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Middle East

[Afghanistan: At least 24 dead in violence](#)

Author/ Source: BBC

“At least 24 people have been killed in five separate attacks across west, east and north Afghanistan, officials say. Casualty figures for April suggest that about 182 people have been killed in violence in Afghanistan this month, making it the bloodiest of 2013. Some of the worst incidents took...”

[Islamists in Sinai claim Israel attack](#)

Author/ Source: Reuters

“Islamist militants in the Sinai Peninsula claimed responsibility for a rocket attack on the Israeli Red Sea resort of Eilat on Wednesday, and Egyptian security sources said the rockets had probably been fired from the Egyptian territory. In a statement posted on its website, the hardline militant group...”

[Israel hopes Turk deal defuses “friendly fire” risk over Syria](#)

Author/ Source: Reuters By Dan Williams

“Not only Syrian air defenses worried Israel when its warplanes bombed a suspected Hezbollah-bound arms convoy near Damascus on January 30. Also probing the skies were the potent radars of an unfriendly NATO member close by: Turkey. That helped persuade Israel to end its...”

[Pakistani troops in rescue effort after quake](#)

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“Pakistani troops have mobilised to help the victims of an earthquake centred in nearby Iran that killed at least 34 people, as the United States offered help to both nations. The epicentre of Tuesday's magnitude 7.8 quake lay in southeast Iran, but most of the deaths reported so far have been across the...”

[Palestinians plan rally to mark Prisoners Day](#)

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“Rallies have been planned in Ramallah and Gaza to mark Palestinian Prisoners' Day in honour of the thousands of Palestinians who are being detained in Israeli jails. Al Jazeera's Nisreen El-Shamayleh, reporting...”

[Rockets ‘hit Israeli resort city of Eilat’](#)

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“Two rockets fired from Egypt's Sinai peninsula has struck Israel's Red Sea resort of Eilat, causing no casualties or damage, the Israeli military has said. An Israeli military spokeswoman said on Wednesday that two rockets were launched from the Sinai and that both hit open areas. Local...”



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[Saudi Arabia to intensify crackdown on illegal workers](#)

Author/ Source: Reuters, By Reem Shamseddine and Marwa Rashad

“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. "We have and will continue to have millions of foreign workers. We...”

[US drone destroys ‘Taliban base’ in Pakistan](#)

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“A US drone has fired two missiles into a Taliban training camp in Pakistan, destroying the compound and killing at least five people, local officials have said. Wednesday's strike took place in the Baber Ghar area of the South Waziristan tribal district on the Afghan border, a stronghold of Pakistani...”

South Asia

[Earthquake shakes Papua New Guinea](#)

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“A magnitude 6.6 earthquake has struck Papua New Guinea's north in a region where a huge tsunami killed more than 2,000 people in 1998, with reports suggesting the area escaped serious damage. The quake, at a depth of just 13km, hit 23km east of the small town of Aitape, with a population of...”

[Sixteen injured in India Bangalore blast](#)

“Sixteen people, including eight policemen, have been injured in an explosion near the office of a political party in the southern Indian city of Bangalore, police have said. Police said the blast could have originated from a motorcycle parked near an office of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata...”

East Asia

[Electric cable a lifeline for idled symbol of Korean cooperation](#)

Author/ Source: Reuters, By Ju-min Park

“An electricity cable running from South Korea over the border into North Korea is one of last lifelines for more than 200 South Korean workers at a joint industrial park that North Korea has shut down amid fears of war. About 53,000 North Koreans worked at the Kaesong complex, just inside...”

[Number of Japan jets scrambled against China planes doubles](#)

Author/ Source: Reuters

“Japan scrambled fighter jets against Chinese planes twice as often in the year that ended in March as it did a year earlier, the Defence Ministry said on Wednesday, amid a territorial dispute over a group of East China Sea islands. The number of scrambles against Chinese planes nearly doubled...”



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Taiwan holds first live-fire military drill since 2008

Author/ Source: BBC

“Taiwan has held a live-fire military drill for the first time since 2008. The drill, which involved its army, navy and air force, simulated a Chinese attack on Taiwan's Penghu Islands. It is the first time live...”

Africa

Egypt appeals court sets Mubarak retrial for May 11

Author/ Source: France 24

“The retrial of Egypt's ousted president Hosni Mubarak over his role in the killing of protesters during the 2011 popular uprising is set to begin on May 11, a Cairo appeals court said Wednesday. The retrial...”

Gaddafi's spy chief yet to see lawyer in Libyan jail: HRW

Author/ Source: Reuters, By Marie-Louise Gumuchian

“Muammar Gaddafi's former intelligence chief has not seen a lawyer and has not been told what charges he faces, Human Rights Watch said on Wednesday after making the first visit by an international rights...”

Ivory Coast wants drones to monitor Liberia border

Author/ Source: BBC

“Ivory Coast has asked the United Nations for drones to monitor its border with Liberia. The country's UN envoy believes drones are needed to make up for the expected decline in the UN's personnel presence. The UN is set to deploy such drones for the first time in the Democratic Republic of...”

