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Middle East

[Suicide bomber attacks Shiites as Iraq unrest kills 11](#)

By: Al Arabiya Online

“A suicide bomber detonated an explosives belt among Shiite pilgrims walking northeast of the Iraqi capital, one of several attacks that killed a total of 11 people Wednesday, Agence France-Presse reported...”

[UN Security Council condemns Syria military activity on Golan Heights](#)

By: Associated Press, Haaretz

“The UN Security Council has strongly condemned all military activity on the Golan Heights by the Syrian army and opposition fighters warning that it could "jeopardize the ceasefire" between Syria and Israel...”

[Al-Qaeda leader in Syria speaks to Al Jazeera](#)

By: Basma Atassi, Al Jazeera

“The leader of al-Qaeda’s branch in Syria, one of the most powerful groups in the war-torn country, has told Al Jazeera that that the conflict is nearing an end and that his fighters hold the upper hand...”

[Syrian aircraft pound Aleppo for 4th straight day](#)

By: AFP, Washington Post

“Syrian government aircraft dumped barrels packed with explosives on at least four opposition-held neighborhoods of Aleppo on Wednesday, the fourth day of stepped-up airstrikes on the contested northern city, activists said...”

[As Pressure Builds, Egypt’s Police Experience a New Feeling: Fear](#)

By: Kareem Fasim, New York Times

“For six hours, heavily armed officers fired fusillades of buckshot and tear gas at students who were the latest front of anger toward Egypt’s military-backed rulers...”

Source: New York Times



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Central Asia

Military trial in U.S. being considered for Russian detained in Afghanistan

By: Adam Goldman and Karen DeYoung, The Washington Post

“The Obama administration is actively considering the use of a military commission in the United States to try a Russian who was captured fighting with the Taliban several years ago and has been held by the U.S. military at a detention facility near Bagram air base in Afghanistan, former and current U.S. officials said...”

South Asia

Pakistan suicide bombing kills five troops at North Waziristan mosque

By: Zulfiqar Ali and Hashmat Baktash, LA Times

“Five security personnel were killed and 34 wounded Wednesday evening when a suicide bomber rammed his explosives-laden mini-truck into a mosque near a checkpoint in Pakistan’s North Waziristan Agency, officials said...”

Devyani effect: Delhi targets US Embassy, removes barricades and recalls ID cards

By: India Express Online

“In unusually muscular retaliation for the alleged harsh treatment of its deputy consul-general in New York, India Tuesday moved on multiple fronts to squeeze American diplomats in the country, suddenly jolting friendly ties between New Delhi and Washington...”

Bangladesh violence risks spinning out of control as polls near

By: Serajul Quadir and Mike Collett-White, Reuters

“When an ally in Bangladesh’s ruling coalition threatened this month to pull out of upcoming elections, elite troops broke open the gates of the party leader’s home, brushed aside his guards and hauled him away...”

Southeast Asia

Opium Production on the Rise in Southeast Asia, Led by Myanmar

By: Nopparat Chaichalearmmongkol, The Wall Street Journal

“Opium production in Southeast Asia, driven mainly by Myanmar, has seen a steady increase over the past several years due largely to a lack of livelihood alternatives for poppy farmers and rising demand from neighboring countries, says a new survey from the United Nations’ drug agency...”

East Asia

Report: Chinese hackers attacked crucial government election website

By: Paul Steinhauser, CNN

“Chinese hackers tapped into the Federal Election Commission’s website during the federal government shutdown in October, a report released Tuesday by an investigative news organization says...”



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Africa

Cameroon: Terrorism and the Threat Radical Islam Poses to Cameroon

By: Martin Ewi, All Africa

“The kidnapping of a French priest, Reverend Georges Vandenbeusch, in northern Cameroon on 14 November 2013, barely seven months after the negotiated release of a French family who had been kidnapped by Boko Haram and Ansaru in the same region, demonstrates Cameroon's vulnerability to the threat of global jihad...”

Somali troops to be trained on home turf in 2014

By: AFP Online/ News 24

“Training of Somali soldiers by the EU will be shifted from Uganda to Somalia early next year, with an improvement in the security climate there, the EU said in a statement Tuesday...”

Europe

Prominent dissident republican charged with attack on police

By: UPI Online, UPI

“Colin Duffy, one of the most prominent dissident republicans in Northern Ireland, was charged Tuesday with a shooting attack on a police convoy in Belfast...”

Dublin man jailed for attacking two American tourists

By: Irish Times

“A Dublin man has received a six-year sentence for his role in viciously attacking two American tourists who had tried to stop a city centre robbery...”

Bomb explodes under police officer's car

By: Cyprus Mail Online

“A bomb went off on Monday under a police officer's car in Nicosia, Police Chief Michalis Papageorgiou confirmed...”

US & Canada

White House to release independent report on NSA spying

By: CNN Staff

“An independent assessment of National Security Agency surveillance ordered by President Barack Obama following classified leaks by Edward Snowden will be released Wednesday, White House spokesman Jay Carney said...”

Latin America and the Caribbean

Venezuela's Maduro holds rare dialogue with opponents

By: Deisy Buitrago and Andrew Cawthorn, Reuters

“Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro held a rare meeting with opponents on Wednesday, challenging them to collect signatures to oust him in 2016 if they wanted but to work with him in the meantime...”