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Middle East

[Bombs kill more than 30 across Iraq before local poll](#)

Source/Author: Kareem Raheem, Reuters

“Car bombs and blasts in cities across Iraq, including two explosions at a checkpoint outside Baghdad's international airport, killed at least 33 people on Monday days before provincial elections.”

[Jordan says Syrian crisis threatens its national security](#)

Source: Al Arabiyya

“Jordan’s Prime Minister Abdullah Ensour said on Sunday that the Syrian crisis was “threatening the country’s national security,” adding that Jordan would appeal to the United Nations Security Council over the impact on its economy of hosting Syrian refugees.”

[Leader of Syria’s Muslim Brotherhood denies accusations it is seeking to control opposition](#)

Source: Washington Post

“The exiled leader of Syria’s Muslim Brotherhood denied Monday widespread accusations by other pro-rebel political factions that the group is seeking to impose its will on other members of the opposition.”

[Syria conflict: UK concerns over chemical weapon use](#)

Source: BBC

“The UK is increasingly concerned there is evidence that chemical weapons have been used in Syria.”

[Egypt: Court gives Hosni Mubarak custody decision](#)

Source: BBC

“An Egyptian court has ruled that ex-President Hosni Mubarak should no longer be held over the killings of protesters during the revolution that toppled him.”

[Iran's Ahmadinejad visits uranium-producing Niger](#)

Source/Author: Abdoulaye Massalatchi, Reuters

“Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad arrived on Monday in Niger, the world's No. 4 uranium producer, where the French nuclear group Areva has seen its grip on the industry loosened by a government looking to diversify its partners.”

Central Asia

South Asia

[Afghan Interpreters for the U.S. Are Left Stranded and at Risk](#)

Source/Author: Azam Ahmed, NY Times

“The first time the Taliban tried to kill him, Sulaiman was driving to his base when his truck was hit by a rocket, knocking him down a cliff.”



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[UN: Afghan Opium Production Increases](#)

Source/Author: Patrick Quinn, ABC News

“Opium poppy cultivation in Afghanistan has been increasing for a third year in a row and is heading for a record high, the U.N. said in a report released Monday.”

[Armed men set fire to Sri Lankan newspaper press](#)

Source: Dawn

“E Saravanapavan said three men with guns entered the press room of his Tamil-language Uthayan newspaper in northern Jaffna town and threatened and chased away workers and delivery men. They then shot at a control panel and set fire to the machines, newspapers and newsprint.”

[Bomb kills anti-Taliban party leader in Pakistan](#)

Source: Yahoo! News

“A bomb blast killed a local leader of an anti-Taliban political party on Sunday in Pakistan's northwestern Swat Valley, the fourth such attack targeting members of secular-learning parties during their campaigns for next month's parliamentary election.”

East Asia

[Preah Vihear temple: UN court hears Thai-Cambodia dispute](#)

Source: BBC

“The UN's highest court has begun hearings on the ownership of land beside an ancient temple on the Thai-Cambodian border.”

[Abu Sayyaf members killed, 3 soldiers hurt in S. Philippine clash](#)

Source: Xinhua

“At least eight members of the rogue group Abu Sayyaf were killed and three soldiers were wounded following an encounter in the southern Philippine province of Basilan on Monday morning.”

[Kerry says US 'ready for talks' with N Korea](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“John Kerry, the US secretary of state, has said Washington is willing to engage with North Korea as long as it takes steps to give up nuclear weapons.”

[Police in northwest China seize 79 pounds of heroin, arrest 5 suspects](#)

Source: UPI

“Police in northwest China seized more than 79 pounds of heroin that was being smuggled into the Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, officials said Monday.”

Africa

[Peacekeepers denied access to Darfur](#)

Source: News24

“Sudanese authorities have blocked international peacekeepers from an area of western Darfur, where at least 50 000 people have fled tribal fighting, the mission said on Sunday.”



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[Somali security crackdown after attacks](#)

Source: News 24

“Somalia's police force launched a major security operation on Monday searching for explosives and weapons, a day after a spectacular suicide attack by Islamist insurgents in the city.”

[At least 30 killed in Somali bombings: medical source](#)

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Source/Author: Abdi Sheikh, Reuters

“At least 30 people died in a wave of coordinated bombings and shootings in the Somali capital, a medical source said, increasing estimates of the toll from the Sunday attacks which exposed the fragility of security gains in Mogadishu.”

