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Middle East

[Al Qaeda adds urgency to search for Syrian peace](#)

Author/Source: Khaled Yacoub Oweis/Reuters

(Reuters) - International powers will search for a peaceful settlement to Syria's civil war with fresh urgency at an Istanbul meeting after a rebel faction aligned itself with al Qaeda, diplomats and opposition sources said on Sunday.

[Iraq election candidates killed before local vote](#)

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - Two Iraqi Sunni Muslim candidates were killed less than a week before local elections that will be a test of the country's political stability after U.S. troops left more than a year ago.

['57% support unilateral Israeli move to set borders'](#)

Author/Source: JPOST.COM Staff/The Jerusalem Post

A majority of the public (57 percent) believes Israel should make a unilateral move to determine its borders with the Palestinian territories, using the path of the existing separation wall as a guide, a poll found.

[Haredi enlistment committee meets for first time](#)

Author/Source: Jeremy Sharon/the Jerusalem Post

The ministerial committee tasked with drafting a law for haredi enlistment into national service met for the first time Sunday to begin the legislative process.

[Netanyahu: Israel is here thanks to fallen soldiers](#)

Author/Source: JPOST.COM Staff, Yaakov Lappin/The Jerusalem Post

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu addressed the weekly cabinet meeting on Sunday, the eve of Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars, stating that, "We are here thanks to those who fell on behalf of Israel."

[Israel says November Gaza strike that killed 12 civilians lawful](#)

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - Israel has said it will not open a criminal investigation into the death of 12 Palestinian civilians in a November air strike on a house in the Gaza Strip during its war with Hamas.

[Israeli NGO to sue PA for terrorism](#)

Author/Source: Shahar Chai/Israeli News

An Israeli civil rights NGO is preparing to sue the Palestinian Authority in the International Criminal Court (ICC) for its alleged responsibility for thousands of terrorist attacks on Israel.



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[Lieberman: No relief for Jordanian murderer](#)

Author/Source: JPOST.COM STAFF/The Jerusalem Post

Former foreign minister Avigdor Lieberman vowed on Sunday that the Jordanian perpetrator of the 1997 murder of Israeli schoolgirls would not be released.

[Gulf countries meet over Iran nuclear radiation fears](#)

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - National emergency officials in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries met on Sunday in Saudi Arabia to discuss the risk of radiation spreading over the Gulf if Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant is damaged by another earthquake.

[Palestinian PM's resignation complicates U.S. plan](#)

Author/Source: Noah Browning and Ali Sawafta/Reuters

(Reuters) - Palestinian officials and the United States voiced optimism on Sunday that the resignation of U.S.-backed Prime Minister Salam Fayyad would not hinder Washington's planned development initiative for the West Bank.

[Syrian air raid on Kurdish village kills 11 civilians: activists](#)

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - Eleven civilians were killed when a Syrian warplane bombed a Kurdish village in the oil-producing province of Hasaka in northeastern Syria on Sunday, Kurdish activists said.

[Battles rage in Syria; symbolic mosque crumbles](#)

By JPOST.COM Staff/The Jerusalem Post

As Syrian rebels and government forces waged a deadly battle in the city of Daraa on Saturday, a symbolic mosque was destroyed tumbling to the ground, CNN reported.

Central Asia

[Afghan investigation finds 17 died in airstrike](#)

Source: The Associated Press

KABUL: Both Taliban insurgents and the US military were to blame for an airstrike a week ago that killed 17 people, including a dozen children, during a fierce battle in eastern Afghanistan, President Hamid Karzai said Saturday.

[ISAF operations against IMU in 2013 at highest rate since war's start](#)

Author/Source: Patrick Megahan & Bill Roggio/Long War Journal

This past week Afghan and Coalition special operations forces conducted five raids targeting the al Qaeda-linked Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan in northern Afghanistan.

South Asia

[Insight: Once a landlord's serf, a Pakistani woman enters election fray](#)

Author/Source: Matthew Green/Reuters

(Reuters) - When Veero Kolhi made the asset declaration required of candidates for Pakistan's May elections, she listed the following items: two beds, five mattresses, cooking pots and a bank account with life savings of 2,800 rupees (\$28).



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Situation Can Be Improved in Balochistan: Magsi

Author/Source: Syed Ali Shah/Dawn News

QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Nawab Zulfiqar Magsi has expressed optimism that the situation can be improved in Balochistan if the public voted for good people in the upcoming general elections.

Drone strike kills four in North Waziristan

Author/Source: Zahir Shah Sherazi/Dawn News

MIRANSHAH: A drone strike in Datakhel area of North Waziristan tribal region killed four people on Sunday.

