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Middle East

[Iraqi Sunnis stage day of civil disobedience to protest Shiite-led government policies](#)

Source: Fox News

“Many of Iraq's Sunni Muslim minority held a day of civil disobedience on Monday to protest what they see as discrimination by the Shiite-led government.”

[Israelis in Turkey for reconciliation talks](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“An Israeli delegation has begun talks with Turkish officials on compensation for the killing of nine Turks by Israeli commandos on a Gaza-bound aid ship.”

[Report: Jordan allows Israel to use airspace](#)

Source: UPI

“Jordan has agreed to allow Israel to use its airspace to monitor the situation in war-torn Syria, Western intelligence sources told a French newspaper.”

[Jordanian MP expelled for Israel visit](#)

Source: UPI

“A Jordanian political party expelled one of its members of Parliament for allegedly attending a reception with Israeli President Shimon Peres, officials said.”

[Israeli president praises visiting Azerbaijani minister for his country's stand in Iran crisis](#)

Source: Fox News

“Israel's president has praised Azerbaijan for playing a key role in countering Iran's influence in the Middle East.”

[No Bunker-Buster Bomb in Israel's U.S. Arms Deal](#)

Source/Author: Thom Shanker and David E. Sanger, NY Times

“American and Israeli defense officials welcomed a new arms sale agreement on Monday as a major step toward increasing Israel's military strength, but Israeli officials said it still left them without the weapons they would need if they decided to attack Iran's deepest and best-protected nuclear sites.”

[Up to 500 feared dead in Damascus suburb: activists](#)

Source: Reuters

“At least 109 people have been documented as killed and up to 400 more are likely to have died in an almost week-long offensive by forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad on a rebellious Damascus suburb, opposition activists said.”

[Egypt says Russia to help revive nuclear program](#)

Source: Reuters

“Russia will help Egypt develop its nuclear power program, Trade and Industry Minister Hatem Saleh said on Monday, signaling that the Islamist-led state will press ahead with its



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quest for atomic energy.”

Central Asia

[Study Finds Sharp Rise in Attacks by Taliban](#)

Source/Author: Rod Nordland, NY Times

“One of the closest-kept secrets in Afghanistan these days is data about how active the insurgents have become in their spring offensive this year.”

[Taliban detain Turks in eastern Afghanistan](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Taliban fighters have seized ten people from a civilian helicopter which made an emergency landing in eastern Afghanistan, including eight Turkish nationals, officials said on Monday.”

[Afghanistan, Pakistan, U.S. to meet for talks in Brussels: Afghan official](#)

Source: Reuters

“Afghan President Hamid Karzai will travel to Brussels on Tuesday to meet U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and senior Pakistani officials to discuss the flagging Afghan peace process, an Afghan presidential spokesman said on Monday.”

South Asia

[Taliban threat could skew Pakistan election result](#)

Source/Author: Asif Shahzad, Yahoo! News

“Moderate politicians from some of Pakistan's most violent areas are risking the threat of Taliban attack to run in upcoming nationwide elections, but they are increasingly being forced to rely on social media, phone calls and even short documentaries that allow them to campaign at a distance.”

[Burma riots: Video shows police failing to stop attack](#)

Source: BBC

“The BBC has obtained police video showing officers standing by while Buddhist rioters attacked minority Muslims in the Burmese town of Meiktila.”

[Treason Charges Against Musharraf Are Put Off](#)

Source/Author: Declan Walsh, NY Times

“Pakistan’s caretaker government declined on Monday to bring treason charges against the detained former military leader, Pervez Musharraf, saying it was beyond its mandate.”

[Hamid becomes Bangladesh's new president, faces tough challenges](#)

Source: Xinhua

“With tremendous challenges ahead, veteran leader Abdul Hamid was elected unopposed Monday as the president of Bangladesh which has been reeling under a violent political stand-off between the ruling and the main opposition parties.”

East Asia

[Report documents 'Rohingya persecution'](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity have been committed against Myanmar's



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ethnic Rohingya people, according to a new report by Human Rights Watch (HRW), a New York-based nongovernmental organisation.”

[Illegal infant trade thrives in Philippines](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Hundreds of thousands of children in the Philippines are orphaned every year, and many are abandoned by parents who are too poor to care for them.”

[4 marines killed by bomb they thought they had defused in Thailand's restive south](#)

Source: Fox News

“Officers say four marines have been killed when a homemade bomb exploded as they were inspecting it at a base in Thailand's insurgency-plagued south.”

[North Korea diplomacy effort grows, but sides are still far apart](#)

Source/Author: Jim Clancy, CNN

“A week of critical diplomacy is set to begin in Washington, Beijing and Pyongyang. But the sides are so far apart, at least in public declarations, it is impossible to predict where any diplomatic efforts will lead.”

Africa

[Militants seize desert town in Mali](#)

Source: IOL News

“Arab militants captured a village near Mali's desert city of Timbuktu on Sunday, sources told AFP, as ethnic Tuareg rebels massed in a show of strength near another key northern city.”

[Officials: At least 185 killed in Nigeria attack](#)

Source/Author: Haruna Umar, Yahoo! News

“Fighting between Nigeria's military and Islamic extremists killed at least 185 people in a fishing community in the nation's far northeast, officials said Sunday, an attack that saw insurgents fire rocket-propelled grenades and soldiers spray machine-gun fire into neighborhoods filled with civilians.”

Europe

[Russia, US Stress Need for Joint Counterterrorism Efforts](#)

Source: Ria Novosti

“Russia and the United States are committed to boosting their efforts to jointly fight terrorism, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Monday.”

[Serbian government approves deal with Kosovo](#)

Source/Author: Dusan Stojanovic, Yahoo! News

“Thousands of Serb demonstrators, chanting "Treason, Treason," protested Monday against an agreement to normalize relations with breakaway Kosovo, a potentially landmark deal that could end years of tensions between the Balkan antagonists and put them both on a path to European Union membership.”

[Police close schools in Dutch city after threat of mass shooting](#)

Source: UPI



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“Dutch police said they advised schools in Leiden to close because of a threatened mass shooting, then arrested a former student of a school in another city.”

[Troubled North Caucasus region plagued by violence](#)

Source/Author: Laura Smith-Spark, CNN

“It's not clear if the Boston Marathon bombing suspects -- identified as brothers from the Russian Caucasus who moved to the United States several years ago -- were radicalized as a result of their ethnic Chechen roots.”

US & Canada

[Tight security, Boston solidarity at London Marathon](#)

Source/Author: Kim Hjelmgaard, USA Today

“Less than a week after bombs exploded at the finish line of the Boston Marathon, those taking part at the London Marathon were refusing to let fear cast a shadow over Sunday's race.”

[Boston bombing suspect awaits charges](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“The college student suspected with his deceased older brother in the Boston Marathon bombing faces federal charges as he lay hospitalised under armed guard, severely wounded and unable to speak.”

[Half Guantanamo detainees on hunger strike](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Eighty-four of the 166 prisoners held at the US-run Guantanamo Bay facility are now on hunger strike, US military officials have said.”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Trinidad's national security minister quits](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Former FIFA vice president Jack Warner has resigned as Trinidad and Tobago's national security minister two days after a regional football group's ethics panel accused him and another official of fraud.”

[Paraguay elects anti-gay tobacco magnate as president](#)

Source: Fox News

“An anti-gay tobacco magnate, who compared gay people to "monkeys" and threatened to remove his private parts if his son married another man, was elected president of Paraguay Sunday.”