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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

BRAZIL

Hackers tested Brazil's vulnerability to cyber attacks in recent weeks, accessing military personnel's private data and targeting the country's statistics agency and state oil company, Petrobras. The government identified 25 attacks against its sites from June 22 to June 26. (*Los Angeles Times*)

MEXICO

Campaigning officially ended ahead of gubernatorial elections in the states of Coahuila, Nayarit, and Mexico. The incumbent Institutional Revolutionary Party is expected to win re-election in a contest that will provide insight into Mexico's 2012 presidential contest. (*Latin American Herald Tribune*)

EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC

THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The Republic of Korea (ROK) announced it will require foreigners visiting the country for longer than 90 days to register their biometric data upon entry starting July 1. The ROK's approximately 1.1 million registered foreign residents will need to scan their facial structures and all ten fingerprints by January 2012. (*Korea Herald*)

DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The Associated Press (AP) signed an agreement with Pyongyang to become the first Western media outlet to open a permanent news bureau in the country. The AP will expand its presence by sending text and photo journalists to complement its existing video news bureau, and will be designated as the exclusive international distributor of video from the state news agency's archive. (*Korea Herald*)

EUROPE**EUROPEAN UNION/AZERBAIJAN/ARMENIA**

A senior Azerbaijani lawmaker said the European Union might emerge as a new mediator if Russian-brokered talks with Armenia fail to resolve the Nagorno-Karabakh dispute. Separately, Azerbaijani President Aliyev said he would support the recognition of the Palestinian Territories as an independent state at the United Nations in September. (*Hurriyet Daily News*)

UNITED KINGDOM

Work and Pensions Secretary Iain Smith issued a plea to businesses to hire jobless UK youths, rather than migrant workers. He said more than half the jobs created in the UK over the past year went to foreign workers. (*Sky News*)

MIDDLE EAST**TURKEY/SYRIA**

Turkish Foreign Minister Davutoglu dismissed claims that Turkey has a double agenda with Syria and reiterated Turkey shares Syria's future, adding Syria should prepare a new vision for reform. (*Today's Zaman*)

LEBANON/UNITED NATIONS

Prime Minister Mikati called on all sides to act responsibly in response to the UN Special Tribunal for Lebanon's indictment so no group can use the issue to create instability. He said the government would ensure the truth about Rafik Hariri's assassination is revealed. (*The Daily Star*)

SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA**INDIA/PAKISTAN**

India released ten Pakistani fishermen and a farmer jailed for nearly two years for crossing into Indian territory. A representative of the Pakistani Fisherfolk Forum said 200 Pakistanis are in Indian jails while 300 Indian fishermen are held in Pakistan. (*Dawn*)

INDIA/BANGLADESH

Indian Prime Minister Singh said at a June 29 meeting that at least at least 25 percent of Bangladeshis are anti-Indian and support the terrorist group Jemaah Islamiyah. Singh's comments prompted rebuttals by several former Indian officials and diplomats. (*The Hindu*)

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SUDAN/UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations said Sudan is denying access to thousands of civilians who have fled to the Nuba Mountains following aerial attacks by Sudan's military. *(AP)*

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