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Middle East

Kerry Embarks on 'Quiet Strategy' to Renew Mideast Peace Process

Source: Channel News Asia

“US Secretary of State John Kerry on Monday said he was intensely focused on a "quiet strategy" to breathe new life into the Middle East peace process, but stressed he will not be rushed as he seeks a path forward...”

Tight Security after Unrest at Egypt Church

Source: Al Jazeera

“Security remained tight around the main Coptic cathedral in Egypt's capital Cairo on Monday, days after sectarian violence left several people dead...”

Israeli to Serve 7 Years in Prison for Conspiracy with Hizballah

Source: UPI

“An Israeli court sentenced Milad Khatib to seven years in prison Tuesday for providing military intelligence to a Hezbollah agent, officials said...”

UN Says Food Distribution Centers Reopen in Gaza

Source: Haaretz

“The United Nations says it has reopened food distribution centers in Gaza that closed last week following a violent protest at a UN compound...”

Defiant Iran Unveils New Uranium Sites

Source: Al Jazeera

“Iran has unveiled a new uranium production facility and two extraction mines, only days after talks with world powers on its disputed nuclear programme again ended in deadlock...”

Govt: Turkey Delays Raid Compensation Talks with Israel

Source: Ma'an News Agency

“Turkey has delayed the start of talks this week with Israel over compensation that Israel will pay to victims of a deadly 2010 raid on a Gaza-bound flotilla, the government said...”

Official: Iraq Searches Another Syria-Bound Iranian Cargo Plane, Finds No Weapons

Source: The Washington Post

“An Iraqi government spokesman says his country has forced a Syria-bound Iranian plane to land at Baghdad International Airport for search it for weapons. Ali al-Moussawi said that only humanitarian aid and commercial goods were found on the Tuesday flight...”

Suicide Car Bomber Kills 15 in Central Damascus

Authors/Source: Oliver Holmes, Mariam Karouny/Reuters



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“A suicide car bomb killed at least 15 people and wounded 53 in the main business district of Damascus on Monday in what the Syrian prime minister said was a response to army gains against rebels around the capital...”

[Syria Accuses U.N. of Trying to Expand Chemical Weapons Investigation](#)

Source: UPI

“The Syria government accused the United Nations of trying to broaden an investigation into an alleged chemical weapons attack in Aleppo province...”

[Former Egypt Parliament Leader Jailed on Corruption Charges](#)

Source: Ahrām Online

“Sami Mahram, former secretary general of the dissolved People’s Assembly, was sentenced to three years in prison on illicit gains charges by Giza Criminal Court on Tuesday...”

[Syrian Opposition to Meet Some G8 Foreign Ministers in London](#)

Source: Reuters

“Opponents of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad will meet some Group of Eight foreign ministers in London on Wednesday, British Foreign Secretary William Hague said...”

[Egypt, in Gesture to Opponents, Eyes Constitution Changes](#)

Source: Reuters

“Egypt’s Islamist-led government has asked independent legal experts to propose amendments to the new constitution, the state news agency MENA said on Tuesday, signaling that it may be heeding concerns of the liberal and leftist opposition...”

South Asia

[Violence During Bangladesh Strike Leaves One Dead](#)

Source: The Hindu

“Rock-throwing protesters enforcing a general strike in Bangladesh on Tuesday clashed with police, detonated home-made bombs and attacked vehicles, leaving one person dead and dozens injured...”

[Treason Case: Pakistan Supreme Court Rejects Plea to Arrest Musharraf](#)

Source: Dawn

“The Supreme Court on Tuesday adjourned hearing over the treason case against former military ruler Pervez Musharraf until April 15, DawnNews reported...”

[Militants Fire Mortar Bombs in Peshawar’s Hayatabad Area](#)

Author/Source: Zahid Shah Sherazi/Dawn

“Militants fired five mortar bombs from the Khyber tribal region into Hayatabad Phase 6 area of Peshawar injuring seven persons on Tuesday. Police officials talking to Dawn.com confirmed that seven persons including a woman were injured in the explosions...”

[U.S. to Keep Pressure on Sri Lanka to Allow Rights Violations Probe](#)

Author/Source: Shihar Aneez/Reuters



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“The United States will keep the pressure on Sri Lanka to allow an independent investigation of accusations of human rights violations in the final stages of the civil war and speed up reconciliation, its ambassador said...”

Pakistani Military Says 100 Militants Killed

Source: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

“Four days of fighting in northwestern Pakistan has left 30 soldiers and nearly 100 militants dead. Pakistani military officials said on April 8 the army was attempting to regain control of a remote, mountainous valley from the Taliban and their allies...”

NATO Helicopter Crashes in Afghanistan Killing Two U.S. Soldiers

Source: Dawn

“A Nato helicopter crashed in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday killing two US troops, officials said, adding there was no insurgent activity in the area at the time of the incident...”

Two French Hostages Freed in Afghanistan: Officials

Source: Express Tribune

“Two Frenchmen held hostage separately in Afghanistan have been freed, officials said Monday, with one man found by local security personnel in a Taliban-troubled area near Kabul...”

Southeast Asia

More Violence as Peace Talks Face Delay in Thailand

Source: Bangkok Post

“Insurgents took another shot at the house of an adviser to Deputy Prime Minister Chalerm Yubamrunng early Tuesday, firing a third grenade at his Narithiwat home that missed and wounded a neighbour...”

