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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

PERU/BRAZIL

President Rousseff called Peruvian President-elect Humala to congratulate him on his electoral victory, and plans to attend Humala's July 28 inauguration, Rousseff's foreign policy advisor said. (*Merco Press*)

MEXICO

Troops seized two armored trucks in a machine shop in Tamaulipas state, bringing the total number seized in the past several years to 109. The two trucks, outfitted with one-inch thick steel plates, were found with two other partially-completed trucks and 23 tractor-trailers awaiting modification for drug-smuggling. (*Latin American Herald Tribune*)

EUROPE

RUSSIA

A Russian court refused to consider a parole request from jailed tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky because his lawyers failed to supply the proper documents showing he was in prison. (*Reuters*)

HUNGARY/ASEAN/EUROPEAN UNION

Foreign ministers from European Union and ASEAN countries that comprise the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) met in Hungary to find joint solutions to “non-traditional security challenges” such as food security, climate change, piracy, and nuclear safety. (*AFP*)

SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA**INDIA/CHINA/UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

An alleged U.S. diplomatic cable from August 2009 stated China, at the behest of Pakistan, placed a “technical hold” on an Indian request to impose sanctions on three top leaders of Pakistan-based terrorist organizations. A Chinese foreign ministry official said India had failed to provide sufficient information to merit the sanctions. (*The Hindu*)

INDIA/FRANCE

Christine Lagarde traveled to India to meet with Prime Minister Singh as part of her campaign to overcome emerging-economy opposition to her bid to lead the International Monetary Fund. The former French finance minister has already visited Brazil, and plans to visit China and several African nations as well. (*Dawn*)

AFRICA**ZIMBABWE**

A leaked version of Zimbabwe’s voter rolls contains 2.6 million too many names, according to a report by a respected South African research institute. (*BBC*)

SOUTH AFRICA/UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

South Africa’s minister of trade, speaking ahead of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) forum in Lusaka, said his country will contest any decision by Washington to make radical changes to the trade agreement, which expires in 2015. (*Business Day*)

MIDDLE EAST**IRAN**

Iranian submarines were sent to the Red Sea to collect data and identify warships of other countries, according to Iran’s semi-official news agency. (*Reuters Africa*)

SYRIA

A Syrian regime critic and writer of a blog titled “A Gay Girl in Damascus” was abducted from a Damascus street while walking to a meeting. (*abc.net.au*)

EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC**CHINA/EL SALVADOR**

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THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA/DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF KOREA/CHINA

The Republic of Korea’s (ROK) envoy to the six-party talks on the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea’s (DPRK) nuclear program will fly to China to consult with his Chinese counterpart after the DPRK cut off

dialogue with the ROK. The DPRK accuses the ROK of divulging details of their secret overseas efforts to set up a summit. (*Yonhap News Agency*)

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