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Policy in Washington

Pakistani PM leaves for Washington on official visit

Author/ Source: Xinhua

“Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif left on Saturday for Washington on a three-day official visit, during which he will hold wide-ranging talks with U.S. President Barack Obama on Oct. 23, state television reported...”

Obama nominates Jeh Johnson to head Homeland Security

Author/ Source: Xinhua

“U.S. President Barack Obama on Friday nominated former Pentagon's top lawyer, Jeh Johnson, as secretary of Department of Homeland Security (DHS)...”

Al-Qa'ida

Suspected al-Qaida fighters kill Yemeni colonel

Author/ Source: Ahmed al-Haj, Miami Herald

“A Yemeni security official says suspected al-Qaida militants have killed a security officer and his driver in a drive-by shooting in the country's southeast...”

Israeli-Arab Conflict

Hamas urges Palestinian gov't to halt peace talks with Israel

Author/ Source: Xinhua

“The Hamas authorities, which control the Palestinian enclave of the Gaza Strip, on Saturday urged the Palestinian government to halt its peace talks with Israel and renew "resistance" against the Jewish country...”

Middle East

Freed Lebanese, Turkish hostages fly home after deal

Ayla Jean Yackley, Reuters

Author/ Source: Laila Bassam and Ayla Jean Yackley, Reuters

“Two kidnapped Turkish pilots arrived in Istanbul after leaving Lebanon on Saturday and nine Lebanese hostages freed from Syria landed in Beirut, completing a hostage exchange after months of uncertainty...”

U.N. official urges access to besieged Syria civilians

Author/ Source: Patrick J. McDonnell, LA Times

“The United Nations' top humanitarian official urged both sides in the Syrian civil war on Saturday to allow aid workers access to thousands of civilians trapped in one of several besieged suburbs ringing the capital, Damascus...”



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[Gunmen kill security officer in south Yemen](#)

Author/ Source: Reuters

“Two masked gunmen killed a security officer and his bodyguard in southern Yemen late on Friday in what a security official said was a suspected al Qaeda attack...”

[Car bombing near Egypt army intelligence building wounds six](#)

Author/ Source: Youssry Ahmad, Reuters

“A car bomb exploded on Saturday near an Egyptian army intelligence building in the Suez Canal city of Ismailia, wounding at least six soldiers, security sources said...”

[Car bomb, clashes kill over 30 near Syrian capital](#)

Author/ Source: Erika Solomon, Reuters

“Syrian rebels blew up an army checkpoint outside Damascus on Saturday and more than 30 combatants from both sides died in the blast and ensuing clashes, a monitoring group said...”

Source: Reuters

[Arab states urge Saudi Arabia to keep U.N. Security Council seat](#)

Author/ Source: Louis Charbonneau, Reuters

“The Arab Group at the United Nations urged Saudi Arabia on Saturday to reconsider its decision to renounce a rotating seat on the Security Council to protest the 15-nation body's failure to end the war in Syria and act on other Middle East issues...”

[Southeast Asia](#)

[India charges 33 aboard armed U.S. ‘anti-piracy’ ship](#)

Chandrasekaran, Reuters

Author/ Source: Anupama Chandrasekaran, Reuters

India has charged 33 men aboard an armed ship operated by a U.S. maritime security firm for failing to produce papers authorizing it to carry weapons in Indian waters, police said on Saturday, a move that could trigger diplomatic tensions...”

[East Asia](#)

[Chinese university fires outspoken economist amid crackdown on dissent](#)

Micahel Martina, Reuters

Author/ Source: Micahel Martina, Reuters

“A liberal Chinese economist who had been an outspoken critic of China's ruling Communist Party has been expelled from the elite Peking University, amid a broader crackdown on dissent...”

[Africa](#)

[Tunisia forces kill 10 Islamist militants in raids](#)

Author/ Source: Reuters

“Tunisian security forces have killed 10 Islamist militants near the border with Algeria during a three-day operation against gunmen who attacked police patrols in the remote northern region, the government said on Saturday...”



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[Suicide bomber kills 16 in Somali café attack aimed at foreign troops](#)

Sheikh and Feisal Omar, Reuters

Author/ Source: Abdi Sheikh and Feisal Omar, Reuters

“A suicide bomber killed at least 16 people on Saturday in an attack on a café in a Somali town close to the Ethiopian border frequented by local and foreign soldiers fighting al Qaeda-linked rebels...”

[Kenya: Charred Kenya Mall Bodies ‘Highly Likely’ to Be Gunmen-Lawmaker](#)

Author/ Source: All Africa

“Two charred bodies recovered from Nairobi's Westgate shopping mall are highly likely to be two of the gunmen who killed dozens of people last month in one of the worst militant strikes on Kenyan soil, a lawmaker probing the attack said on Friday...”

[Nigeria Exits Financial Action Task Force’s Grey List](#)

Author/ Source: Obinna Chima, All Africa

“The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) yesterday removed Nigeria from the list of countries identified as jurisdictions with significant deficiencies in their Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) regimes...”

[Europé](#)

[Italian anti-austerity protesters clash with police](#)

Author/ Source: Naomi O’Leary, Reuters

“Demonstrators clashed with Italian police on Saturday as tens of thousands marched through Rome to protest against unemployment, government cuts and big construction projects they say take money away from social services...”

[London terror arrests: Two suspects released](#)

Author/ Source: BBC

“Two of four British men arrested over an alleged terror plot have been released, Scotland Yard has said...”

[US & Canada](#)

[NY man charged with trying to support terrorists](#)

Herald

Author/ Source: Frank Eltman, Miami Herald

“For 25 years Marcos Alonso Zea lived in America, working most recently as a clerk at a home improvement store on New York's Long Island...”



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Latin America and the Caribbean

Progress with FARC slower than hoped for: Colombia's Santos

Author/ Source: Anahi Rama, Reuters

“Nearly a year after starting peace talks with left-wing FARC guerrillas, Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said on Saturday that negotiations have not progressed as quickly as he had hoped...”

Narcoterrorism

Gunman in clown suit kills senior Mexican drug cartel member

Author/ Source: Reuters

“A gunman in a clown costume shot and killed the oldest brother of one of Mexico's most notorious drug trafficking families in the resort of Los Cabos, authorities said on Saturday..”