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- Newspaper Article: Muhammad Hanif, "Why India is Opposing CPEC?" *Pakistan Observer*, February 27, 2017, <http://pakobserver.net/why-india-is-opposing-cpec/>.
- Website: Andrew Wood, "Putin is Running out of Options in Syria," *CNN.com*, April 10, 2017, http://edition.cnn.com/2017/04/10/opinions/putin-options-syria-opinion-wood/index.html?iid=ob_lockedrail_bottomlist.

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