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Middle East

7 al-Qaida members killed in Yemen's south

Author/Source: Xinhua

“At least seven al-Qaida militants were killed in armed clashes with pro-government tribesmen in Yemen's southern province of Abyan on Tuesday, a military official told Xinhua...”

Nato general John Lorimer says Afghan forces effective

Author/Source: BBC

“The top British commander in Afghanistan says the country's own military is proving to be an "effective force" despite rising casualties...”

Official: 27 Taliban militants killed in multiple Afghan operations

Author/Source: United Press International

“Twenty-seven militants were killed in military operations conducted throughout Afghanistan during a 24-hour period, the Interior Ministry said Wednesday...”

Iraqi Shia family targeted in deadly attack

Author/Source: BBC

“An attack on a Shia Muslim family living near Baghdad has left at least 16 people dead, Iraqi officials say...”

Two families among 83 killed in Iraq violence

Author/Source: Fox News

“Bombings and shootings targeting security forces across Iraq killed at least 12 people Wednesday, officials said, as authorities found the bodies of 16 people killed in an attack overnight on two Shiite families south of Baghdad...”

25 people killed in Iraq's violence

Author/Source: Xinhua

“Twenty-five people were killed and 17 wounded in separate bombings and shootings in central and northern Iraq, the police said on Wednesday...”

56 killed, 170 wounded in attacks in Iraq

Author/Source: Xinhua

“At least 56 people were killed and 170 others wounded in separate attacks in central and eastern Iraq on Tuesday, the police said...”

Israeli forces arrest seven Palestinians after clashes

Author/Source: Aljazeera

“Israeli forces arrested at least seven Palestinian demonstrators after clashes broke out between them and Israeli police in Jerusalem's Old City Wednesday...”



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Obama Says 'World Set a Red Line' on Chemical Arms

Author/Source: Peter Baker, New York Times/International Edition

“President Obama declared on Wednesday that the confrontation with Syria over chemical weapons was not a personal test for him but for Congress, the United States and the world as he worked to strengthen support at home and abroad for a punitive strike...”

Syrian rebels attack Assad-held Christian village

Author/Source: Fox News

“A nun and activists say rebel fighters have attacked a regime-held, predominantly Christian village, commandeering a mountaintop hotel and shelling the ancient community from there...”

Jihadis from Caucasus form own fighting group in Syria

Author/Source: Fox News

“A foreign fighter in Syria says jihadis from the Caucasus have formed an independent fighting force.”

Sinai jihadists accuse Egyptian army of lying about operations, praise Sinai 'mujahideen'

Author/Source: David Barnett, Long War Journal

“In a statement released to jihadist forums today, al Salafiyya al Jihadiyya (ASAJ) charged that the Egyptian army was lying about its recent operations in the Sinai Peninsula...”

Syria's Jihadist Opposition Groups a Dilemma for US

Author/Source: Jamie Dettmer, VOA

“The Obama administration is planning to step up its efforts to improve the fighting abilities of Syrian rebels trying to oust President Bashar al-Assad, according to Pentagon officials...”

US Attack on Syria May Have Consequences

Author/Source: Andre de Nesnera, VOA

“President Barack Obama and his advisers are talking about strictly limited U.S. military strikes to deal with Syria's suspected use of chemical weapons against anti-government rebels...”

Inaction on Syria not an option, French leader tells lawmakers

Author/Source: Kim Willsher, LA Times

“French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault told the National Assembly on Wednesday that France must take action in the face of Syria's alleged use of chemical weapons...”

Iran's fury: Ready to unleash Hezbollah, kidnap Americans if U.S. strikes Syria

Author/Source: Guy Taylor, Washington Times

“They're weighing whether to order Hezbollah to launch rockets at Israel or target U.S. warships in the Mediterranean...”



