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Middle East

[Iran rejects U.S. condition for joining Syria Peace Conference](#)

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Sources: Reuters

“Iran rejects any conditions for taking part in a long-delayed peace conference on Syria, Iranian media reported, in effect dismissing a U.S. suggestion that Tehran back a call for a transitional government in Damascus...”

[Iran rejects U.S. condition for joining Syria Peace Conference](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: Reuters

“ Hamas is struggling to meet its payroll in the Gaza Strip, where income from taxes has been badly hit since neighboring Egypt started destroying a network of tunnels used to smuggle food, fuel and weapons into the Islamist-run enclave...”

[Two more French journalists held in Syria](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: Reuters

“France's foreign ministry said on Wednesday two more French journalists were being held hostage in Syria, taking the number of its captive citizens in the country to four...”

[Poll finds Westerners opposed to military intervention in Syria](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: Reuters

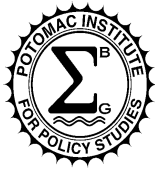
“Over half of the people surveyed in an international Reuters/Ipsos poll are opposed to foreign military action against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and more are against their own countries intervening in the conflict...”

[Fire from Syria wounds Israeli soldier on Golan Heights](#)

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Sources: Reuters

“Two mortar bombs fired from Syria hit an Israeli military post on the occupied Golan Heights on Wednesday, wounding an Israeli soldier, in an incident that drew Israeli return fire,



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the military said. Initial reports suggested the mortars were stray fire from Syria's civil war, the military said in a statement..."

[Chemical weapons watchdog says Syria cooperating with mission](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: Reuters

"Syrian officials have been constructive and cooperative in the early stages of the program to destroy Syria's chemical weapons arsenal, the head of the global chemical weapons watchdog said on Wednesday..."

[Insight: Saudis brace for 'nightmare' of U.S.-Iran rapprochement](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: Reuters

"When Saudi Arabia's veteran foreign minister, Prince Saud al-Faisal, made no annual address to the United Nations General Assembly last week for the first time ever, his unspoken message could hardly have been louder..."

[Mursi faces trial as U.S. reviews aid to Egypt](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: Reuters

"Egypt's ousted President Mohamed Mursi will face trial on November 4 on charges of inciting killings at protests, a prospect sure to raise concern in Washington, already considering cutting aid to Cairo to press for democracy..."

[Iran said ready to propose nuclear-program curbs](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: UPI

"Iran plans to offer to stop making near-weapons-grade nuclear fuel, a key U.S. demand, when it meets with world powers, diplomatic officials said..."

[Hamas leader calls to unite against Israel](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: UPI

"Hamas political bureau head Khaled Mashaal called on the Muslim world to unite and free Jerusalem..."

[Iran and Britain Restore Diplomatic Ties](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: UPI

"Iran and Britain said an agreement has been reached with Britain to resume diplomatic ties at the charge d'affaires level..."



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[Israel will release prisoners as scheduled](#)

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Sources: UPI

“Israel rejected Palestinian and American requests to release a second batch of Palestinian prisoners jailed in Israel ahead of schedule, officials said...”

[Report: Iran trained more than 30,000 Hezbollah fighters](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: UPI

“Iran's Revolutionary Guards have trained more than 30,000 Hezbollah fighters in Iran and Lebanon since the 1980s, Lebanese officials said...”

South Asia

[Afghan Taliban say Pakistan still holds ex-No 2 in jail](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: Reuters

“The Afghan Taliban said on Wednesday Pakistan has not freed their former second-in-command, Mullah Baradar, as promised and that his health is deteriorating in prison. Baradar is seen by many in Afghanistan as the key to restarting peace talks with the Afghan Taliban...”

[In Pakistan's Pashtun tribal belt, Taliban reject peace talks](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: Reuters

“The Pakistani Taliban envoy drew his white trousers up before settling on the floor of a mud-walled house in Pakistan's ethnic Pashtun tribal region near the Afghan border...”

