

(State) - A military partner's homecoming ought not be public event.

[Why Some Wars Are So Savage](#)

(Wall Street Journal) - Syria's conflict meets many of military history's criteria for barbarism.

[America's China Mistake](#)

(Los Angeles Times) - Our allies should signal their intent to withdraw from the exercise if China participates. Failing that, the invitation should be withdrawn. RIMPAC is for allies and friends, not nations planning to eventually wage war on the United States.

[Obama's Dangerous Confusions](#)

(Wall Street Journal) - When the President speaks on national security, it is hard to distinguish between personal belief and political calculation.

[Counterterror Contradiction](#)

(Washington Post) - THERE IS a contradiction at the center of the counterterrorism policy announced by President Obama in a speech last week. In describing a sharply reduced threat around the world, the president declared that "this war, like all wars, must end." He promised "efforts to refine and ultimately repeal" the congressional declaration authorizing military action against al-Qaeda and the Taliban and said he would reject any legislation "designed to expand this mandate further."

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