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1. Iron Prices 'Could Hurt Uranium Deals',  
Barry Fitzgerald, Age, 2005-12-02 China has warned BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto not to increase the iron ore price. Ambassador Mme. Fu Ying confirmed China's plan to increase nuclear power for energy from 2 to 4 per cent by 2020. China's domestic uranium is used by the military. "There is going to be the need to [import uranium](#)," she said, but added Australia was but one of the supply options.
2. The US Can Out-Charm China,  
Fareed Zakaria, Newsweek, 2005-12-03 China has used soft power in the sense that it has exercised its power softly. It does this to show that it is not a bully, unlike guess who. [The East Asia Summit](#), being hosted in Kuala Lumpur on Dec. 12, should serve as a wake-up call for

Washington.

3. Terror Laws Threat To 'Basic Civil Liberties',  
Michelle Grattan, Age, 2005-12-05The Law Council of Australia has taken out newspaper advertisements accusing the Government of putting Australians' "most basic civil liberties under threat". The [counter-terrorism legislation](#) is due to be passed this week.Of related interest:  
[Anti-Terrorism Bill 2005, Parliamentary Library](#)  
[Anti-Terrorism Bill \(No.2\) 2005, Parliamentary Library](#)  
[Anti-Terrorism Bill \(No.2\) When Scrutiny, Secrecy and Security Collide, Jenny Hocking, Democratic Audit of Australia, November 2005](#)
4. Defence Update Highlights Global Threat,  
Patrick Walters, Australian, 2005-12-05The update says the army must grow and have more combat weight as the Government prepares to commit more troops to Afghanistan and considers new army deployments to Iraq next year. [The plan](#) cites global terrorism, weapons of mass destruction and failing states in Australia's neighbourhood as the main security challenges.
5. ASIO's Questioning And Detention Powers,  
ASPI, 2005-12-01The Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD has reviewed the operation, effectiveness and implications of Division 3 of Part III in the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979. The sunset clause for this provision comes into operation on 22 July 2006. [ASPI](#) says this report is intended to inform the reintroduction of the Act next year prior to the sunset clause.Of Related interest:  
[Review of Division 3 Part III of the ASIO Act 1979 - Questioning and Detention Powers](#)
6. Crisis On Our Doorstep - HIV/AIDS Grips Papua New Guinea,  
Australian Red Cross, 2005-12-01The HIV/AIDS epidemic in PNG could rival the catastrophic situations in Africa unless immediate and large-scale actions are taken by the international community, says [Australian Red Cross](#) CEO Robert Tickner.
7. PNG: Police Mobile Squads Disbanded,  
PINA, 2005-12-02Police mobile squads have been disbanded pending an investigation into their actions in last month's takeover of PNG's police college to protest over unpaid allowances. Mobile squad officers set up road blocks, patrolled the college with semi-automatic weapons and reportedly threatened to take measures against the civilian society of [Port Moresby](#) if their demands were not met.
8. Unless The Nation Works Together, Our Grandchildren Face Global Disaster,  
Morris Iemma NSW Premier, SMH, 2005-11-29The Federal Government must commit to a summit on climate change. Recently I wrote to the Prime Minister requesting him to convene a [three-day national summit](#) in the first half of next year on climate change and greenhouse gas emissions trading.Contact editor: Jane Mullett jane.mullett@rmit.edu.au

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