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Middle East

Drones, Afghanistan to Top Agenda During Pakistani Leader Trip to Washington

Author/Source: Ayaz Gul, Voice of America

“Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will meet President Barack Obama in Washington next week on October 23, his first interaction with the U.S. leader since entering office in June...”

Official: Suspected al-Qaida suicide attack in south Yemen kills 6 soldiers at military HQ

Author/Source: Associated Press, The Washington Post

“A Yemeni military official says a suspected al-Qaida suicide car bombing has killed six soldiers at an army headquarters in the country’s south. The official says the attack took place on Friday in Abyan province...”

‘Our count is low’: Behind the latest Iraq war-death study

Author/Source: RT Online

“A new study says the US-led war in Iraq killed over 400,000 people, with conflict-driven migration claiming 55,000 more lives...”

Former Blackwater contractors face new charges in Iraq shooting

Author/Source: Bill Mears, CNN

“Four former Blackwater private security contractors faced new federal charges on Thursday, the latest chapter in a controversial political and diplomatic case over a deadly 2007 Iraqi War incident...”

Israeli troops kill Palestinian who rammed army base

Author/Source: BBC Online

“A Palestinian man who used a tractor to break into an Israeli army base in the West Bank has been shot and killed by soldiers, according to a spokesperson for the Israel Defense Forces...”

Iranian Foreign Minister accuses Israel of trying to undermine nuclear talks with world powers

Author/Source: The Associated Press, The Washington Post

“Iran’s foreign minister on Friday accused Israel of trying to undermine what he described as progress in Tehran’s nuclear talks with world powers...”

Syrian intelligence chief killed in Deir al-Zour

Author/Source: BBC Online

“A senior Military Intelligence officer has been killed in eastern Syria, state media and activists say...”



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[Saudi Arabia, angered over Mideast, declines Security Council seat](#)

Author/Source: Angus McDowall, Reuters

“Saudi Arabia, in an unprecedented show of anger at the failure of the international community to end the war in Syria and act on other Middle East issues, said on Friday it would not take up its seat on the United Nations Security Council...”

Central Asia

[IED Explodes Near Caucasus Mosque, Human Remains Found](#)

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe Online

“Police in the Russian Republic of Kabardino-Balkaria are investigating a deadly blast near a village mosque that appears to have been a bomb that exploded prematurely...”

South Asia

[MV Seaman Guard Ohio: India police arrest crew of US ship](#)

Author/Source: BBC News Online

“Police in India say they have arrested the crew of a US-owned ship accused of illegally entering Indian waters with a huge cache of weapons on board. Officials say MV Seaman Guard Ohio was detained on 12 October by the Indian Coast Guard and is currently anchored at a port in southern Tamil Nadu state...”

[Afghanistan Attack: Insurgents Assault Foreign Compound In Kabul](#)

Author/Source: Amir Shah, The Huffington Post

“Insurgents detonated a car bomb Friday and then attacked a heavily fortified private residential compound used by hundreds of foreigners on the outskirts of Kabul...”

[India, China near pact aimed at keeping lid on border tension](#)

Author/Source: Sanjeev Miglani, Reuters

“India and China are close to an agreement to stop tension on their contested border touching off confrontation while they try to figure out a way to break decades-old stalemate on overlapping claims to long stretches of the Himalayas...”

Southeast Asia

[Indonesia Claims Top Spot as Cyber-Attack Source](#)

Author/Source: Jennifer LeClaire, CIO

“The new cyber-attack capital of the world is Indonesia, which has pushed China out of the top spot this quarter, nearly doubling its first-quarter traffic from 21 percent to 38 percent...”

[Thai gov't extends special security law in Bangkok](#)

Author/Source: Xinhuanet online

“The Thai cabinet on Friday resolved to extend the enforcement of Internal Security Act (ISA) in Bangkok to Nov. 30 to cope with prolonged anti-government street rallies...”

[Indonesian police kill suspected militant, arrest 2 in anti-terror raid](#)

Author/Source: Associated Press, The Washington Post



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“Indonesia’s elite anti-terrorism squad shot and killed one suspect and arrested two others in a raid Thursday in the east of the country, seizing weapons and fertilizer allegedly for bomb making from a group suspected of planning terrorist attacks, police said...”

Both sides vow to keep peace

Author/Source: Preah Vehear, The Bangkok Post

“Thailand and Cambodia will work together to maintain border peace after the International Court of Justice's Nov 11 ruling on the Preah Vihear temple conflict, Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra said Thursday...”

Europé

Norwegian named as Kenya mall 'gunman'

Author/Source: News24 online

“A Norwegian citizen of Somali origin is suspected of being one of the attackers who stormed a Kenyan shopping mall last month massacring 67 people, the [BBC](#) said...”

Kosovo: 10 Albanians Jailed For 'Terror'

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe Online

“A European Union-led court in Kosovo has sentenced 10 ethnic Albanians to prison terms for an attack on a Serbian police checkpoint...”

British Airways cargo workers held as police smash 'multi-million pound cocaine ring' at Heathrow

Author/Source: Justin Davenport, The London Evening Standard

“Scotland Yard today smashed a suspected multi-million pound cocaine smuggling racket based at Heathrow airport...”

Africa

Nigeria Elected to UN Security Council

Author/Source: Jaiyeola Andrews and Zacheaus Somorin, allAfrica

“After months of canvassing for Nigeria's inclusion in the United Nations Security Council, the country, Thursday, finally got elected to occupy one of the non-permanent seats on the council...”

U.S. Embassy in Uganda on alert for possible terror attack

Author/Source: Margaret Brennan, CBS

“The U.S. embassy in Kampala, Uganda, warned that it is on alert for the possibility of a terror attack that could resemble the "Westgate-style" massacre that killed more than 60 people in a Kenyan mall last month...”

Shabaab: Regional threats after Kenyan mall attack

Author/Source: News24 Online

“One month after Somalia's Shabaab fighters stormed Kenya's Westgate shopping mall and massacred dozens of people, the threat from regional sleeper cells or local sympathisers remains high, analysts warned...”



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[Pirate attacks by heavily armed gangs surge off Nigerian coast](#)

Author/Source: Jonathan Saul, Reuters

“Pirate attacks off Nigeria's coast have jumped by a third this year with ships passing through West Africa's Gulf of Guinea, a major commodities hub, increasingly under threat from gangs wanting to snatch cargoes and crews...”

[Angolan troops enter Congo Republic, seize soldiers: officer](#)

Author/Source: Christian Tsoumou, Reuters

“A detachment of Angolan troops crossed into neighboring Congo Republic earlier this week and has detained a group of Congolese soldiers, a senior Congolese officer said on Thursday...”

US & Canada

[New York man arrested on terrorism charges](#)

Author/Source: Julia Lull, CNN

“A Long Island man was arrested Friday after investigators say he attempted to travel to Yemen to join al Qaeda and conspired with the terror group from the United States, according to an indictment from the U.S. Department of Justice...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Dominican Republic Heading For Record Annual Drug Seizures](#)

Author/Source: Charles Parkinson, Insight Crime

“Authorities in the Dominican Republic have declared they are on course to break the record drug seizures made in 2012, in a further sign of the growing importance of the Caribbean as a cocaine transshipment point...”