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[As Syria deteriorates, neighbors fear bioweapons threat](#)

Author/Source: Joby Warrick, Washington Post

“Last month’s alleged chemical attack near Damascus has re-focused attention on Syria’s 30-year-old biological weapons research and raised concerns about whether the government there could activate an effort to make a weapon...”

South Asia

[Pakistan PM Sharif rules out army deployment in Karachi](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has ruled out deploying the army to tackle spiralling violence in Karachi...”

East Asia

[Venustech a sign of China’s cyber-boom](#)

Author/Source: William Wan, Washington Post

“The Chinese cybersecurity companies that have grown fastest and are best positioned for the expected boom in spending are often those with the closest ties to government...”

Africa

[Rwanda Remains in Shadows of DRC Conflict](#)

Author/Source: Gabe Joselow, VOA

“Leaders of Africa’s Great Lakes region are meeting in Kampala Thursday, seeking a solution to the crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo during a lull in fighting between the armed forces and the M23 rebels...”

[CAR Moves to Disarm Rebel Fighters, Halt Violence](#)

Author/Source: VOA

“Authorities in the Central African Republic have begun a new disarmament campaign aimed mainly at rebels who overthrew the president in March...”

[Liberia Condemns Alleged Chemical Attacks](#)

Author/Source: All Africa

“The Government of Liberia has expressed with dismay the alleged use of chemical weapons in the ongoing Syrian conflict that killed over one thousand persons including children...”

[East Africa: Human, Drug and Ivory Trafficking On the Rise in Eastern Africa - UN](#)

Author/Source: Katy Migrio, All Africa

“More than 100,000 people were smuggled out of eastern Africa in 2012, heroin seizures are soaring and ivory poaching has risen to levels that could threaten local elephant populations, the United Nations said in a report on organised crime on Tuesday...”

Europe

[Putin warns West against unilateral action in Syria](#)

Author/Source: Aljazeera

“Putin says he would support strikes only if it is proven Assad used chemical weapons against civilians...”



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[Putin: 'Strange guy' Snowden can feel safe in Russia](#)

Author/Source: Gabriela Baczynska, MSNBC

“Russian President Vladimir Putin described the former U.S. intelligence contractor sought by Washington on espionage charges as a "strange guy" but said he could rest easy that he would not be handed over to U.S. authorities...”

US & Canada

[British soldiers charged with attacking off-duty NY officer](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“Six British soldiers have been charged with beating up an off-duty police officer outside a New York City bar...”

[US still holding detainees at Afghanistan's Bagram prison](#)

Author/Source: Aljazeera

“The United States is quietly keeping non-Afghan detainees in custody at Bagram prison in Afghanistan, despite turning the prison over to Afghan control last year, according to a new report issued by the nonprofit Justice Project Pakistan (JPP)...”

[James B. Comey Sworn in as FBI Director](#)

Author/Source: FBI News Blog

“James B. Comey was sworn in today as Director of the FBI during a ceremony at the Department of Justice...”

[Mexican Smuggler Who Assaulted U.S. Border Patrol Agent Sentenced to 98 Months](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Jose Alberto Izquierdo-Gonzalez, 28, an undocumented Mexican alien who had been living in Laredo, has been ordered to federal prison for assaulting Border Patrol agents and transporting aliens, announced U.S. Attorney Kenneth Magidson...”

[Strike against Syria advances as U.S. rounds up global support](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua

“U.S. President Barack Obama's push for strikes against Syria passed its first congressional hurdle Wednesday amid frantic search for international support of the military action to punish Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's alleged use of chemical weapons...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Government: Juarez Cartel Boss Behind “Good Part” of Violence in Northern Mexico](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Alberto Carrillo Fuentes, the brother of the leader of Mexico’s Juarez drug cartel, was behind much of the violence in the states of Chihuahua and Sinaloa, federal security spokesman Eduardo Sanchez said...”



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[Brazil Busts Group Supplying Guns to Drug Gangs](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Brazilian police dismantled a ring that supplied U.S. rifles to drug traffickers, authorities said Wednesday...”