[Car bomb attack kills 3 Afghan police officers, injures four civilians](#)

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Sources: UPI

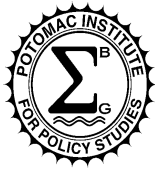
“At least three Afghan police officers were killed in a suicide bomb attack Wednesday in Afghanistan's Helmand province, officials say...”

[Ex-Bangladesh minister guilty of genocide during 1971 independence war](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: UPI

“A war crimes tribunal found former Bangladesh minister Abdul Alim guilty of large-scale war crimes Wednesday and sentenced him to life in prison...”



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[Afghanistan risks becoming 'narco-state': U.N. official](#)

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Sources: Reuters

“Afghanistan risks becoming a "full-fledged narco-state" without international support to help create alternative jobs for its people, a senior United Nations official said on Wednesday...”

East Asia

[Taiwan says China could launch successful invasion by 2020](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: Reuters

“China will be able to fend off U.S. forces and successfully invade Taiwan by 2020, the island's Defense Ministry said on Wednesday, the first time Taipei has given such a precise timetable for the threat it says it faces...”

[Kerry to push China, SE Asia to discuss sea dispute](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: Reuters

“U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry will press Southeast Asian leaders and China to discuss the South China Sea dispute at an Asian summit, a senior U.S. official said on Wednesday, despite Beijing's reluctance to address the issue in public forums...”

[Seoul: North Korea has restarted mothballed nuclear reactor](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: UPI

“South Korea's intelligence agency said Tuesday North Korea has reactivated a mothballed reactor at its Yongbyon nuclear complex...”

Africa

[Around 60 dead in clashes in Central African Republic](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: Reuters

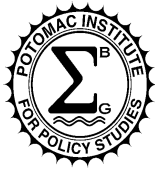
“Around 60 people have been killed in sectarian clashes in Central African Republic between local militias and former rebels, witnesses and a local official said on Wednesday...”

[Eight detained over Kenyan mall attack, no charges filed](#)

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Sources: UPI

“Police said they have detained a student in their ongoing investigation of the terror attack at



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the Westgate Shopping Mall in Nairobi, Kenya...”

Europe

[Turkish court uphold convictions of top officer over coup plot](#)

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Sources: Reuters

“Turkey's appeals court upheld convictions on Wednesday of top retired military officers for leading a plot to overthrow Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan's government a decade ago, in a case underlining civilian dominance over a once all-powerful army...”

[Dutch apologize to Moscow for detention of Russian diplomat](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: Reuters

“The Dutch foreign minister apologized to Moscow on Wednesday for the detention of a Russian diplomat in The Hague, saying his right to diplomatic immunity had been violated...”

[Bosnia to retry three war crimes convicts after European court ruling](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: Reuters

“Bosnia's war crimes court has ordered retrials for three convicted men, including an Iraqi-born Islamic militant, after the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) ruled that Bosnian legal procedures had violated their rights...”

[Turkey sees hope for revival of Cyprus peace talks](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: Reuters

“Turkey sees a ‘window of opportunity’ to end the decades-old division of Cyprus and expects peace talks between Greek and Turkish Cypriots to resume in November after a lull of almost 18 months, Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said on Wednesday...”

[British spy chief: Snowden leaks a 'gift' to terrorists](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: UPI

“Edward Snowden's spying leaks give terrorists ‘the gift they need to evade us and strike at will,’ the head of Britain's domestic intelligence agency said...”

US & Canada

[CIA recalls core personnel to tackle security threats](#)

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Sources: Al Jazeera

“CIA Director John Brennan said the agency will be calling back to work employees who were furloughed amid the government shutdown, as keeping staff at current reduced levels "would pose a threat," according to a statement released Tuesday...”

Maritime

[Russia says drugs found on Greenpeace ship, plans new charges](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: Reuters

“Russian investigators said on Wednesday they had found drugs aboard a Greenpeace ship used in a protest against offshore Arctic drilling and would press new charges against some of the 30 people being held for alleged piracy...”

[Three Russians aboard seized Greenpeace boat detained until trial](#)

9 October 2013

Sources: UPI

“Three Russian nationals aboard a Greenpeace ship when it was seized last month will be detained until trial, a Russian court ruled Tuesday...”