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Policy in Washington

US justifies Somalia raid under AUMF, which Obama seeks to repeal

Author/Source: Bill Roggio, Long War Journal

“In a statement citing the Authorization to Use Military Force, which was passed by Congress after the 9/11 attacks on America, the US military yesterday justified the Oct. 5 raid by US Navy SEALs that targeted a senior Shabaab leader in Somalia...”

Report: Government data collection imperials liberty and security

Author/Source: Peter Moskowitz, Al Jazeera

“A report released Tuesday synthesizes much of what Americans have been learning about piecemeal for the last few months: The U.S. government collects vast amounts of data from millions of American citizens who are not suspected of any wrongdoing...”

Libya PM says U.S. raid will not hurt ties

Author/Source: Reuters

“Libya's Prime Minister Ali Zeidan said on Tuesday that relations with the United States would not be affected by a U.S. military raid that captured an al Qaeda suspect in Tripoli, but he said Libyan suspects should be tried in their own country...”

Libya summons US envoy over raid to capture al-Liby

Author/Source: BBC

“Libya summoned the US ambassador to the country for questioning on Monday over the weekend capture of a suspected al-Qaeda leader on Libyan territory...”

Iraq

Why U.S. is losing Iraq and why Iran can't afford to

Author/Source: James Zumwalt, UPI

“At times in U.S. history its leaders failed to "get the message" of a national security threat, suffering dire consequences as a result...”

Israeli-Arab Conflict

IDF arrests two Palestinian men suspected in Psagot attack

Author/Source: Yaakov Lappin, Jerusalem Post

“The IDF arrested two Palestinian relatives from the West Bank village of al-Birah on Tuesday morning, which borders Psagot, as suspects behind the attack of a nine-year-old girl on Saturday night...”



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Gantz: Future war could begin with missile on IDF General Staff headquarters

Author/Source: Yaakov Lappin, Jerusalem Post

“A future war can begin with an attack by enemy missiles on IDF General Staff headquarters in Tel Aviv, or a cyber attack on Israel's traffic light system, IDF Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Benny Gantz said on Tuesday...”

IDF fires on Palestinians trying to cross the security fence in northern West Bank

Author/Source: Yaakov Lapin, Jerusalem Post

“The army identified a group of Palestinians attempting to cross the security fence near the Oranit checkpoint in the West Bank, southeast of Kalkilya on Tuesday...”

Middle East

Syria wins cautious praise as chemical disarmament starts

Author/Source: Dominic Evans, Reuters

“Syria won foreign praise on Monday for starting to destroy its chemical arsenal, although an opposition activist said the world was merely giving President Bashar al-Assad time to kill more people with conventional weapons...”

U.S. fears radical Islamists could take root in Syria

Author/Source: Ken Dilanian and Raja Abdulrahim, LA Times

“U.S. intelligence officials are increasingly concerned that Al Qaeda and other radical Islamist groups could carve out a haven in Syria that will offer the kind of sanctuary they once enjoyed in northwestern Pakistan, current and former U.S. officials say...”

South Asia

India says Pakistan pushing fighters into Kashmir before 2014

Author/Source: Reuters

“India's army said on Tuesday that Pakistani troops had helped a group of 30 to 40 insurgents stage the biggest incursion in Kashmir in years, linking it to a plan to push fighters into the region as foreign forces withdraw from neighboring Afghanistan...”

Southeast Asia

Blast at Ctg: 1 injured student dies

Author/Source: The Daily Star

“One of the seven students, who got hurt in a bomb blast at a Hefajat-e Islam leader's madrasa in Chittagong city yesterday, succumbed to his injuries early Tuesday...”

NSC to make counter-offer to BRN

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“The Thai delegation will make two or three counter-proposals at the next round of talks with the Barisan Revolusi Nasional (BRN), National Security Council chief Paradorn Pattanatabut said on Tuesday...”



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Court orders new trial in Benazir Bhutto assassination case

Author/Source: UPI

“A Pakistani anti-terrorism court in Rawalpindi Tuesday granted a new trial request in the case of the assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto...”

East Asia

North Korea puts army on alert, warns U.S. of ‘horrible disaster’

Author/Source: Jack Kim, Reuters

“North Korea said on Tuesday its military would be put on high alert and be ready to launch operations, stepping up tension after weeks of rhetoric against the United States and South Korea, whom it accuses of instigating hostility...”

Africa

Egypt to remove Brotherhood group from list of accredited NGOs

Author/Source: Xinhua

“An Egyptian cabinet committee ordered to remove the banned Muslim Brotherhood group from a government list of accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs), state-run Ahram website reported on Tuesday...”

Britain states security commitments to Kenya

Author/Source: UPI

“The British government, in the wake of the September terrorism attack in Nairobi, said Tuesday it was committed to Kenya's counter-terrorism efforts...”

Egypt: Death toll keeps rising as violence rages on

Author/Source: Ian Lee, Ben Brumfield and Sarah Sirgany, CNN

“Convulsions of violence followed the fierce clashes that killed dozens of people Sunday in Egypt, when Muslim Brotherhood supporters clashed with their opponents and security forces...”

Nigeria: Over 30 Boko Haram Insurgents Killed in Army Raids

Author/Source: Michael Olugbode and Senator Iroegbu, All Africa

“The Nigerian Army Monday said it killed about 30 persons last weekend's raids on Boko Haram camps and hideouts in Borno State...”

Kenya: Somalis Caught Between Terrorism and a Border Dispute

Gathigah, All Africa

Author/Source: Miriam Gathigah, All Africa

“Somali militia groups are beginning to operate in Kenya's remote and arid North Eastern Province, an area that borders southern Somalia - a former stronghold of the extremist group Al-Shabaab...”

Mali ‘Islamists’ blow up bridge near Gao

Author/Source: BBC

“Suspected Islamist militants have blown up a bridge near Mali's northern town of Gao, the army says...”



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Special Report: The Darfur conflict's deadly gold rush

Reuters

Author/Source: Ulf Laessing, Reuters

“With its scrubland, unpaved roads and mud brick huts, the Jebel Amer area in Darfur, western Sudan, can look like a poor and desolate place...”

Europé

Russia to increase spending on nuclear arsenals by 50 pct in three years

Author/Source: Xinhua

“Russia would increase spending on its nuclear arsenals by 50 percent in the next three years, a parliamentary defense committee said Tuesday...”

Latin America and the Caribbean

Anarchist group turns teachers' march in Rio violent

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Thousands marched in Rio de Janeiro Monday to support teachers seeking pay hikes before masked anarchists turned to violence, setting fires, breaking into buildings and smashing a City Hall gate...”

Narcoterrorism

Narcomantas' Threaten to Form Guerrilla Army in West Mexico

Author/Source: Charles Parkinson, OSAC

“A series of "narcomantas" likely linked to the Knights Templar cartel have appeared in Michoacan threatening to form a guerrilla army to combat self-defense militias, as the west Mexico state's long running conflict takes a new twist...”