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Middle East

[UAE Says it Has Arrested Plotters Linked to al Qaeda](#)

Author/Source: Yaya Bayoumy/Reuters

“The United Arab Emirates said on Thursday it had arrested a seven-member cell linked to al Qaeda that was planning attacks on the Gulf oil and business hub, the second time this year it has alleged a concrete threat from the militant group...”

[Suicide Bomber Kills at Least 27 in Baghdad Café](#)

Source: The Daily Star

“At least 27 people were killed and dozens more wounded on Thursday when a suicide bomber blew himself up inside a Baghdad cafe popular with teenagers using the Internet, police and hospital officials said...”

[Israel PM Says Could Block Weapons to Syrian Rebels](#)

Source: The Daily Star

“Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu has urged caution over international calls to arm Syrian rebels and reserved the right for the Jewish state to block the supply of weapons that could be turned against it...”

[Rockets Strike Israel from Gaza: Reports](#)

Source: Reuters

“Two rockets fired from the Gaza Strip struck inside Israel after nightfall on Thursday, causing no damage or injury, Israeli media reports said...”

[Iran Slams Western Presence in the Gulf](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad criticises foreign presence in the Gulf and the strategic Strait of Hormuz. The Iranian president has slammed the West for its naval presence in the Gulf while the country's army commanders warned Israel against any military strikes on Iran...”

[Jordan Says Against Military Intervention in Syria](#)

Source: The Daily Star

“Jordan said on Thursday it was against military intervention in neighbouring Syria, as more US troops head to Amman and amid a warning by President Bashar al-Assad that the crisis could engulf the kingdom...”

[Kuwaiti Police Teargas Opposition Protest](#)

Source: Reuters

“Kuwaiti police fired teargas late on Wednesday to disperse thousands of people protesting against the conviction of a prominent opposition politician for insulting the country's ruler, witnesses said...”



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[Bahrain Steps Up Arrests Ahead of F1 Motor Racing Event](#)

Source: Reuters

“Bahrain has arrested several people accused of stealing and burning cars amid heightened security in the island kingdom before Sunday's Formula One race, which the opposition sees as a chance to publicize a pro-democracy campaign...”

[Saudi Arabia to Intensify Crackdown on Illegal Workers](#)

Authors/Source: Reem Shamseddine, Marwa Rashad/Reuters

“Saudi Arabia will take new steps, including jail terms for small business owners and the hiring of 1,000 inspectors, to crack down on foreigners working illegally in the world's top oil exporter, Labour Minister Adel al-Fakieh said...”

[Morsi Suggests Initiative to Resolve Syrian Crisis](#)

Source: Egypt Independent

“President Mohamed Morsy proposed an initiative that he said could resolve the crisis in Syria during an interview with the official Russian news source, Itar-Tass...”

[Egypt's Mubarak Moved to Prison from Army Hospital](#)

Source: Reuters

“Egypt's former president Hosni Mubarak was transferred back to prison from an army hospital on Thursday after he appeared fitter at his aborted retrial on charges of complicity in the killing of protesters in the 2011 uprising that ousted him...”

South Asia

[Red Cross Warns of Afghan Spring Violence](#)

Source: Associated Press

“The International Committee of the Red Cross is warning that the security situation in Afghanistan is deteriorating because warm spring weather has led to a surge in violence...”

[Three Bodies Found in Karachi](#)

Source: Geo News

“As many as three bodies bearing severe torture marks were recovered from Kharadar area of Karachi, Geo News reported Thursday. Rescue sources said that two bodies were stuffed in gunny bags and it appeared that the three were killed after being kidnapped...”

[Centre Says Indian Mujahideen's Bhatkal Could be Behind Bangalore Blast](#)

Authors/Source: Bharti Jain, Vishwa Mohan/Times of India

“Echoing the assessment that Wednesday's Bangalore blast was a terror strike, the Union home ministry pointed to an Indian Mujahideen (IM) signature in targeting crowds gathered at the BJP office for ticket distribution ahead of May 5th Karnataka election...”

[Pakistan's Musharraf on the Run after Arrest Order](#)

Authors/Source: Asif Shahzad, Sebastian Abbot/Associated Press

“Former Pakistani military ruler Pervez Musharraf and his security team pushed past policemen and sped away from a court in the country's capital on Thursday to avoid arrest



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after his bail was revoked in a case in which he is accused of treason...”

[U.S. Aims to Expand India Arms Trade by “Billions of Dollars”](#)

Author/Source: Andrea Shalal-Esa/Reuters

“The United States has already made "tremendous progress" in expanding weapons sales to India since 2008, and U.S. companies could see "billions of dollars" in additional sales in coming years, a senior U.S. State Department official said Thursday...”

[SHC Upholds Musharraf’s Disqualification for Karachi National Assembly Seat](#)

Source: Dawn

“Beleaguered General (ret’d) Pervez Musharraf had another blow on Thursday when a three-member appellate bench of the Sindh High Court (SHC) threw out his appeal against the rejection of his candidature for a National Assembly seat in Karachi...”

Southeast Asia

[U.S. Warship Arrives in Singapore for Southeast Asian Deployment](#)

Source: Channel News Asia

“A US warship designed to fight in coastal areas arrived Thursday in Singapore for its Southeast Asian deployment, underlining President Barack Obama's new strategic focus on Asia...”

[EU Set to Lift Myanmar Sanctions, Except on Arms](#)

Authors/Source: Adrian Croft, Justyna Pawlak/Reuters

“The European Union is expected to lift all sanctions on Myanmar next week, except for an arms embargo, in recognition of the "remarkable process of reform" in the country, a document seen by Reuters showed on Wednesday...”

