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Middle East

[Afghanistan attack: Taliban raid 'kills 13 soldiers'](#)

Author/ Source: BBC

“At least 13 Afghan soldiers have been killed in a Taliban attack on a remote outpost in the eastern province of Kunar, officials say. The militants held the position briefly before reinforcements arrived and...”

[Deadly twin bombings outside Iraq mosque](#)

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“A pair of bombs struck in quick succession outside a Sunni mosque north of Baghdad, killing at least 14 people and wounding more than 40 others. The attacks on Friday in the town of Kanaan, about 75km northeast of the capital, are likely to increase fears of further violence ahead of provincial elections...”

[Dozens killed in Syria in army assault](#)

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“Six children are among at least 57 people killed in southern Syria after the army launched an all-out assault on two towns in Deraa province, according to a London-based activist group. The Syrian Observatory...”

[Iraq mosque bombing kills seven worshippers](#)

Author/ Source: Reuters

“A bomb explosion killed at least seven people and wounded 25 in front of a Sunni Muslim mosque in Iraq's Diyala province as worshippers were leaving after Friday prayers, police and medics said. A surge...”

[Mutinying infantry wreaks havoc in Yemeni city](#)

Author/ Source: France 24

“In Yemen, the smallest spark could tip the country into armed conflict. In the country's southeast, already weakened by separatists and al Qaeda, the mutiny of an infantry group on Saturday has caused a spiral...”

[Syria calls on UN to recognize rebels' al-Qaeda links](#)

Author/ Source: BBC

“Syria has urged the United Nations Security Council to class the al-Nusra Front as a group linked to al-Qaeda. The Syrian foreign ministry made the call in a letter to the UN, according to the Syrian state...”

[West has 'evidence' of Syria chemical weapons, diplomats say](#)

Author/ Source: France 24

“Western diplomats say they have "hard evidence" chemical weapons have been used at least



once in the Syrian civil war, but the Assad regime is refusing to let international experts into the country to investigate the...”

Why al Qaeda has admitted its role in the Syrian conflict

Author/ Source: France 24

“On Tuesday, the head of al Qaeda in Iraq publicly unveiled its links to the jihadist group al-Nusra Front, which is fighting against the regime in Syria. In turn, the head of the al-Nusra Front has pledged allegiance to Ayman al-Zawahiri, who as Osama Bin Laden’s successor is at the helm of the entire...”

South Asia

Australia to face Japan over whaling in UN court

Author/ Source: BBC

“The UN's International Court of Justice has set dates for public hearings on Australia's challenge against Japan's whaling programme in Antarctica. The hearings will start in June in The Hague, in the Netherlands, the court said in a statement on Thursday. Australia took legal action against Japan over whaling...”

Burma riots: Muslim gold shop workers jailed

Author/ Source:

“A court in Burma has sentenced three Muslims to 14 years in jail for their role in communal violence that has left more than 40 dead. The owner of a gold shop, his wife, and an employee, were convicted of theft and assault on Thursday, reports said. A dispute at the gold shop in Meiktila is thought...”

Myanmar court jails Muslim shop owners after anti-Muslim riots

Author/ Source: Reuters, Aung Hla Tun and Jared Ferrie

“A Muslim businessman, his wife and an employee have been sentenced to prison after an altercation at their gold shop led to anti-Muslim riots in which at least 43 people were killed in Myanmar last month. Shop...”

East Asia

China labour camp victim sues local authorities

Author/ Source: BBC

“A Chinese woman is suing a local authority who sent her to a labour camp for the loss of her personal freedom. Tang Hui was sent to a re-education camp by Yongzhou's local authority for "disturbing social order" last August, state-run news agency Xinhua reported. She had been campaigning for harsher...”

‘Explosives’ on Taiwan train lead to mass evacuation

Author/ Source: BBC

“Over 600 passengers have been evacuated from a train in Taiwan after suspected explosives were found on board. Customers noticed the unattended suitcases in the bathroom of train number 616 at around 09:10 (01:10 GMT). The Taipei-bound high-speed train was evacuated when it reached Taoyuan...”



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Africa

[Aid group says displaced Malians in dire need](#)

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“An estimated 74,000 Malians, who have been displaced by fighting in Mali, are in need of urgent help in the desert of Mauritania, the Doctors without Borders (MSF) aid group has said. In the Mbera camp "humanitarian..."”

