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Middle East

[Scores killed in Iraq Bloodshed ahead of Shi'ite holy day](#)

Author/Source: Ghazwan Hassan, Reuters

“Suicide bombers and gunmen killed scores of people in Iraq on Monday in attacks mostly targeting Shi'ite Muslim pilgrims and official buildings ahead of a major Shi'ite ritual next week...”

[African migrant abandon Israeli detention center in protest march](#)

Author/Source: Allyn Fisher-Ilan, Reuters

“More than 100 African migrants have abandoned an "open" Israeli detention center to try to march on Jerusalem in protest at a law allowing authorities to keep them in custody indefinitely, activists said on Monday...”

[Al Qaeda more dangerous than ever](#)

Source/Author: Michel Moutot, DAWN.COM

“More than two and a half years after US commandos shot dead Al Qaeda figurehead Osama bin Laden, the global extremist network is more dangerous than ever, American experts and counterterrorism officials warned this week...”

[Militants attack hospital at Yemen's Defense Ministry, killing 52](#)

Author/Source: CNN

“Militants staged a deadly attack on Yemen's Defense Ministry on Thursday, ramming the building with an explosives-laden vehicle, followed by gunmen who battled security forces inside...”

[Japan Diplomat Stabbed in Yemen Failed Kidnapping](#)

Author/Source: VOA

“A security official in Yemen says attackers repeatedly stabbed a Japanese diplomat in the capital of Sanaa in an apparent failed kidnapping attempt...”

[Saudi prince bashes US over foreign policy in Iran, Syria](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“An influential Saudi prince has demanded a place at the negotiation table during talks with Iran on its nuclear program...”



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Israeli army shoots two Lebanese soldiers on border

Author/Source: Jack Khoury and The Associated Press, Haaretz

“The Lebanese soldier who reportedly went missing after opening fire at an Israeli military vehicle Sunday night on the northern border, killing an Israeli soldier, has returned to his base...”

EU to ease sanctions as soon as Iran curbs nuclear work

Author/Source: Justyna Pawlak, Reuters

“European Union governments pledged on Monday to suspend some sanctions against Iran as soon as the U.N. nuclear watchdog verifies that Tehran has curbed its atomic work under last month's landmark agreement...”

Drone strikes must end, Yemen's parliament says

Author/Source: Hakim Almasmari, CNN

“Yemen's parliament Sunday called for an end to drone strikes on its territory after a U.S. missile attack mistakenly struck a wedding convoy, killing more than a dozen people...”

South Asia

Pakistani Shi'ite cleric shot dead in reprisal attack

Author/Source: Syed Raza Hassan, Reuters

“A prominent Pakistani Shi'ite Muslim cleric has been shot dead in what Taliban militants said was a reprisal attack for the killing of Sunni Muslims a month ago...”

Afghanistan's Karzai Presses for Indian Support, Investment

Author/Source: Aru Pande, VOA

“Afghan President Hamid Karzai has concluded a four-day visit to India, during which he encouraged New Delhi to boost investment and military support in his country...”

Terror case goes through 18 judges, accused in limbo

Author/Source: Mateen Hafeez, The Times of India

“A case of conspiracy—to set the ONGC headquarters, in Bandra, on fire—registered in March 2010 has dragged on, while the fate of two men hangs in balance...”

U.S. offers help to South East Asia, most to Vietnam, to patrol seas

Author/Source: Lesley Wroughton, Reuters

“The United States on Monday offered \$32.5 million in assistance to Southeast Asian nations, more than half to Vietnam, to boost maritime security, which comes as tension grows with China over rival claims in the South China Sea...”

Indonesia Arrests 3 Terror Suspects



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Author/Source: VOA

“Indonesia says it has arrested three more members of a terrorist network linked to the August bombing of a Buddhist temple in Jakarta...”

East Asia

[Riot in China's Xinjiang kills 16, 'terror gang' blamed](#)

Author/Source: Ben Blanchard, Reuters

“Chinese police shot and killed 14 people during a riot near the old Silk Road city of Kashgar in which two policemen were also killed, the local government said on Monday, the latest unrest in a region that has a substantial Muslim population...”

