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#### **Middle East**

##### [Report: CIA expanding efforts to train moderate Syrian opposition fighters](#)

*Source: The Jerusalem Post*

“In a bid to bolster moderate forces in Syria against Islamic rebel factions, the CIA has reportedly been expanding a covert program to train US-backed opposition fighters in the embattled country, *The Washington Post* on Thursday cited US officials as saying...”

##### [Saudi Arabia scrapped U.N. speech in protest over Syria and Israel](#)

*Author/Source: Angus McDowall/Reuters*

“Saudi Arabia's frustration at international inaction over Syria and the Palestinians led it to cancel its speech at the United Nations General Assembly for the first time ever this week, a diplomatic source said...”

##### [Putin, Obama may discuss Syria next week in Bali: Kremlin](#)

*Author/Source: Alexei Anishchuk/Reuters*

“Russian President Vladimir Putin and U.S. President Barack Obama may discuss the Syria crisis on the sidelines of an Asia-Pacific summit next week in Bali, a Kremlin aide said on Thursday...”

##### [Egyptian army mulls Gaza strike](#)

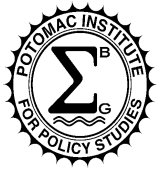
*Source: UPI*

“The Egyptian army may consider a military strike in Gaza unless attacks on soldiers in the Sinai Peninsula stop, Egyptian security officials said...”

##### [Turkish parliament approves mandate to send troops to Syria](#)

*Source: the Jerusalem Post*

“Turkey's parliament voted on Thursday to extend by a year a mandate authorizing the deployment of troops to Syria if needed after the government said the possible use of chemical weapons by President Bashar Assad posed a threat to Turkey...”



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### [Iran studies direct flights to United States](#)

*Source: UPI*

“Iran is willing to consider a memorandum of understanding for direct flights to the United States, a national aviation director in Iran said...”

### [Lebanon: Officer arrested for trying to smuggle chemicals to prisoner](#)

*Source: UPI*

“Police wardens in Lebanon said they arrested a police officer Thursday for trying to smuggle sandwiches filled with chemicals into a detention center...”

### [John Kerry tentatively agrees to negotiations with Iran](#)

*Source: UPI*

“U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said Thursday the United States would negotiate with Iran only if it proved it would not pursue a nuclear weapons program...”

### [Iran denies assassination report](#)

*Source: UPI*

“Iran's Revolutionary Guards issued a statement Thursday denying one of its officers had been assassinated but said it would investigate...”

### [Arms inspection team starts work in Syria](#)

*Source: UPI*

“An advance team of U.N. and international weapons inspectors has taken the first steps toward dismantling Syria's chemical-weapons arsenal, U.N. officials said...”

### [Yemen gets mixed grade from UN official](#)

*Source: UPI*

“Yemen gets a mixed report card for its progress on a variety of reforms made during the last two years, a visiting U.N. human rights official said...”

### [Israeli minister says goal is to achieve peace](#)

*Source: UPI*

“Israeli Justice Minister Tzipi Livni said Thursday her goal is to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and reach a final status agreement...”



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## **South Asia**

### [15 dead in attack on leader of Pakistani anti-Taliban Militia](#)

*Author/Source: Javed Hussain/Reuters*

“At least 15 people were killed in an attack on a pro-government militia commander in Pakistan's lawless northwestern tribal area on Thursday morning, security forces said...”

### [Man who brought al Qaeda to Afghanistan now runs for president](#)

*Author/Source: Abdul Aziz Ibrahimi and Dylan Welch/Reuters*

“The man said to be responsible for bringing al Qaeda to Afghanistan announced he was running for president on Thursday, a move likely to be greeted with apprehension by the international community...”

### [Suicide bombing targets tribal commander's compound, several dead](#)

*Source: UPI*

“A suicide bomber in northwest Pakistan Thursday attacked the compound of an anti-Taliban tribal commander, leaving several dead and wounded, authorities said...”

### [Taliban commanders refuse to meet former leader in Pakistan: sources](#)

*Author/Source: Mehreen Zahra-Malik and Jibran Ahmad/Reuters*

“Taliban commanders refused to meet their former chief in the Pakistani city of Peshawar on Thursday because he was accompanied by Pakistani security agents, dealing a blow to attempts to resume Afghan peace talks, security and militant sources said...”

