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Middle East

[Obama: US stood by Israel from start, will continue to do so](#)

Source: Israel News

On the occasion of Israel's 65th anniversary, world leaders sent greetings and messages of congratulations, among them US President Barack Obama.

[Gantz: IDF can attack Iranian nuclear sites on its own](#)

By JPOST.COM Staff/The Jerusalem Post

The IDF has the ability to attack the Iranian nuclear sites without help from other nations, IDF Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Benny Gantz told Israel Radio in a lengthy interview aired Tuesday.

[Hamis bulldozes UNESCO site for military training](#)

Source: JTA

The Hamas-run government in Gaza bulldozed part of a UNESCO heritage site to expand a military training zone.

[Rebels push Assad's army away from vital north Syria highway](#)

Author/Source: Erika Solomon/Reuters

(Reuters) - Syrian rebels repelled an advance by government forces near a strategic highway in northern Syria on Tuesday, in fierce battles expected to inflict heavy casualties on both sides, opposition activists said.

[Iran says it test-fires new land-to-sea missile in Gulf](#)

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - Iran test-fired a new land-to-sea ballistic missile in the Gulf, a senior official said on Tuesday, days before an annual ceremony meant to showcase its military muscle at a time of rising tension with the West over its nuclear activity.

[Lebanon must stop Hezbollah attacks in Syria: opposition](#)

Source: The Daily Star

BEIRUT: Syria's main opposition National Coalition called on Lebanon to control its frontiers, after rebels said they fired across the border in retaliation against the powerful Hezbollah movement.

[UN agencies issue rare joint appeal for action to end bloodshed in Syria](#)

Author/Source: Alistair Dawber/The Independent

After more than two years of bloodshed in Syria the heads of five UN agencies called on the international community to make a meaningful contribution to end the civil war, which has already claimed the lives of more than 70,000 people.

Central Asia



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South Asia

[Bombing of Pakistan Politician Raises Security Fears Before Poll](#)

Author/Source: Augustine Anthony/Bloomberg

A roadside bomb targeting a regional chief of Pakistan's main opposition party killed at least four people today, including the man's son and brother, in the latest attack on political activists ahead of next month's general election.

[Pakistan officials bar ex-president Musharraf from election race](#)

Author/Source: Mehreen Zahra-Malik/Reuters

(Reuters) - Pakistan's election authorities barred former President Pervez Musharraf from competing in next month's general elections on Tuesday, derailing his efforts to regain influence by winning a seat in parliament.

[ISAF captures senior Lashkar-e-Taiba leader in Ghazni](#)

By Bill Roggio/Long War Journal

Coalition and Afghan special operations forces captured a senior leader from the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba during a raid today in the southeastern Afghan province of Ghazni.

[Top Filipino militant wounded in army attack](#)

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - A Filipino Islamist militant leader, who has a \$5 million American bounty on his head, was wounded but managed to escape in an army offensive that killed eight rebels in the southern Philippines, a military official said on Tuesday.

[UPDATE: Officer dies of bomb wounds](#)

Source: Bangkok Post

An army lieutenant was killed and three sergeant majors critically injured by a motorcycle bomb in Pattani's Thung Yang Dang district on Tuesday, reports said.

East Asia

[Obama on North Korea: We must deal with 'every contingency'](#)

Author/Source: Eun Kyung Kim/Today News

North Korea probably lacks the ability to deliver nuclear warheads on ballistic missiles but the United States must be prepared for "every contingency out there," President Obama said in an exclusive TODAY interview recorded just before the Boston Marathon explosions.

[China Suggests U.S. Is Stirring Tensions in Asia-Pacific Region](#)

Author/Source: Jane Perlez and Chris Buckley/The New York Times

HAIKOU, China — China published a national defense paper on Tuesday suggesting that the United States was creating tensions in the Asia-Pacific region by strengthening its military presence and reinforcing its alliances there.

Africa

[Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood condemns Boston blasts](#)

Source: The Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) -- Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood has condemned the Boston Marathon bombings, saying that Islamic law, or Shariah, does not condone violence against civilians.



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[Kenya Court Seeks Criminal Probe Into Vote Equipment Procurement](#)

Author/Source: Sarah McGregor/Bloomberg

Kenya's Supreme Court recommended a criminal investigation into the procurement of equipment that failed during last month's election even as it said there was no serious evidence of irregularities in the voting process.

[Somalia: Al-Shebaab to Launch More Attacks After Mogadishu Court Assault, Spokesperson](#)

Author/Source: Mohamed Sheikh Nor/Radio France Internationale

Mogadishu — Somalia's al-Shebab rebels have threatened further attacks after coordinated bombings and shootings that killed at least 30 people in Mogadishu at the weekend.

[Congo-Kinshasa: Congo Conflict Hits Mountain Gorilla Tourism](#)

Author/Source: Gloria Nakiyimba/Radio France Internationale

Despite fighting in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the population of mountain gorillas continues to grow in the Greater Virunga region. But tourism has taken a hit because of the conflict.

[Nigeria: Sultan Restates JNl's Commitment to Unity of Nigeria](#)

Source: Daily Trust (Abuja)

The Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Sa'ad Abubakar, yesterday restated the commitment of the Jama'atul Nasril Islam (JNl) to ensuring a more united Nigeria.

