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Middle East

[Gulf nations to create joint military command](#)

Author/Source: The Washington Post

Saudi Arabia and its Gulf Arab neighbors wrapped up a summit meeting in Kuwait on Wednesday by agreeing to establish a joint military command, paving the way for tighter security coordination even as their regional rival Iran pursues outreach efforts in the wake of its interim nuclear deal.

[US, UK suspend nonlethal aid to rebels in northern Syria](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“The United States has suspended all nonlethal assistance into northern Syria after Islamic Front forces seized headquarters and warehouses belonging to the Free Syrian Army's Supreme Military Council (SMC), according to a U.S. Embassy spokesman in Ankara, Turkey...”

[Gunmen in Syria abduct leading human rights lawyer](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Masked gunmen abducted a leading Syrian human rights lawyer and three other prominent activists in a rebel-held Damascus suburb Tuesday in a new sign that Al-Qaeda-linked groups who have joined the fight against President Bashar al-Assad are trying to silence rivals in the opposition movement...”

[Al Qaeda tightens grip on western Iraq in bid for Islamic state](#)

Author/Source: Sudad al-Salhy, Reuters

“In Iraq's western desert near the Syrian border, in a landscape of sand and rock, a signpost announces that you are entering al Qaeda's Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)...”

South Asia

[Suicide bomber attacks German troops near airport in Afghan capital](#)

Author/Source: Mirwais Harooni, Reuters

“A suicide bomber attacked a convoy of German troops near the international airport in the Afghan capital, Kabul, on Wednesday, a military official said, but there were no immediate reports of casualties...”

[Bangladesh court to decide Abdul Kader Mullah execution](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“The execution of an Islamist leader, Abdul Kader Mullah, has been postponed while Bangladesh's Supreme Court continues to hear legal arguments...”



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East Asia

[Japan's defense plans focus on China and islands dispute](#)

Author/Source: Kiyoshi Takenaka, Reuters

“Japan will set up a new amphibious military unit and deploy unarmed surveillance drones in its southwest, where it faces a row with China over disputed islands, according to drafts of the nation's latest defense plans seen on Wednesday...”

[Myanmar frees 44 political prisoners](#)

Author/Source: Channel NewsAsia

“Myanmar on Wednesday freed 44 political detainees, a presidential adviser said, the latest in a series of prisoner amnesties by the country's reformist regime...”

Africa

[Violence persists in Central African Republic as Hollande visits](#)

Author/Source: Emmanuel Braun and Paul Ngoupana, Reuters

“President Francois Hollande flew into Central African Republic hours after two French soldiers were killed in fighting and praised his troops for tackling "horrendous violence" against women and children and helping avert a slide into civil war...”

[French forces kill 19 Islamist fighters in north Mali](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“French forces have killed 19 Islamist fighters during security operations in Mali's northern region of Timbuktu, a senior French officer in the West African nation said on Tuesday...”

[Kenya police shot near Somali border](#)

Author/Source: News24

“Gunmen killed five Kenyan policemen and wounded at least two others on Tuesday in an ambush in the troubled northeast border region close to war-torn Somalia, police said...”

[Uganda captures 19 LRA rebels](#)

Author/Source: News 24

“Uganda troops have captured 19 Lord's Resistance Army rebels in Central African Republic (CAR), the African Union said, a sizeable victory in the hunt for the elusive jungle insurgents...”

[Judges resign in Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood trial](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Three judges presiding over the trial of Egypt's senior Muslim Brotherhood members stepped down Wednesday after the defendants disrupted the proceedings and chanted against the judiciary...”

Europe

[Russia will create protest zones at 2014 Sochi Olympics](#)

Author/Source: David Wharton, LA Times

“The Russian government will create special protest zones at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Olympic officials said Tuesday...”



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180 criminal charges, 21 kilos of drugs seized

Author/Source: OSAC

“In the country-wide Operation Thunderbolt, 21 kilograms of drugs were seized, 124 persons were arrested and 70 remanded in custody in a single day...”

Kiev riot police retreat after storming protest bastions

Author/Source: BBC

“Police have abandoned an attempt to dislodge anti-government protesters from their strongholds in the Ukrainian capital, Kiev...”

Portugal considers asylum for 74 Syrians with fake passports

Author/Source: Reuters

“Portugal is considering asylum requests from a group of 74 Syrians detained after flying in from Guinea-Bissau using fake Turkish passports, Portuguese officials said on Wednesday...”

US & Canada

Canada and Russia battle for the North Pole

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Russian president Vladimir Putin has called for increased military presence in the Arctic following Canada's moves to legally claim control of the North Pole...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

Mexico recovers stolen radioactive material

Author/Source: BBC

“Authorities in Mexico have recovered dangerous radioactive material which was stolen last week...”

Violence kills 7 as Argentina celebrates democracy

Author/Source: The Washington Post

“Many Argentines armed and barricaded themselves in their homes and stores in fear of looting mobs Tuesday as the nation’s celebration of 30 years of uninterrupted democracy was marred by police strikes for higher pay...”