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Middle East

[Central Bank falls victims to Libya's rampant crime, anarchy](#)

29 October 2013

Source: Reuters

“Gunmen rob millions from Libya's central bank. Boatloads of protesters storm an oil terminal like pirates...”

[Syrian hackers claim Obama Facebook, Twitter accounts](#)

29 October 2013

Source: The Daily Star

“Hackers from a group calling itself the Syrian Electronic Army claimed Monday they had taken control of US President Barack Obama's Twitter and Facebook accounts...”

[Damascus, rebels coordinate to let 1,800 civilians flee siege](#)

29 October 2013

Source: the Daily Star

“A rare moment of coordination between the Syrian government and rebels enabled 1,800 civilians to flee a besieged town on the edge of Damascus on Tuesday, but thousands remain trapped with little food, water or medicine...”

[Ibrahim in indirect contact with bishops' kidnappers](#)

29 October 2013

Source: The Daily Star

“General Security Chief Maj. Gen. Abbas Ibrahim said Tuesday he was in contact with the kidnappers of the Syrian bishops through a third party, describing the case of the prelates as more complicated than that of the recently freed Lebanese pilgrims...”

[Congress to hear from drone survivors for first time](#)

29 October 2013

Source: Al-Jazeera

“U.S. lawmakers will hear testimony from survivors of an alleged drone strike for the first time in history when three Pakistani citizens appear before Congress on Tuesday morning to describe an attack that killed their 67-year-old matriarch in Pakistan last year...”



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[Saudi Arabia frees man jailed for Mohammed tweets: sources](#)

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Source: Reuters

“A Saudi blogger was freed on Tuesday, 20 months after he was detained for publishing an imaginary conversation with Islam's Prophet Mohammad on Twitter, his friend and a lawyer said, though there was no confirmation from the government...”

[Judge in Brotherhood trial withdraws, case indefinitely adjourned](#)

29 October 2013

Source: Reuters

“The trial of three senior Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood leaders on charges of inciting violence was halted on Tuesday after the judge said the court felt "unease" over the case...”

[Polio outbreak in northeast Syria risks spreading, WHO says](#)

29 October 2013

Source: Reuters

“Polio has broken out among young children in northeast Syria, the World Health Organisation (WHO) confirmed on Tuesday, and could spread inside and outside the country, where civil war has led to falling vaccination rates...”

[Iraqi PM flies to U.S., seeking arms to fight militants](#)

29 October 2013

Source: Reuters

“Iraq's Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki travelled to the United States on Tuesday to press for urgent help and arms to combat the worst upsurge of violence in years...”

[Syrian deputy prime minister dismissed: state media](#)

29 October 2013

Source: Reuters

“Syria's deputy prime minister, Qadri Jamil, was dismissed from his post, state media said on Tuesday, citing government complaints about his performance and lack of coordination with other officials...”



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South Asia

[India police say Islamists behind attack on opposition rally](#)

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Source: Reuters

“An Islamist militant group is believed to be behind an attack on a rally by Indian Hindu nationalist politician Narendra Modi that killed six people and wounded more than 80, police said on Tuesday...”

[Scores injured as strikers clash with police in Bangladesh](#)

29 October 2013

Source: Al-Jazeera

“Scores of people were injured as violence raged across Bangladesh on Tuesday, the last of a three-day strike called by opposition activists in a bid to pressure the prime minister to resign...”

East Asia

[China urges fairness after Australia maintains Huawei ban](#)

29 October 2013

Source: Xinhua

“China on Tuesday urged joint efforts with Australia to provide a fair environment for enterprises from both nations after Australia maintained a broadband ban on Chinese telecom firm Huawei...”

[Report: China censors news of Tiananmen Square vehicle crash](#)

29 October 2013

Source: UPI

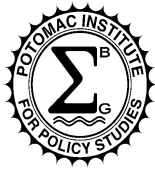
“The cause or any motive behind a deadly vehicle crash in Beijing's Tiananmen Square remained unclear as Chinese authorities clamped down on its reporting...”

