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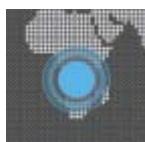
## Dispatches: Leaked Call, But Where's the Truth in Ukraine?



The Russian-government-funded television network RT (formerly Russia Today) has reported a "leaked" phone call between EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs Catherine Ashton and Estonian Foreign Minister Urmas Paet that is getting a lot of attention, but all it really does is underscore how little we actually know about what happened during the clashes and shootings in Kiev on February 19 and 20.

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### [Malawi Should End Widespread Child Marriage](#)

Half of the girls in Malawi will be married by their 18th birthday, with some as young as 9 or 10 being forced to marry. Malawi needs to set a lawful minimum marriage age to protect girls from the abuse,

exploitation, and violence that results from child marriage.

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## [In Vietnam, Relentless Prosecutions to Squelch Dissent](#)

Truong Duy Nhat's trial is part of the Vietnamese government's futile effort to silence the increasingly effervescent community of Vietnamese bloggers. Instead of creating another political prisoner, the government should release Truong Duy Nhat and all others who are jailed merely for disagreeing with the government and the party.

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## [Obama the Disappointment](#)

By Kenneth Roth  
Politico

President Obama has disappointed many by failing to make human rights a priority. True, at times he has stood up for people's rights where there are few strategic interests at play-in such places as Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Venezuela and Zimbabwe. But his readiness to compromise in places like Afghanistan, Egypt, Mexico, Uzbekistan and Yemen leaves the impression that he is not committed to the human rights ideal.

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