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Middle East

Iraq violence: Police Killed in Anbar attacks

Source: BBC News

“At least 19 police officers and three civilians have been killed in a series of attacks overnight in the western Iraqi province of Anbar, officials say...”

Report: India warned Jerusalem of terror plot against Israeli tourists

Source: The Jerusalem Post

“Indian authorities warned Israel last month that the Indian Mujahideen terrorist group was plotting an attack against Israeli tourists in Rajasthan, the *Hindustan Times* reported on Wednesday, citing Indian Home Ministry and Israeli sources...”

Lawmaker Says Iran Has Halted Enrichment

Author/Source: Tomas Erdbrink, The New York Times

“An influential Iranian lawmaker says his country has halted the production of enriched uranium up to 20 percent, a level that experts say is only a few technical steps from what is needed to produce a nuclear weapon...”

Central Asia

Kazakhs hold counter-terrorism drill

Author/Source: Alexander Bogatik, Central Asia Online

“Almaty-based security forces October 22 completed the Korgau-Antiterror-2013 (Protection-Antiterror-2013) exercise that was intended to prepare them for counter-terror efforts when Almaty hosts the 2017 Winter Universiade sports tournament...”

South Asia

16 Candidates Disqualified in Afghanistan

Author/Source” Azam Ahmed

“More than half of the Afghan presidential hopefuls had their hopes dashed on Tuesday when the country’s election commission declared that their candidacies did not meet documentary or citizenship requirements...”

Secret memos reveal explicit nature of U.S., Pakistan agreement on drones

Author/Source: Greg Miller and Bob Woodward, The Washington Post

“Despite repeatedly denouncing the CIA’s drone campaign, top officials in Pakistan’s government have for years secretly endorsed the program and routinely received classified briefings on strikes and casualty counts, according to top-secret CIA documents and Pakistani



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diplomatic memos obtained by The Washington Post...”

Violence against Muslims threatening Myanmar reforms: U.N. envoy

Author/Source: Michelle Nichols, Reuters

“Violence against a Muslim minority in Myanmar is feeding a wider anti-Muslim feeling that poses a serious threat to the country's dramatic economic and political reforms as it emerges from half a century of military rule, a U.N. envoy said on Thursday...”

East Asia

China, India Sign Border Cooperation Agreement

Author/Source: Louise Watt, ABC News

“China and India sounded a new optimistic tone in their relationship Wednesday as they signed an agreement to boost meetings between their militaries to avoid any repeat of this year's tense standoff along their disputed Himalayan border...”

Increase in Activity Reported at North Korean Nuclear Test Site

Author/Source: Choe Sang-Hun, The New York Times

“North Korea has increased activity at its main underground nuclear test site, digging new tunnel entrances in what could be preparations for another nuclear test, a Washington-based research institute reported Thursday...”

Africa

UN troops from Chad killed in Mali's Tessalit town

Source: BBC News

“Two UN peacekeepers from Chad have been killed and six others wounded - some ‘severely’ - in a suicide attack in northern Mali, the UN has said...”

Thousands of desperate Eritreans fleeing rights abuses: U.N. envoy

Author/Source: Michelle Nichols, Reuters

“Eritreans risk being shot to death by their own troops as they flee their homeland to start a treacherous journey seeking European asylum that killed hundreds of desperate refugees this month when their boats sank, a U.N. envoy said on Thursday...”

Westgate attack: Kenyan police warn journalists

Source: BBC News

“Kenya's police chief has warned journalists over their coverage of last month's attack on the Westgate shopping centre, following reports of looting by soldiers...”

Europe

Anger Growing Among Allies Over U.S. Surveillance*Author/Source: Alison Smale*

“Leaders and citizens in Germany, one of America's closest allies, simmered with barely contained fury on Thursday over reports that American intelligence had tapped into Chancellor Angela Merkel's cellphone, the latest diplomatic fallout from the documents harvested by the former National Security Agency contractor Edward J. Snowden...”