Refugees Flee Fighting in Shan State, Myanmar

Source: Mizzima

“On April 8, The Shan Herald News Agency reported that Shan rebels had clashed with Myanmar forces in Tangyan township in northern Shan State causing thousands of local people to flee their homes...”

East Asia

Japan Deploys Pac-3 Missile Batteries as North Korea Threatens Missile Launch

Author/Source: Reiji Yoshida/The Japan Times

“The Defense Ministry has deployed Patriot PAC-3 antimissile air defense units to three Self-Defense Forces installations, in Tokyo and Chiba, to defend against possible North Korean missile strikes, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said Tuesday...”

North Korea: Foreigners Should Evacuate South Korea

Source: BBC

“North Korea has warned foreigners in South Korea to take evacuation measures in case of



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war. This comes amid growing concern that the North may be about to launch a missile test...”

Report: S. Korea to Resume MUAV Program

Source: UPI

“South Korea, facing growing North Korean threats, will revive its mid-altitude unmanned aerial vehicle program, a military source told Yonhap News Tuesday...”

North Korea Pulls out Kaesong Workers

Source: JoongAng Daily

“Pyongyang yesterday announced it would temporarily suspend all inter-Korean business in the Kaesong Industrial Complex, a primary remaining symbol of inter-Korean cooperation...”

Africa

Somalia: Obama Authorizes Provision of Arms to Somalia

Source: Xinhua

“U.S. President Barack Obama on Monday approved the provision of arms to Somalia, as the Horn of Africa nation is still fighting the al-Shabaab militants...”

Kenyatta Sworn in as Kenya's New President

Source: Al Jazeera

“Kenya's new president, Uhuru Kenyatta, who faces international charges of crimes against humanity, has been sworn in to office at a ceremony in a stadium packed with supporters and foreign dignitaries...”

5 UN Peacekeepers, 7 Others Killed in Gunfire Attack in South Sudan

Source: The Washington Post

“Armed rebels that South Sudan believes are backed by Sudan opened fire on a U.N. convoy on Tuesday, killing five U.N. peacekeepers from India and at least seven civilians, officials said...”

Kidnapped Top Aide of Libya Premier Freed

Source: France 24

“A top aide to Libyan Prime Minister Ali Zeidan kidnapped at the end of last month in a Tripoli suburb has been released, a source close to the cabinet said on Tuesday...”

Darfur Rebels Say Near Key Town

Source: News24

“Rebels in Sudan's Darfur said on Monday they were near a key town as demonstrations continued against a donors' conference where billions of dollars were pledged to rebuild the region...”

Omar al-Bashir to Visit South Sudan

Source: News24

“Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir will travel to South Sudan on Friday, his office said, in a



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further sign of easing tensions between the two neighbours which fought along their common border last year...”

Nigerian Presidential Commission to Discuss to Discuss Boko Haram Amnesty

Author/Source: Peter Clottey/Voice of America

“Possible measures that would grant amnesty to members of the militant group Boko Haram are to be reviewed this week by a commission established by Nigeria's president, Goodluck Jonathan...”

Europe

France Withdraws First Batch of Soldiers from Mali

Source: Channel News Asia

“France has withdrawn its first batch of soldiers from Mali, the army said Tuesday, as it begins to pull out troops sent to battle fighters in the west African nation...”

EU Believes Risk of War in Korea is “Limited:” EU Official

Source: Reuters

“The European Union believes there is a "limited risk" of war in Korea, in spite of a ratcheting up of tensions on the peninsula, an EU official said on Tuesday...”

Italy’s Bersani to Meet Berlusconi, Rules out “Grand Coalition”

Author/Source: James Mackenzie

“Italian center-left leader Pier Luigi Bersani confirmed on Tuesday he would meet his center-right rival Silvio Berlusconi soon, but held out little hope of a breakthrough in the political stalemate since February's inconclusive election...”

Turkey Interior Minister Blames Provocateurs for Emek Clash

Source: Hurriyet Daily News

“The question of whether or not the police used disproportionate force against demonstrators in the Emek theatre protest cannot be determined until the ministry looks into the events that took place, Turkey’s Interior Minister Muammer Güler has said...”

Latin America and the Caribbean

Chavez Candidate Spins Conspiracy Theories ahead of Venezuelan Election

Source: The Washington Post

“Salvadoran mercenaries are plotting with Venezuela’s opposition candidate to assassinate interim President Nicolas Maduro. But wait, the plot thickens. Central American agents, along with former U.S. diplomats, are also plotting to kill the opposition candidate, Henrique Capriles...”

Venezuela Closes Colombia Border Ahead of Election

Source: Colombia Reports

“In a surprise move, Venezuela on Tuesday closed the Colombian border five days before holding its presidential election...”



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Police Capture 17 'Urabeños' in Cartagena

Source: Colombia Reports

“The National Police have confirmed the capture of 17 members of criminal gang “Los Urabeños” in Colombia's Caribbean city of Cartagena...”

Ecuadorian Soldiers Fend off Attempt to Rob Argentine VP

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“The Ecuadorian Joint Armed Forces Command on the weekend announced that Ecuadorian troops averted an attempt to rob the Argentine vice president, Amado Boudou, who is on an official visit to the Andean nation...”