Africa

[At least 21, including children, killed in Congo's east](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“At least 21 people, including women and a baby, were killed over the weekend in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, the U.N. peacekeeping mission there said on Monday...”

[South Sudan imposes curfew after "attempted coup"](#)

Author/Source: Carl Odera, Reuters

“South Sudan's President Salva Kiir declared a curfew in the capital Juba on Monday after overnight clashes between rival factions of soldiers that he said were triggered by an "attempted coup"...”

[Central African Republic leader in talks with militias](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Central African Republic's interim leader is weighing a possible amnesty – in exchange for disarmament – for militias involved in Christian-Muslim violence that has killed hundreds of people, most of them civilians...”

Europe

[Russia says kills leader of Caucasus militant group, three others](#)

Author/Source: Steve Gutterman, Reuters

“Russian security forces have killed four militants including the leader of a group suspected of carrying out attacks on tourists and ski facilities in the North Caucasus, a government agency said on Monday...”

[Russian navy ready to escort Syrian chemical weapons: Lavrov](#)

Author/Source: Alexei Anishchuk, Reuters



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“Russia said on Monday its navy was ready to escort ships removing Syria's deadly chemical stockpile, which is due to be destroyed at sea under an international deal...”

[Russia has stationed Iskander missiles in western region: reports](#)

Author/Source: Steve Gutterman, Reuters

“Russia has deployed Iskander missiles with a range of hundreds of kilometers in its Baltic Sea exclave of Kaliningrad, which borders NATO members Poland and Lithuania, the pro-Kremlin newspaper Izvestia reported on Monday...”

[Italy could be racked by violent unrest, president warns](#)

Author/Source: Naomi O'Leary, Reuters

“President Giorgio Napolitano warned on Monday that Italy could be plunged into violent social unrest unless the government swiftly introduced reforms to help struggling citizens, following a week of protests in cities across the country...”



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[Ukraine, Russia to sign trade roadmap, Prime Minister Mykola Azarov says](#)

Author/Source: Marie-Louise Gumuchian and Nick Paton Walsh, CNN

“Ukraine and Russia plan to approve a road map to improved trade relations on Tuesday, Ukrainian Prime Minister Mykola Azarov said Sunday in a late-night interview on Ukraine's national broadcaster, Inter TV...”

[Neo-Nazis attack anti-racism group in Stockholm](#)

Author/Source: The Washington Times

“Dozens of Neo-Nazis attacked a group of anti-racism protesters in Stockholm, Sweden, on Sunday...”

[David Cameron declares 'mission accomplished' in Afghanistan](#)

Author/Source: Georgia Graham, The Telegraph

“British troops are coming home from Afghanistan because it is "mission accomplished" in the country, David Cameron has said...”

US & Canada

[Federal judge rules against NSA spying](#)

Author/Source: USA Today

“A federal judge ruled Monday that the National Security Agency's controversial surveillance program that collects millions of Americans' telephone records may be unconstitutional...”

[Harvard, UMass: Two threats, two scares during finals week](#)

Author/Source: Matt Pearce, Los Angeles Times

“A pair of finals-week threats sent shivers through two Boston-area campuses Monday morning, adding to a seemingly ever-growing number of New England universities to face scares over the past two months...”

[Kerry, Zarif spoke last week after fresh Iran-related sanctions](#)

Author/Source: Arshad Mohammed, Reuters

“The U.S. and Iranian foreign ministers last week discussed the importance of carrying out the November 24 Iran nuclear deal after Washington blacklisted 19 companies, people and vessels for dealing with Tehran, a U.S. official said on Monday...”

[White House rejects amnesty for Edward Snowden](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“The White House has ruled out the idea of an amnesty for fugitive intelligence contractor Edward Snowden...”

[Two Guantanamo detainees repatriated to Saudi Arabia](#)



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Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Two Guantanamo Bay prisoners have been transferred to Saudi Arabia as part of a renewed effort to close the controversial offshore U.S. prison...”



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South and Central America and the Caribbean

Venezuela Finds No Explosives on Paris-Bound Plane

Author/Source: Jorge Rueda, ABC

“Searchers turned up no evidence of explosives on a Paris-bound Air France plane that was grounded after French intelligence authorities warned that terrorists might be planning to blow it up, Venezuela's government said Sunday...”