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[British Links to al-Shabab revealed](#)

Author/Source: Dominic Casciani and Secunder Kemani

The names of almost 50 people from Britain who have links to al-Shabab - and related organisations - have been established by the BBC.

[State on alert after hacking incident](#)

Author/Source: Peter Stevenson, Cyprus Mail

“Officials at the Internal Audit Service (IAS) have been put on alert after reports emerged yesterday that hackers had managed to gain access to and change the government’s database...”

[Anonymous Hackers Target Russia for Detaining Greenpeace Activists](#)

Author/Source: Edward Kovacs, Softpedia

“Hackers of the Anonymous movement have launched a distributed denial-of-service (DDOS) attack against government.ru, the online portal of the Government of Russia...”

US & Canada

[Obama Urges House Republicans to Act on Immigration](#)

Author/Source: Michael D. Shear, The New York Times

“President Obama on Thursday renewed his call for an immigration overhaul, telling an audience of activists at the White House that the fate of a bipartisan Senate bill now rests with Republicans in the House...”

[Exclusive: Kerry and Top State Dept Officials Split over Syria Talks](#)

Author/Source: Yochi Dreazen, Foreign Policy

“Secretary of State John Kerry is at odds with several senior State Department officials over whether to press ahead with plans for a high-profile peace conference next month that is designed to put negotiators from Syria’s main opposition groups and the government of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad into the same room for the first time...”

[US concerns over Turkey missile proposal](#)

Source: Al Jazeera America

The United States has raised concern over Turkey’s proposal to build a missile-defense system with a Chinese firm under U.S. sanctions, and NATO fears that the system could undermine NATO-allied air defenses, the U.S. ambassador to Turkey said Thursday.

[Court upholds 1998 embassy bombings conviction of ex-Guantánamo inmate](#)

Source: The Guardian

“In a boost to US efforts to gain intelligence from terrorism suspects before prosecuting them, a federal appeals court in New York on Thursday upheld the conviction of a former inmate of Guantánamo Bay in the 1998 bombings of two US embassies in Africa...”

[Pakistani Premier Meets Obama to Mend Ties](#)

Author/Source: Mark Landler, The New York Times

“President Obama welcomed Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan to the White House on



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Wednesday, seeking to bolster his new civilian government and mend perennially frayed ties between the countries...”

[Head of D.C.-based Russian cultural center being investigated as possible spy](#)

Author/Source: Sari Horwitz, The Washington Post

“The FBI is investigating whether the U.S.-based director of a Russian government-run cultural exchange program was clandestinely recruiting Americans as possible intelligence assets, according to law enforcement officials...”

[Guantanamo guards accused of improper document seizures](#)

Ramstack, Reuters

Author/Source: Tom Ramstack, Reuters

“An attorney for a man charged with plotting the September 11 attacks accused U.S. military guards at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility on Thursday of seizing his client's private legal documents...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Brazil Riots Threaten World Cup as Nation Prepares for Games](#)

Author/Source: Tariq Panja and David Biller, Bloomberg

“(A) movie premiere in downtown Rio de Janeiro this month turned into another scene of confrontation between police and protesters in the Brazilian city that will host next year’s soccer World Cup final. This time, it was dozens of striking teachers who sought sanctuary in a movie theater...”

[Man arrested in northern Mexico suspected of killing 79](#)

Source: Reuters

“A 20-year-old man in the northern Mexican city of Monterrey has admitted to killing 45 people, and is being investigated for 34 more, officials said on Thursday...”

[Mexico clown convention rejects cartel killing link](#)

Source: BBC News

Clowns gathered at a convention in Mexico City have denied any of their colleagues were behind the killing of a former drug cartel leader last Friday

Maritime

[Pirates Abduct Two Americans on Oil Ship Off Nigerian Coast](#)

Author/Source: Rick Gladstone, The New York Times

“Pirates attacked an American-flagged oil industry vessel off the Nigerian coast early Thursday and abducted the captain and the chief engineer, both United States citizens, the Nigerian Navy and a private security firm reported...”



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