East Asia

[North Korea Says South Korea, U.S. Must Stop Provocations for Talks](#)

Source: Yonhap News Agency

“North Korea warned Thursday that South Korea and the United States should immediately halt all hostile actions and further provocations if they want to engage in dialogue and diffuse tensions on the Korean Peninsula...”

[China Says Talks Only Correct Path for Korean Peninsula](#)

Source: Reuters

“China said on Thursday that talks are the only correct way to fix tensions on the Korean peninsula, after North Korea demanded an end to U.N. sanctions against it and a U.S. pledge not to engage in "nuclear war practice" as conditions for dialogue...”

[China Calls on Japan to Reduce Jet Scrambles](#)

Source: Reuters

“China called on Japan on Thursday to stop sending jets up against Chinese aircraft after Japan said it had scrambled its fighters twice as often in the past year amid a territorial dispute...”



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Africa

[US Missionary Pilot Missing off West Africa Coast](#)

Author/Source: Michelle Faul/Associated Press

“The small plane carrying only its American pilot disappeared 10 days ago just miles from a refueling stop at a West African island in the middle of a tropical storm of thunder and lightning...”

[‘Militant’ Kills Himself in Mogadishu Blast](#)

Source: News24

“A suspected al-Shabaab militant was killed on Thursday trying to plant a bomb in a busy district of the Somali capital, a police official said, after the Islamist group threatened more attacks following two deadly assaults this week...”

[Central African Republic Prime Minister Appeals for French Military Help](#)

Source: AllAfrica

“Central African Republic Prime Minister Nicolas Tiangaye has appealed for the help of France and of a regional African force to combat following last month's rebel takeover...”

[U.S. Accuses Bissau Military Chief in Colombia Drug Weapons Plot](#)

By: Richard Valdmanis/Reuters

“The U.S. Department of Justice has accused Guinea-Bissau's top military official of plotting to traffic cocaine to the United States and sell weapons to Colombian rebels, according to court documents seen by Reuters on Thursday...”

[UN: Rape, Violence Raging in C. African Republic](#)

Source: Associated Press

“The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights says the security situation in Central African Republic is deteriorating three weeks after the government was overthrown...”

[Ex-Madagascar Leader Ends 11-Year Exile](#)

Source: News24

“Madagascar's former president Didier Ratsiraka returned home from France on Thursday, ending an 11-year exile that followed a bitter election dispute...”

[Sudan Rebels Allege Air Strikes Ahead of Peace Talks](#)

Source: The Daily Star

“Sudan's air force carried out air strikes that wounded civilians in South Kordofan on Thursday, rebels said ahead of peace talks next week...”

[Mauritania to Send 1,800 Troops to Mali – France](#)

Author/Source: John Irish/Reuters

“Mauritania will send 1,800 troops to Mali as part of a planned U.N. force to keep the peace in the West African nation after a French-led offensive that has ousted Islamist rebels from the desert north, France's foreign minister said on Thursday...”



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[UN Still Open to Zimbabwe Poll Funding](#)

Source: News24

“UN officials in Zimbabwe say they want to seek a new agreement with the cash-strapped government to help fund crucial elections later this year...”

[Swaziland Activist Charged with Sedition](#)

Source: News24

“A pro-democracy activist in Swaziland appeared in court on Wednesday on sedition charges for allegedly distributing material critical of the country's autocratic monarchy...”

Europe

[Russia Opens New Investigation against Protest Leader Navalny](#)

Source: Reuters

“Russian investigators increased pressure on one of President Vladimir Putin's biggest critics on Thursday, opening a new criminal investigation against Alexei Navalny one day after he went on trial on theft charges...”

[EU-Mediated Talks to Resume Between Serbia, Kosovo](#)

Source: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

“Kosovo's government says EU-brokered talks with Serbia will resume in Brussels on April 19 in a last-ditch effort to reach an agreement on normalizing ties seen as key to Serbia and Kosovo's hopes for European integration...”

US & Canada

[Man Charged with Threatening Obama, Others in Ricin Case](#)

Source: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

“Federal prosecutors have filed criminal charges against a man arrested in the FBI investigation of letters believed to contain the deadly poison ricin...”

Latin America and the Caribbean

[U.S. Holds Back Recognition for Venezuela's Nicolas Maduro](#)

Source: BBC

“The US government is refusing to recognise Venezuela's President-elect Nicolas Maduro's victory in disputed elections in Venezuela. Secretary of State John Kerry said the US was not yet ready to validate the results of Sunday's poll...”

[Mexican General Jailed for Gang Ties Freed over Lacking Evidence](#)

Source: Reuters

“A former Mexican army general accused of links to organized crime was cleared of the charges and released from prison on Wednesday due to lack of evidence, Mexican officials said...”



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Three Explosions Rock Southwest Colombia City of Tumaco

Author/Source: Olle Ohlsen Pettersson/Colombia Reports

“Three simultaneous explosions rocked the town of Tumaco in Colombia's southwestern Nariño department on Thursday. One explosion affected the airport of the city of Tumaco, while another destroyed part of a local police station...”

Human Rights Foundation Calls for Peaceful Solution to Post-Electoral Venezuela Crisis

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“The Human Rights Foundation (HRF) calls on both incumbent and opposition leaders in Venezuela to resolve the current post-electoral political crisis peacefully and through dialogue...”

UN Chief: Brahimi to Remain UN-Arab League Envoy

Author/Source: Edith Lederer/The Daily Star

“U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appeared to dismiss speculation that Lakhdar Brahimi will resign as the U.N.-Arab League envoy to Syria, saying Wednesday he will continue to work as the joint special representative...”