## **East Asia**

### [China president makes historic speech in Indonesia](#)

*Source: The Jakarta Post*

“Chinese President Xi Jinping made history in Indonesia by becoming the first foreign leader to address the country's Parliament, using the platform to call for greater cooperation with Southeast Asia's biggest economy and the region as a whole...”



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### [China's Xi sidesteps SE Asia pressure over South China Sea disputes](#)

*Author/Source: Kanupriya Kapoor/Reuters*

“Chinese President Xi Jinping showed no sign of bending to Southeast Asian pressure to resolve increasingly irascible territorial disputes over the South China Sea on Thursday, simply repeating calls for dialogue...”

### [Fukushima tank leaks radioactive water into ocean](#)

*Author/Source: UPI*

“The Tokyo Electric Power Co. said Thursday 114 gallons of radioactive water have spilled into the ocean from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant...”

### [U.S. Japan reach agreement to enhance military alliance](#)

*Source: UPI*

“U.S. and Japanese diplomatic and military officials announced an agreement Thursday to broaden the countries' military alliance...”

## **Africa**

### [Tribal leaders to begin talks with South Sudanese rebel group](#)

*Source: UPI*

“Officials in South Sudan say they began peace talks with a militia leader aimed at ending a two-year-long conflict in which more than 100,000 people have died...”

### [Ivory Coast called on to respond to ICC](#)

*Source: UPI*

“Ivory Coast needs to weigh in on the latest arrest warrant issued by the International Criminal Court for a former minister, a rights group said Thursday...”

### [Suspected organ traffickers tortured, killed by Madagascar mob](#)

*Source: UPI*

“Two French men suspected of trying to traffic the organs of a slain child were tortured and



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killed Thursday on the Madagascar island of Nosy Be, police said...”

### [Muslim Brotherhood protests planned Sunday in Egypt](#)

*Source: UPI*

“A national alliance opposed to the ouster of Egypt's president in July has called for demonstrations Sunday in Cairo's central Tahrir Square...”

### [Security forces quell attack on Russian Embassy in Tripoli, Libya](#)

*Source: UPI*

“Gunmen attacked the Russian Embassy in Tripoli, Libya, entering the facility before they were repelled Thursday, a Russian spokesman said...”

### [Stretched forces leave Somali militant room to plot strikes](#)

*Author/Source: Richard Lough/Reuters*

“Islamist rebels in Somalia can plot attacks like the Kenyan mall massacre because Somali government forces and allied African troops lack the soldiers and firepower needed to crush the insurgents for good, a senior Somali official said on Thursday...”

## **Europe**

### [Nigerian jets bomb Islamist camps after college massacre](#)

*Author/Source: Joe Hemba/Reuters*

“Fighter jets have bombed camps belonging to suspected Islamist militants in northeast Nigeria in response to a massacre of students at an agricultural college, an army spokesman said on Thursday...”

### [Syria rebels try to end infighting near Turkish border](#)

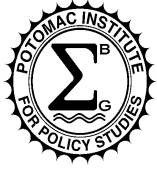
*Source: The Jerusalem Post*

“Several powerful Syrian rebel groups on Thursday demanded al- Qaida-linked militants and a rival rebel faction stop fighting and called on the hardline Islamists to withdraw their forces within 48 hours, a statement said...”

### [Turkey 'highly likely' to sign Chinese missile deal: official](#)

*Author/Source: Tulay Karadeniz and Jonathon Burch/Reuters*

“Turkey is likely to sign a \$3.4 billion missile defense deal with a Chinese firm under U.S.



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sanctions, a senior official said on Thursday, a move that could strain relations with Washington...”

## **US & Canada**

### [Senators up in arms about percentage of intelligence employees furloughed](#)

*Source: UPI*

“National Security Agency Director Keith Alexander and James Clapper told the Senate Judiciary Committee Wednesday that 70 percent of intelligence employees have been furloughed since the federal government shutdown began two days ago, shocking the committee...”

## **Maritime**

### [Alleged trafficker held after deadly migrant boat wreck off Lampedusa](#)

*Source: UPI*

“Police arrested a suspected human trafficker aboard a migrant boat that wrecked near Lampedusa island in which at least 93 people died, officials said Thursday...”