Operations conducted in Karachi; terrorist attack foiled

Source: Dawn News

KARACHI: The Crime Investigation Department (CID) of police conducted a raid operation in Karachi's Surjani town area on Sunday and foiled a possible terrorist attack, DawnNews reported.

Armed men set fire to Sri Lankan newspaper press

Source: The Associated Press

COLOMBO: Armed men stormed a newspaper press in Sri Lanka's former war zone early Saturday and set fire to printing machines and newspapers ready for distribution in the second attack on the paper this month, the publisher said.

East Asia

Kerry says U.S. ready to "reach out" to North Korea

Author/Source: Arshad Mohammed and Kiyoshi Takenaka/Reuters

(Reuters) - U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Sunday stressed the United States is willing to engage with North Korea as long as it takes steps to give up nuclear weapons.

Japan, U.S. agree cannot let North Korea have nuclear arms: Japan foreign minister

(Reuters) - Japan and the United States cannot allow North Korea to possess nuclear weapons, Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida said on Sunday after a meeting with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

Defiant North Korea readies mass parade for founder

Author/Source: David Chance/Reuters

(Reuters) - North Korea prepared for the annual celebration of its founder's birth on Monday, having rejected talks with South Korea aimed at reducing tensions and reopening a joint industrial park between the two countries.

Africa

Big blast heard in area near Mogadishu airport: residents

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - A big blast was heard in an area near the airport in the Somali capital Mogadishu on Sunday, hours after a series of explosions at law courts in the capital and gunmen stormed the building, residents said.



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[Bombs and gun battles kill at least 19 in Somali capital](#)

Author/Source: Abdi Sheikh and Feisal Omar/Reuters

(Reuters) - At least 19 people were killed in the Somali capital on Sunday in suicide bombings and assaults by al Shabaab militants linked to al Qaeda, breaking a fragile return to peace in Mogadishu.

[Seven killed in gun battle in Central African Republic capital](#)

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - At least seven people were killed in the capital of Central African Republic on Sunday during heavy fighting between forces who seized power last month and armed youths loyal to the president they ousted, a doctor and a resident said.

[Egypt stalls on IMF terms, no deal seen: diplomats](#)

Author/Source: Paul Taylor and Tom Perry/Reuters

(Reuters) - Egypt is stalling on the terms of a \$4.8 billion International Monetary Fund loan to help it fight a deepening economic crisis, and no deal is likely while an IMF team is in Cairo, diplomats said on Sunday.

[Egypt to try Brotherhood members accused of torture](#)

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - Two Muslim Brotherhood members in northern Egypt have been ordered to stand trial on charges of detaining and torturing students during a protest against the president the group propelled to power.

[Chad says troops unsuited to guerrilla war, quitting Mali](#)

Author/Source: David Lewis/Reuters

(Reuters) - Chad will withdraw its troops from Mali where they risk being bogged down in guerrilla war after helping to drive Islamists from northern towns, President Idriss Deby said in comments broadcast on Sunday.

[Nigeria: MEND Threatens Retaliatory Attacks On Mosques, Muslims](#)

Author/Source: Ogala Emmanuel/Premium Times (Abuja)

MEND, operating from Nigeria's oil-rich Niger Delta, says it will attack Muslims to protect Christians in Nigeria.

Europe

[Analysis: Don't underestimate Germany's new anti-euro party](#)

Author/Source: Noah Barkin/Reuters

(Reuters) - The political establishment has dismissed Germany's new anti-euro party as a fear-mongering populist aberration that could implode even before a looming federal election.

[Turkey's Erdogan says to visit Gaza at the end of May](#)

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan said on Sunday he will visit the Palestinian Gaza Strip at the end of May after an official trip to the United States in the middle of the month.



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[EU's Ashton to visit Balkans as Serbia awaits talks verdict](#)

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton will visit the Western Balkans this week, when the European Commission is due to decide whether to recommend the start of EU membership talks with Serbia and possibly Macedonia.

[Kremlin criticizes U.S. blacklist ahead of Obama adviser visit](#)

Author/Source: Steve Gutterman/Reuters

(Reuters) - President Vladimir Putin's spokesman on Sunday called a U.S. law barring Russians from the country over alleged rights abuses unacceptable interference in Russia's affairs, setting a tough tone before a visit by a senior White House adviser.

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Mexico Wants Secure Border with Guatemala, Foreign Secretary Says](#)

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

MEXICO CITY – Mexico wants its border with Guatemala to be “prosperous and secure,” Foreign Relations Secretary Jose Antonio Meade said.

Finances

[World military spending dips in 2012, first fall since 1998](#)

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - Global military spending dropped in 2012 for the first time in more than a decade thanks to deep cuts in the United States and Europe which made up for increases in countries such as China and Russia, a leading think-tank said on Monday.