[Japan rejects use of force to change regional status quo](#)

29 October 2013

Source: The Daily Star

“Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told Japanese troops Sunday that Japan would not tolerate the use of force to change the region's status quo, comments likely to rile Beijing which is locked in a long and bitter territorial dispute with Tokyo...”



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[China suspects Tiananmen crash a suicide attack-sources](#)

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Source: Reuters

“Chinese authorities investigating what could be Beijing's first major suicide attack were searching for two men from Muslim-dominated Xinjiang on Tuesday after three people suspected to be from the restive region drove a SUV into a crowd at Tiananmen Square and set it on fire...”

Africa

[Sudan arrests seven university professors in crackdown on protests](#)

29 October 2013

Source: Reuters

“Sudanese authorities arrested seven university professors, a human rights lawyer said on Tuesday, extending a crackdown on opposition activists after fuel price increases touched off the country's worst unrest for years...”

[Hollande says four French hostages kidnapped in Niger freed](#)

29 October 2013

Source: The Daily Star

“Four French hostages kidnapped by al Qaeda's north African arm three years ago in Niger have been released, President Francois Hollande said on Tuesday...”

[35 bodies 'in military uniform' at morgue after Nigeria Islamist raid: hospital](#)

29 October 2013

Source The Daily Star

“Thirty-five bodies in military uniform have been brought to a morgue in Nigeria's restive northeast after a coordinated assault by Boko Haram targeting the security forces, a hospital source told AFP Monday...”

[DR Congo troops seize major military base back from rebels: army](#)

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Source: The Daily Star

“The army in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo has seized back control of a major military base from M23 rebels in a fourth day of renewed fighting, an army spokesman said Monday...”



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[Kenya says some soldiers looted during Nairobi mall attack](#)

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Source: Reuters

“Kenyan soldiers sent to protect civilians looted shops while al Qaeda-linked militants killed scores of people during a siege at a Nairobi shopping mall last month, the army admitted on Tuesday...”

[Leaders of South African 'Boer Army' plot receive long jail terms](#)

29 October 2013

Source: Reuters

“Five leaders of a "Boer Army" white supremacist plot in South Africa to assassinate Nelson Mandela and drive blacks out of the country were sentenced to 35 years in prison on Tuesday after a trial lasting more than 10 years...”

Europe

[Former Georgian defence minister jailed for nearly 4 years](#)

29 October 2013

Source: The Daily Star

“A Georgian court on Monday sentenced a former defence minister to nearly four years in jail in the first guilty verdict against a top ally of outgoing President Mikheil Saakashvili...”

[Phone-hacking trial of Murdoch aides opens](#)

29 October 2013

Source: The Daily Star

“They were once two of the most powerful people in the British media, senior executives for media mogul Rupert Murdoch and associates of Prime Minister David Cameron...”

[10 dead as storm lashes north Europe](#)

29 October 2013

Source: The Daily Star

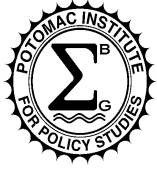
“At least 10 people were killed Monday as a fierce storm tore across northern Europe, causing mass disruption to transport. Four people were killed in Britain and three in Germany as heavy rain and high winds battered the region...”

[Greek ex-minister: We spied on 2 US ambassadors](#)

29 October 2013

Source: The Daily Star

“A former foreign minister of Greece says the U.S. is not the only country eavesdropping on foreign diplomats: his country's secret services did that to U.S. ambassadors in Athens and Ankara in the 1990s...”



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[Russian military helicopter crashes, crew survives](#)

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Source: The Daily Star

“A Russian military helicopter on a test flight crashed near apartment buildings on the outskirts of Moscow on Tuesday, but both pilots survived and there was no damage on the ground, officials said...”

[Letter bomb sent to Northern Ireland minister](#)

29 October 2013

Source: Reuters

“A letter bomb addressed to the British government's minister for Northern Ireland has been found at the province's administrative buildings and made safe, police and politicians said on Tuesday...”