[Chad Withdrawing Soldiers from Mali](#)

Source: Voice of America

“Chad has begun withdrawing its troops from Mali, where for months they have helped battle Islamist militants in the country's north.”

[Bangui fighting between Seleka and residents 'kills 17'](#)

Source: BBC

“At least 17 people were killed in weekend clashes in the Central African Republic's capital, Bangui, the Red Cross says.”

[Head of Islamist militia survives attack in eastern Libya](#)

Source: Reuters

“Gunmen fired at a convoy of cars carrying the head of an Islamist militia in the eastern Libyan city of Derna, injuring one person, residents said on Monday.”

[U.N. considering deployment of peacekeepers in Mali on July 1](#)

Source/Author: Michelle Nichols and Louis Charbonneau, Reuters

“The U.N. Security Council is considering a draft resolution to approve the creation of a 12,600-strong U.N. peacekeeping force in Mali starting July 1, which would be able to request the support of French troops if needed to combat Islamist extremist threats.”

[Analysis: Militant uprising not yet likely in Nigeria's oil delta](#)

15 Africa 2013

Source/Author: Joe Brock, Reuters

“Despite a deadly attack on police and emailed threats from a militant group, Niger Delta militants are unlikely to resurrect the campaign of violence that once hobbled Africa's biggest energy industry.”

[Pirates pose complex, increasing threat to West African shipping](#)

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Source/Author: Jonathan Saul, Reuters

“Armed hijackers pose a growing threat off Nigeria's oil-rich coast, where commercial ships do not enjoy the protection of naval security that has dramatically reduced Somali piracy on the other side of Africa.”



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[Report: Government troops break through blockade](#)

Source: UPI

“Syrian troops breached a six-month rebel blockade in Idlib province, an opposition group and Syrian state media said Monday.”

Europe

[Most victims of people trafficking in EU are from Bulgaria and Romania – EC](#)

Source: Sofia Globe

“Most of the several thousand victims of people trafficking in the European Union were from Bulgaria and Romania, the European Commission said on April 15 2013, releasing a report critical of the fact that most EU countries have failed to transpose the EU anti-trafficking directive into their national legislation.”

[U.S. Officials On Russian Entry-Ban List](#)

Source: Radio Free Europe

“After the U.S. government published its so-called Magnitsky list of 18 Russians who are subject to visa bans and asset freezes, Moscow responded on April 13 with a list of Americans banned from entering Russia”.

[PKK withdrawal from Turkish soil expected to begin this week](#)

Source: Today's Zaman

“Pro-Kurdish Peace and Democracy Party (BDP) Deputy Chairman İdris Baluken has said that the terrorist Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) will begin the withdrawal process from Turkey within several days.”

[2 leaders of terrorist Revolutionary Headquarters captured](#)

Source: Today's Zaman

“Two long-sought after leaders of the Revolutionary Headquarters (DK), a leftist terrorist organization, were captured in simultaneous operations carried out in the provinces of Van and İstanbul on Friday.”

US & Canada

[Explosions at the Boston Marathon](#)

Source: Atlantic Wire

“Reuters is reporting that the headquarters at the Boston Marathon have been locked down after two explosions were reported near the finish line Monday afternoon, near the Boston Library”.

[Guantanamo guards try to break hunger strike](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Guards have swept through communal cellblocks at the Guantanamo Bay detention camp and moved the inmates into one-man cells in an attempt to end a hunger strike that began in February.”

[White House says audit of Venezuela election is necessary step](#)

Source: Reuters



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“The White House said on Monday that auditing Venezuela's close election that was narrowly won by Nicholas Maduro, the late socialist leader Hugo Chavez's chosen successor, was a necessary and prudent step.”

[Obama to meet with Putin in Russia in September](#)

Source: Reuters

“President Barack Obama will meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin in September when he travels to Russia for the G20 summit, the White House said on Monday.”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

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

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

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

[Venezuela Gives Chávez Protégé Narrow Victory](#)

Source/Author: William Neuman, NY Times

“In an unexpectedly close race, Venezuelans narrowly voted to continue Hugo Chávez’s revolution, electing his handpicked political heir, Nicolás Maduro, to serve the remainder of his six-year term as president, officials said late Sunday.”

[7 killed in Cancun](#)

Source: UPI

“The bodies of seven slain men and women were found Sunday in a home in Cancun, Mexico, authorities said.”