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Middle East

[Gunman kill 3 Egyptian officers in Sinai, militants post video](#)

Author/Source: Jerusalem Post

“Gunmen killed three policemen in Egypt's volatile Sinai Peninsula on Monday, security sources said, and an Islamist militant group released a video of a deadly drive-by shooting of a man they identified as an army colonel...”

[Dozens killed in latest wave of Baghdad bombings](#)

Author/Source: Khalid Mohammed, Al Jazeera

“Eleven car bombs mainly targeting Shia-majority areas of Baghdad province killed more than 50 people and wounded more than 170 on Monday, security and medical officials said...”

[Syria conflict: Neighbours plead for international help](#)

Author/Source: BBC News

“Syria's neighbours have asked donors for support in dealing with the huge influx of refugees at a meeting in Geneva. Foreign ministers from Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, and Iraq presented reports at the meeting, hosted by the UN...”

[Court extends remand of suspected Iranian spy](#)

Author/Source: Yaniv Kubovich, Haaretz

“The Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court extended the remand of Ali Mansouri, who is being charged with being an Iranian spy...”

[Syrian FM: Syria formally confirms mission to restore 'Israeli-occupied' Golan Heights](#)

Author/Source: The Jerusalem Post

“Syria is determined to restore the Israeli Golan Heights to Syrian rule, Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moualem said on Monday in a speech to the UN General Assembly...”

['Foreign terrorists' fighting in Syria - Walid Muallem](#)

Author/Source: BBC News

“Syria's foreign minister has claimed that "terrorists from more than 83 countries" are killing soldiers and civilians across the country. In a speech to the UN General Assembly, Walid Muallem compared this "invasion" to the 9/11 attacks on New York...”

[Iran looking to reestablish direct flights with US](#)

Author/Source: Ariel Ben Solomon, The Jerusalem Post

“Iranian President Hassan Rouhani issued an order to study how to reestablish direct flights between Iran and the US, an Iranian official said Monday...”



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South Asia

Suspected US drone strike hits compound in Pakistan

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“A suspected U.S. drone strike targeting an alleged militant compound killed three people in a troubled Pakistan tribal region near the Afghan border Monday, officials said...”

In Afghanistan, Still No End in Sight

Author/Source: Sharon Behn, Voice of America

“It is only six months until presidential elections and 14 months until all international combat forces leave Afghanistan, yet a political settlement with the Taliban before then seems increasingly remote...”

Wanted train bomber killed in raid

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“A man wanted for involvement in the bombing of a train in Narathiwat's Rueso district last year was killed in a raid on a house in Rueso district early Monday, reports said...”

East Asia

China Ban on Items for Nuclear Use to North Korea May Stall Arms Bid

Author/Source: Jane Perlez, New York Times

”It is virtually impossible, analysts say, to imagine Mr. Obama reaching out anytime soon to the leader of North Korea, Kim Jong-un, who has already tested a nuclear bomb and threatened to stage a nuclear attack against the United States...”

Airport security: China steps up penalties for false terrorism threats

By: Reuters in Shanghai, The Guardian

“China will impose tough penalties on people making false terrorist threats against airlines and airports, after a stream of bogus calls grounded flights and piled pressure on an already strained air traffic control system, state media reported...”

Africa

Malian army clashes with Tuareg rebels for second day in Kidal

Author/Source: Tiemoko Diallo and Adama Diarra, Reuters

“Malian troops clashed with Tuareg rebels in the northern desert town of Kidal for a second day on Monday, residents said, after the separatists ended a ceasefire with the new government last week...”

Nigeria 'ineffectively managing terror threat'

Author/Source: News24

“Nigeria's former vice president has accused the government of inefficiently managing the threat of terrorism, after militants killed 40 agricultural students in the country's north...”



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[Nigeria: Independence Day - IG Places Policemen On Red Alert](#)

Author/Source: allAfrica

“As part of efforts by the police to ensure a hitch-free Independence anniversary, the Inspector-General of Police (IG), Mr. Mohammed Abubakar, Sunday placed officers and men of the force, as well as other special operatives, on red alert nation-wide...”

[Red Cross: 39 still missing after mall attack](#)

Author/Source: David Rising and Rodney Muhumuza, AP, The Jakarta Post

“More than three dozen people remain unaccounted for almost a week after the end of the four-day terrorist attack on Nairobi's Westgate Mall that killed at least 67, the head of the Kenyan Red Cross said Monday...”

Europe

[Jailed Longsight terror recruiter loses appeal against conviction](#)

Author/Source: Cathy Gordon, Manchester Evening News

“A former Taliban fighter who ran a "recruitment centre" for home-grown extremists to go to Afghanistan to kill British troops has lost a conviction appeal...”

[Turkey's Erdogan announces Kurdish reforms](#)

Author/Source: Online Reporters, BBC news

“Turkey's PM Recep Tayyip Erdogan has announced major political reforms, including new Kurdish rights and a reversal of the headscarf ban...”

US & Canada

[Obama meets Netanyahu at White House in effort to assuage concerns on Iran](#)

Author/Source: Barak Ravid, Haaretz

“Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu arrived at the White House for a meeting with U.S. President Barack Obama on Monday evening, just days after the historic phone call between Obama and Iranian President Hassan Rohani...”

[Washington spooks stocks](#)

Author/Source: Maureen Farrel, CNN

“Investors don't want to wait and see if lawmakers can reach a deal to avoid a government shutdown at midnight. They're just selling. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq all dropped nearly 1% in early trading Monday.”

[Capitol quiet as federal government shutdown nears](#)

Author/Source: David Lawder and Richard Cowan, Reuters

“With a deadline to avert a federal government shutdown fast approaching, the U.S. Capitol was eerily quiet on Sunday as Republicans and Democrats waited for the other side to blink first and break the impasse over funding...”



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[NSA mines Facebook for connections, including Americans' profiles](#)

Author/Source: David Simpson and Pamela Brown, CNN

“In addition to phone records and email logs, the National Security Agency uses Facebook and other social media profiles to create maps of social connections -- including those of American citizens...”

Latin America and the Caribbean

[South and Central America and the Caribbean Venezuela Overhauls Airport Security Amid Drug Smuggling Scandal](#)

Author/Source: The Latin American Herald Tribune

“The central government took charge of security at the country’s main international airport after learning that military and civilian officials connived in smuggling 1.5 tons of cocaine to France, Venezuela’s interior minister said Thursday...”

[9 Killed in 3 Apparent Drug Attacks in Mexico](#)

Author/Source: The Australian

“Shootings erupted over the weekend in three Mexican cities where drug gangs are fighting turf battles, killing at least nine people and wounding six...”