[DR Congo officers ‘suspended’ in mass rape inquiry](#)

Author/ Source: BBC

“The army in the Democratic Republic of Congo has suspended 12 senior officers in connection with an incident of mass rape in November, the UN has said. The UN had issued an ultimatum saying that it..."”

[Mali refugees endure ‘appalling’ Mauritania camp](#)

Author/ Source: BBC

“Thousands of Malian refugees fleeing conflict in neighbouring Mauritania are facing "appalling" conditions in a UN-run camp, a medical charity has warned. Conditions are so bad that healthy people are getting ill after they arrive, said Medecins Sans Frontieres. There is only one toilet for every 3,000..."”

[Some 50,000 flee Sudan into Chad after Darfur clashes](#)

Author/ Source: Reuters

“Some 50,000 Sudanese have fled into southeastern Chad in the past week following fresh tribal conflict in the restive Darfur region, U.N. and Chadian officials said on Friday. Melissa Fleming, a..."”

[Sudan and South Sudan boost relations](#)

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“Sudan and South Sudan will normalise ties and start cross-border cooperation, Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir has said. Bashir made the comments on Friday during his first visit to South Sudan..."”

[Tunisia recovers money ‘stolen’ by ex president Ben Ali](#)

Author/ Source: BBC

“Tunisia has received \$29m (£19m) from what it calls looted assets held by ex-President Zine el Abidine Ben Ali. The money was recovered by the United Nations' Stolen Asset Recovery team, reports Tunisia's..."”

Europe

[Anarchists claim parcel bombs sent to Italy newspaper and agency](#)

Author/ Source: Reuters

“An Italian anarchist group on Friday claimed responsibility for parcel bombs sent to offices of national newspaper La Stampa and an investigative agency this week. A CD carrier case containing powder and cables..."”



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[Russia warns US against publicizing Magnitsky list](#)

Author/ Source: BBC

“Russia has warned the US against publishing a list of Russian officials banned from entering America because of alleged human rights abuses, a move it says could severely damage relations. A spokesman for President Vladimir Putin said publication of the names would have a very negative...”

[Serbia mass shooting suspect Ljubisa Bogdanovic dies of injuries](#)

Author/ Source: BBC

“The man suspected of shooting dead 13 people in Serbia before turning the gun on himself has died, according to hospital officials. Police say Ljubisa Bogdanovic, a 60-year-old war veteran, murdered six...”

[Turkey passes anti-terrorism law reform](#)

Author/ Source: Reuters

“Turkey's parliament passed a reform of its anti-terrorism laws in a vote late on Thursday, narrowing the definition of terrorist propaganda in line with EU demands that it boost freedom of expression. The reforms...”

US & Canada

[Canada probes suicide of cyber-bullied rape victim](#)

Author/ Source: France 24

“Canada is looking further into the case of a teenage girl who killed herself after an alleged gang rape and months of cyber bullying. Rehtaeh Parsons (pictured) said she was repeatedly harassed after a photo of her...”

[China declines comment on report on North Korea nuclear weapons](#)

Author/ Source: Reuters

“China declined to comment on a report by a Pentagon spy agency that said North Korea may have a nuclear weapon it can mount on a missile. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said at a daily news...”

[Kerry pressures China to ensure North Korea denuclearization](#)

Author/ Source: Reuters

“China needs to toughen its approach to North Korea to push the isolated country to abandon its nuclear weapons program, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said in Seoul ahead of a visit to Beijing, Pyongyang's...”

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[U.S. targets companies accused of evading Iran sanctions](#)

Author/ Source: Reuters, Timothy Gardner

“The United States on Thursday slapped financial penalties on an Iranian businessman, a



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Malaysian bank and a network of companies it accused of attempting to evade international sanctions on Iran's nuclear..."

[U.S. warns North Korea against missile launch](#)

Author/ Source: Reuters

"North Korea would be making a "huge mistake" if it launched one of its medium-range missiles during the current standoff between it, the United States and South Korea, Secretary of State John Kerry warned..."

[South and Central America and the Caribbean](#)

[Campaigns close ahead of key Venezuela vote](#)

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

"Interim president Nicolas Maduro and opposition challenger Henrique Capriles made their final speeches to voters as official campaigning closed ahead of Venezuela's election. Hundreds of thousands rallied..."

[Clashes as Chilean students stage protests](#)

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

"Tens of thousands of students flooded the streets of Chile on Thursday in one of the largest demonstrations demanding free education. After two years of student marches that have paralysed Chile's major cities..."