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Middle East

[Al Qaeda denies Saharan leader killed by France: SITE](#)

Source: Reuters

“Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, the movement's North African arm, said French statements that its forces had killed the group's leader in the Sahara were "blatant fallacy", a monitoring website said on Saturday.”

[2 Weeks Before Iraqi Local Elections, Deadly Bombs Hit Campaign Event](#)

Source/Author: Duraid Adnan, NY Times

“Two explosions, the first from a suicide bomber and the second from a homemade bomb, ripped through a tent at a political rally on Saturday in Baquba, north of the capital, where voters and candidates had gathered for lunch.”

[Soldier killed, four wounded as Yemen army fights separatists](#)

Source: Reuters

“A Yemeni soldier was killed and two others wounded, along with two passers-by, during a clash between the army and southern separatists near Aden on Saturday, a security official said.”

[Egypt protest clashes on April 6 Youth Movement anniversary](#)

Source: BBC

“Hundreds of Egyptians have taken part in anti-government protests in Cairo, on the fifth anniversary of the creation of the April 6 Youth Movement.”

[Syrian Airstrikes Kill at Least 5 in Aleppo](#)

Source: NY Times

“A Syrian government airstrike on a heavily contested neighborhood in the northern city of Aleppo killed at least five people on Saturday, while government forces battled rebels in a town outside Damascus, the capital, activists said.”

[One dead, many wounded in Cairo cathedral clashes](#)

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Source/Author: Asmaa Waguih and Ulf Laessing, Reuters

“One person was killed and more than 80 wounded in clashes at the Coptic Orthodox Cathedral in central Cairo on Sunday after a funeral service for four Egyptian Christians killed in sectarian violence with Muslims, state media said.”

[Trial of coup suspects in United Arab Emirates offers window into wider fears in Gulf region](#)

Source: Washington Post

“One is a former judge. Another is a past president of the lawyers’ association in the United Arab Emirates. Among the more than 90 suspects are also teachers, civil servants, business



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owners and even a cousin of one of the UAE's ruling sheiks."

[UN says funds for Syrian refugees running out](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

"The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has warned that it will soon run out of money to cope with the vast needs of internally displaced Syrians as well as refugees in neighbouring countries."

[Lebanon names Tamam Salam as new prime minister](#)

Source: BBC

"Prominent Sunni politician Tamam Salam is been nominated to become Lebanon's next prime minister, ending a dangerous two-week power vacuum."

[Assad says rebel victory would destabilize Middle East](#)

Source: Reuters

"President Bashar al-Assad has warned that if rebel forces battling to overthrow him take power in Syria, they could destabilize the Middle East for decades."

[U.S. official says no "breakdown" in Iran nuclear talks](#)

Source: Reuters

"A senior U.S. official said on Saturday there had been no breakdown in nuclear negotiations with Iran, and that the major powers pressing Iran to curb its nuclear program intended to continue with diplomacy."

[Kerry visits Turkey before making fresh bid to unlock peace talks in Middle East](#)

Source: Fox News

"U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in Turkey early Sunday on the first leg of a 10-day trip to Europe and Asia that would also seek to unlock long-stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace talks."

South Asia

[Six Americans, including three civilians, killed in attacks in Afghanistan](#)

Source: Washington Post

"Three American civilians and three U.S. troops were killed in two attacks in Afghanistan on Saturday, officials said, including a powerful blast that struck officials traveling to a school to donate books. Among the dead was the first State Department diplomat to be killed in the country since the war began."

[Joint chiefs chairman visits Afghanistan](#)

Source: UPI

"Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, traveled to Afghanistan Saturday to determine American troop level needs for 2014."

East Asia

[North Korea: Embassies stay despite security warning](#)

Source: BBC

"Foreign embassies in the North Korean capital Pyongyang have played down warnings from



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Kim Jong-un's government over their safety.”

Africa

[Deadly attack on Nigeria politician's home](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Attackers have stormed the home of a Nigerian deputy governor and slit the throats of two of his guards, while killing nine others in the same village in the restive northeast, police said.”

[M23 says it will 'fight back' against UN](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“The president of the Congolese rebel group, M23, says it will fight back against a new UN "intervention brigade" if it entered the M23 controlled areas.”

[France urges Mali to stick to election date](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius has urged Mali to stick to its July 7 date for presidential elections and complete the democratic transition.”

[Rebel group in northern Mali marks anniversary](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“The main rebel movement in northern Mali is marking one year since it declared the independent state of Azawad.”

[Suspected Islamists kill 11 in northeast Nigeria raid](#)

Source: Reuters

“Suspected Islamist militants shot or hacked to death 11 people on Saturday in a northeast Nigerian village, including at a deputy governor's house, police said.”

Europe

[Russians rally for political prisoners](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Hundreds of protesters have rallied in central Moscow to demand the release of political activists detained since mass protests.”

[Russia slams expansion of U.N. Syria chemical arms probe](#)

Source/Author: Megan Davies and Steve Gutterman, Reuters

“Russia criticized Western moves to expand a planned United Nations probe into chemical weapons in Syria and compared it to the build-up to the U.S. invasion of Iraq.”

US & Canada

[Drone use remains cloaked despite Obama's pledge for more transparency](#)

Source/Author: Karen DeYoung, Washington Post

“The Obama administration is still struggling with how to make good on the president's promise to ensure that its counterterrorism programs, including drone strikes, are “even more transparent to the American people and to the world.””



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South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Mexico drug war memorial opens amid protest](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Mexico City has opened a memorial to honour tens of thousands of victims of the country's drug war.”

Maritime