Kenya children buried in landslide after heavy rain

Author/ Source: BBC

“Two children have been trapped in their home after a landslide in western Kenya, police have told the BBC. They were asleep in a village in the Narok area when their house was covered by mud following heavy rain overnight, Narok police chief Peterson Maelo said. Rescue workers at the scene were...”

Niger-Burkina Faso border set by ICJ ruling

Author/ Source: BBC

“The International Court of Justice (ICJ) has settled a decades-old border dispute between the West African nations of Niger and Burkina Faso. The two countries turned to the ICJ to settle disagreements dating back as far as 1927, under French colonial rule. The Hague court demarcated territory covering...”

Seven rebels killed in clashes in CAR capital

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“A mob in Bangui has killed seven fighters, all members of the Seleka group which ousted Francois Bozize last month, in the former Central African Republic (CAR) president's electoral district. "Seven Seleka members who had been disarmed by military police were killed...”



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Europe

[German police say 25 hospitalized after eating sandwiches laced with rat poison](#)

Author/ Source: Washington Post

“Twenty-five people have been hospitalized in Germany after eating sandwiches laced with rat poison, police said Wednesday. So far none of those hospitalized has shown symptoms of illness but they are being kept under observation as a precautionary measure, said police spokesman Frank Soika. The...”

[Margaret Thatcher’s coffin leaves St. Paul’s for private burial](#)

Author/ Source: CNN

“Britain's first female prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, has been honored in a ceremonial funeral service at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. The bells of the landmark domed cathedral rang half-muffled as pallbearers carried Thatcher's coffin to a hearse, ahead of a private cremation and burial. Queen...”

[Poland remembers Warsaw ghetto and its fighters on the upcoming anniversary of revolt](#)

Author/ Source: Washington Post

“Israel’s ambassador to Poland opened a 3D show of Warsaw ghetto photos on Wednesday as part of observances marking the 70th anniversary of the ghetto’s ill-fated revolt against Nazi Germans. The forty-eight pictures shown at Warsaw’s Fotoplastikon are images of people walking or begging in the streets...”

[Trial of Russian opposition leader adjourned](#)

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“The trial against Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny began on charges he says were ordered by President Vladimir Putin to eliminate a top opponent, but the process was swiftly adjourned for a week to allow the defence more time to prepare. Hundreds of journalists and Navalny supporters descended...”

US & Canada

[Accord Would Regulate Fishing in Arctic Waters](#)

Author/ Source: NY Times, By Andrew E. Kramer

“It was once protected by ice. Now regulation will have to do the work. The governments of the five countries with coastline on the Arctic have concluded that enough of the polar ice cap now melts regularly in the summertime that an agreement regulating commercial fishing near the North Pole is...”

[American Airlines flights grounded by glitch](#)

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“American Airlines was forced to ground all flights across the US for several hours after a key computer system failed, causing thousands of passengers to be stranded at airports and on planes. The failure on Tuesday caused delays and cancellations nationwide. En route flights continued to their...”



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[China Suggests That U.S., Projecting Power, Is Stirring Asia-Pacific Tensions](#)

Author/ Source: NY Times, By Jane Perlez and Chris Buckley

“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...”

[FBI release Boston Marathon bomb details](#)

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents have said the Boston Marathon bombing was carried out with kitchen pressure cookers packed with explosives, nails and other lethal shrapnel, but said they still didn't know who did it and why. An intelligence bulletin issued to law enforcement and released ...”

[Ricin-laced letter sent to US senator](#)

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“An envelope addressed to a US senator has tested positive for ricin, a potentially fatal poison, congressional officials have said. The letter to Senator Roger Wicker of Mississippi was discovered on Tuesday at a mail processing plant in Prince George's County in suburban Maryland, said Democratic...”

[Young boy, “dream daughter,” Chinese citizen killed in Boston blasts](#)

Author/ Source: Reuters, By Stephanie Simon and Tim McLaughlin

“Neighbors gathered around a chalk rainbow on a sidewalk outside 8-year-old Martin Richard's home while friends of Krystle Campbell, 29, posted notes on Facebook, all grieving on Tuesday for two of the people killed in Monday's bombing at the Boston Marathon. The third fatality was a Chinese citizen...”

[South and Central America and the Caribbean](#)

[Colombia seizes drug lord Madman Barrera's properties](#)

Author/ Source: BBC

“Police in Colombia have seized almost 300 properties belonging to one of the country's most notorious drug lords, Daniel Barrera - known as The Madman. Among them are luxury villas, cattle ranches and restaurants and bars in the capital, Bogota, and eastern Colombia. Police also detained four of his...”

[Venezuela opposition leader calls off rally](#)

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“Henrique Capriles, Venezuela's opposition leader, has called off a march by his supporters in the capital, Caracas, saying his rivals were plotting to “infiltrate” the rally to trigger violence. The announcement came on Tuesday after demonstrations turned violent a day earlier. Seven people were killed in the...”