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**Al-Qa'ida**

**Al Qaeda leader urges restraint in first 'guidelines for jihad'**

*Author/ Source: Myra MacDonald, Reuters*

“Al Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahri has issued his first specific guidelines for jihad, urging restraint in attacking other Muslim sects and non-Muslims and in starting conflicts in countries where jihadis might find a safe base to promote their ideas...”

**Afghanistan**

**Top Afghanistan female police officer dies**

*Author/ Source: BBC*

“The most senior woman police officer in Afghanistan's troubled Helmand province has died in hospital, a day after being shot by unidentified gunmen...”

**Iraq**

**8 people killed in Iraq's violence**

*Author/ Source: Xinhua*

“Eight people were killed and 13 wounded in separate violent attacks in northern and eastern Iraq on Monday, while death toll from deadly attacks the day before rose to 51 and 151 people wounded, police said...”

**Middle East**

**Yemen bids farewell to U.S. envoy Gerald Feierstein**

*Author/ Source: UPI*

“Yemen wants to "push forward" its ties with the United States, the Yemeni foreign minister told departing U.S. envoy Gerald Feierstein Monday...”

**Chemical weapons deal wins time for Syria's Assad but at a cost**

*Author/ Source: Dominic Evans, Reuters*

“Bashar al-Assad's chemical weapons bargain with Russia and the United States offers another political and military lifeline to the Syrian president, just two years after he was dismissed in Washington as a "dead man walking"...”

**Central Asia**

**3 Charged With Terrorism Offenses in Osh**

*Author/ Source: Radio Free Europe*

“Three men have been arrested in Kyrgyzstan's southern region of Osh on terrorism-related charges...”



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### **South Asia**

#### **Pakistan army chief vows not to surrender to “terrorists’ terms”**

*Author/ Source: Xinhua*

“Pakistan Army Chief Ashfaq Parvez Kayani Monday snubbed the Taliban militants over their demands as pre-condition for the peace talks and said the security forces will not allow them to impose their terms...”

### **Southeast Asia**

#### **Philippines: Helicopters fire rockets on Muslim rebels**

*Author/ Source: BBC*

“Government forces in the Philippines have begun firing rockets from helicopters in an attempt to dislodge Muslim rebels who have been holding parts of the city of Zamboanga for the past week...”

#### **Filipino troops retake 70% of rebel-held villages**

*Author/ Source: The Jakarta Post*

“Philippine troops have recaptured 70 percent of the coastal areas by a southern city that were occupied by Muslim rebels, the military said, adding helicopter gunships were deployed for the first time Monday as a hostage standoff dragged to its second week...”

#### **One Dead, Several Injured as CNRP Supporters, Police Clash**

*Author/ Source: The Cambodia Daily*

“A day of demonstrations led by the opposition CNRP ended Sunday with violent clashes erupting between military police, riot police and protesters in the vicinity of Phnom Penh’s Monivong Bridge, resulting in one shot dead and several others injured...”

### **Africa**

#### **Sudan urges U.S. to remove it from list of countries sponsoring terrorism**

*Author/ Source: All Africa*

“Khartoum on Sunday demanded the United States to remove Sudan from its list of countries sponsoring terrorism, official SUNA news agency reported...”

#### **Egypt army storms Islamist-held town**

*Author/ Source: BBC*

“Egyptian troops have stormed the central town of Dalga, which has been held by Islamists loyal to the ousted president, Mohammed Morsi...”

#### **Egyptian army claims successes as jihadists allege ‘massacre’**

*Author/ Source: David Barnett, Long War Journal*

“At a press conference in Cairo on Sept. 15, Egyptian army spokesman Ahmed Ali announced that recent operations by Egyptian security forces in the Sinai Peninsula have led to the arrests of 309 Islamist militants since July...”



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### **9 Egyptian policemen hurt in Sinai explosion**

*Author/ Source: Jerusalem Post*

“Nine Egyptian policemen were wounded Monday when a bomb detonated on a road in North Sinai, near the border with the Gaza Strip, security sources in the country said...”

### **Xenophobic looters leave Port Elizabeth shops in flames**

*Author/ Source: OSAC*

“Several shops belonging to Somali nationals in KwaZakhele and New Brighton, Port Elizabeth, were looted and burnt at the weekend, Eastern Cape police said...”

### **Nigeria: Fear Grows Nasarawa Community As Death Toll Rises to 70**

*Author/ Source: All Africa*

“Palpable fear has gripped Asakio and Adabu towns in Lafia East Development Area and Obi Local Government Area respectively, in nasarawa State following a bloody attack by some Eggon youths said to be linked to the outlawed Ombatse cult group that allegedly killed scores of security personnel earlier in the year.”

### **Europé**

#### **Suicide bomber kills three police in Russia’s Chechnya**

*Author/ Source: Reuters*

“Three police were killed by a suicide bomber who detonated a bomb in a car outside a police station in Russia's Chechnya region on Monday, an national anti-terrorism body said...”

### **US & Canada**

#### **Four people reported killed at Washington Navy Yard**

*Author/ Source: BBC*

“At least four people have been killed in a mass shooting at the Washington Navy Yard, a naval installation in the US capital, a Navy official has said...”

### **Propaganda and Incitement**

#### **Pakistani “Father of Taliban’ keeps watch over loyal disciples**

*Author/ Source: Maria Golovnina and Sheree Sardar, Reuters*

“He is known as the Father of the Taliban, a radical Pakistani cleric who calls the Taliban's one-eyed leader an "angel" and runs a seminary described as the University of Jihad...”

### **International Organizations**

#### **UN to confirm sarin gas used in Syria**

*Author/ Source: The Daily Star*

“There is “convincing evidence” that sarin gas was used in a rocket attack in the Syrian capital, Damascus, last month, a UN report is to confirm...”



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**Legal Issues**

**Judge to weigh whether 9/11 case at Guantanamo should be halted**

*Author/ Source: Reuters*

“The judge in the Guantanamo war crimes court is to decide this week whether to halt pretrial hearings in the September 11 case until next year so technicians can fix computer problems that defense lawyers say are stymieing their work...”

**Narcoterrorism**

**Drug Labs on Brazil-Peru Border Targeted in Joint Operation**

*Author/ Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“Brazilian and Peruvian police have launched a joint operation to destroy cocaine labs in the region of their shared border, Brazil’s Justice Ministry said Friday...”