate passage in doubt](#)**

(LA Times: Lisa Mascaro) For the second time this year, the federal government lurched toward a possible shutdown as the Republican-controlled House passed a government funding bill that included a poison pill the Democratic-controlled Senate vowed to reject.

### **[In tropical paradise, U.S. drones meant revenue](#)**

(WaPo: Craig Whitlock) The discussion on our UAV basing and use strategy continues. This report discusses the deployment of MQ-9 Reaper drones to the Seychelles, a tropical paradise in the Indian Ocean. In this case, the basing has generated \$3.1 million in revenue for local businesses during their first four months of operations.

### **[Hawks: Cuts will dull military's edge](#)**

(Politico: Charles Hoskinson) "Proven" and "affordable" are words you hear a lot these days from sellers of military aircraft and other weapons systems in this dawning era of tight defense budgets. The word you don't hear so much is "new," which worries some key lawmakers, Pentagon officials and defense contractors. Deep cuts in defense spending, they say, are threatening American industry's ability to maintain its technological edge and causing a loss of intellectual capital that will be hard to get back.

## **Opinion/Editorial/Blogs**

### **[Making Peace in Afghanistan](#)**

(Daily Beast: Michael O'Hanlon) "If we are to learn from history, first of all, the last person whom the Taliban would have considered to begin the reconciliation process with would have been Rabbani . . . one of the mujahedin leaders who fought against the Taliban to the end as a member of the Northern Alliance Front."

## **CENTCOM**

### **[Mullen Asserts Pakistani Role in Attack on U.S. Embassy](#)**

(NYT: Elisabeth Bumiller) After years building a solid relationship with Pakistan, Admiral Mullen went further than any other American official in blaming the ISI for undermining the American military effort in Afghanistan. The United States has long said that the ISI has close links to Afghan insurgents, particularly the Haqqani network, but no one has been as blunt as Admiral Mullen.

### **[Yemen, the family war](#)**

(The Guardian: Ginny Hill) The conflict in Yemen is what essentially all civil wars are: a family affair. Mediators have yet to find a successful way to manage the rivalries between unaccountable elite families who have slowly divided the capital, Sana'a, into zones of personal influence.

## **AFRICOM**

### **[Battles in Libya raise specter of insurgency](#)**

(WaPo: Tara Bahrapour) As Moammar Gaddafi's loyalists put up a fierce resistance in the besieged towns of Sirte and Bani Walid, and bickering erupts among the revolutionaries, there are growing fears that the ousting of Gaddafi will not mean an end to fighting in the new Libya.