[Nigeria: Yuguda - the Real Boko Haram Will Accept Amnesty](#)

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Author/Source: Olawale Olaleye, Ernest Chinwo, Aisha Wakaso, and Toba Suleiman/This Day (Lagos)

Port Harcourt/Lagos/Minna/Ekitti — Following the rejection of amnesty by two factions of the Islamic group, Boko Haram, the Bauchi State Governor, Mallam Isah Yuguda, has said despite their refusal to lay down their arms and follow the path of peace, the idea of amnesty for the sect is still relevant because "the real Boko Haram will accept the offer of amnesty".

[Uganda: From Child Soldier to Freedom Fighter](#)

Author/Source: Ayo Ojebode/Radio Netherlands Worldwide

Once a child soldier for Joseph Kony, now an unwavering human rights activist, Helen Kwac believes she's the target of the Ugandan government's goons.

[Rebels say seize military base in Sudan border oil state](#)

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - Rebels in Sudan's oil-producing border state of South Kordofan said on Tuesday they had seized a military base near the state capital, underlining tensions in the region that could undermine the recent detente between Sudan and South Sudan.

[Tunisian whose bare-breasted protest shocked country escapes family, says former lawyer](#)

Source: The Associated Press

TUNIS, Tunisia – The former lawyer for the Tunisian woman who posted pictures of herself



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topless to advocate for women's rights says she has escaped from her family and is now with friends.

Europe

[Human rights court blocks extradition of UK-based terror suspect to US](#)

Author/Source: Owen Bowcott and Vikram Dodd/ The Guardian

An aide of the extremist preacher Abu Hamza has had his extradition from Britain to the US for alleged terrorism offences blocked by the European court of human rights.

[Turkish composer and pianist convicted of blasphemy on Twitter](#)

Author/Source: Constanze Letsch/The Guardian

A Turkish court has convicted pianist and composer Fazil Say of blasphemy and inciting hatred over a series of comments he made on Twitter last year.

[BDP co-leader sees no division in PKK](#)

Source: Hurriyet Daily News

A co-leader of the Peace and Democracy Party (BDP) has strictly denied allegations suggesting that hawkish groups within the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) are dragging their feet despite the call from their jailed leader Abdullah Öcalan to engage in the ongoing peace process.

[Belgian police raid homes in connection with Syrian terror groups recruits](#)

Source: RT News

Belgian police stormed 46 homes in the northern city of Antwerp and detained at least one man for allegedly recruiting volunteers to fight in Syria's civil war.

['France railway bans black workers amid Peres visit'](#)

Source: JTA

France's national railway banned black workers from the station where Israeli President Shimon Peres arrived to ensure that no Arab workers were present.

US and Canada

[1st clues suggest attack may be case of domestic terror](#)

Author/Source: Todd Wallack and Andrea Estes/The Boston Globe

The deadly twin explosions that shattered the Boston Marathon initially look more like the work of domestic terrorists than an international terrorist network, researchers and analysts who study terrorism said on Monday.

[Boy, 8, one of 3 killed in bombings at Boston Marathon; scores wounded](#)

Author/Source: Josh Levs and Monte Plott/CNN

(CNN) -- Two bombs struck near the finish line of the Boston Marathon on Monday, turning a celebration into a bloody scene of destruction.

[Doctors amputate limbs as marathon celebration turns to carnage](#)

Author/Source: Paul Armstrong/CNN

(CNN) -- The full horror of Monday's bomb attacks in Boston was reflected in emergency rooms across the city as doctors were forced to perform amputations and treat injuries



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normally expected on a battlefield.

[Boston Marathon explosions: Pakistan Taliban says it was not behind bombs](#)

Author/Source: Rob Crilly/The Telegraph

"The Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) wasn't involved in carrying out the Boston attacks," Ehsanullah Ehsan, a spokesman for the group told The Daily Telegraph.

[Boston: Jewish community on precautionary alert](#)

Author/Source: Tovah Lazaroff/The Jerusalem Post

A bomb attack was the last thing in Shai Bazak's mind as he heard a loud noise Monday afternoon while his car drove by the Boston Marathon.

Israel's Consulate in Boston had closed early in honor of Patriots Day. Bazak, its Consul-General, was on his way to pick up his children from their pre-school and take them home.

[Report: U.S. tortured detainees](#)

Author/Source: Kevin Robillard/Politico

A nonpartisan panel declared Tuesday it was "indisputable" that the United States tortured detainees in the years after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, and said the nation's "highest officials bear some responsibility for allowing and contributing the spread of torture."

[US soldier sentenced to 16 years for selling secrets to 'Russian spy'](#)

Source: The Guardian

An Alaska-based military police officer has been sentenced to 16 years in prison and will receive a dishonourable discharge for selling military secrets to an undercover FBI agent posing as a Russian spy, a military panel has decided.

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Venezuelan rivals rally supporters, four people reported dead](#)

Author/Source: Brian Ellsworth and Andrew Cawthorne/Reuters

(Reuters) - Violent clashes over Venezuela's disputed presidential election have killed four people, the state news agency said on Tuesday, as both sides in the stand-off planned rival demonstrations.