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Middle East

Bomb Attacks on Sunni Mosques in Iraq Kill 23

Author/Source: Kareem Raheem, Reuters

“Two bomb attacks near Sunni mosques in the Iraqi capital killed at least 23 people who had gathered to pray after breaking their daily fast for the Muslim holy month of Ramadan on Saturday, police and medics said...”

Bomb Attack in Iraqi City of Kirkuk Kills 31

Author/Source: Mustafa Mahmoud, Reuters

“A bomb attack on a tea house in the ethnically mixed Iraqi city of Kirkuk killed at least 31 people on Friday, police and medics said...”

Iraq Foreign Minister Says Can't Stop Iran Arms Flights to Syria

Author/Source: Angus McDowall, Reuters

“Iraq is unable to stop its neighbor Iran transferring weapons to Syria through its airspace, Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari said in a newspaper interview published on Saturday...”

Egypt's Interim Prime Minister Names Two More Key Ministerial Candidates

Author/Source: Yasmine Saleh, Reuters

“Egyptian Interim Prime Minister Hazem El-Beblawi will ask leftist politician Godah Abdel Khalik to serve as supplies minister, a position he held for several months in 2011, two sources in the transitional administration told Reuters on Saturday...”

Egypt Announces Criminal Investigation of Mursi

Author/Source: Yasmine Saleh, Reuters

“Egypt announced a criminal investigation on Saturday against deposed Islamist President Mohamed Mursi, with prosecutors saying they were examining complaints of spying, inciting violence and ruining the economy...”

Islamist Leader Calls for Pro-Mursi Protests Across Egypt on Monday

Author/Source: Shadia Nasralla, Reuters

“A senior leader of ousted Islamist President Mohamed Mursi's party called for mass rallies across Egypt on Monday, hours after tens of thousands of Mursi's supporters demanded his return in a peaceful protest in Cairo...”

Syrian Rebels Fear 'Side War' as Infighting Spirals

Author/Source: Loveday Morris, Washington Post

“Syrian rebels said Saturday they fear being sucked into a “side war” with jihadists as claims about an overnight attack on a weapons depot at their Idlib headquarters threatened to push the opposition deeper into a spiral of infighting...”



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[Israel Behind Recent Strike on Syria Missile Depot, U.S. Officials Say](#)

Author/Source: Haaretz

“Several blasts that took place on July 5 at a critical Syrian port was the result of airstrikes by Israeli fighter jets, multiple U.S. officials told CNN...”

[5 terrorists killed in Egypt's Sinai](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua

“Five terrorists were killed in the early hours of Saturday by the army in a security operation in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, official news agency MENA cited a security source as saying...”

[Syrian refugees in Egypt concern their future amid current political changes](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua

“Like thousands of Syrians who had to flee a civil war in their homeland, Abdel Hamid, a man in his late 20s, thought of Egypt as his best choice...”

South East Asia

[23 militants killed in Afghanistan](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua

“Twenty-three militants have been killed in separate incidents in Afghanistan, the authorities said on Saturday...”

[India steps up training of Afghan military personnel](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua

“India is stepping up training of Afghan military and security personnel before the pullout of U.S. and Nato-led troops from Afghanistan, according to local media Saturday...”

[Two soldiers, five rebels killed in fresh fighting in southern Philippines](#)

Author/Source: Chen Zhi, Xinhua

“At least two soldiers and five Muslim rebels were killed in fresh fighting Saturday in the restive southern Philippine province of Maguindanao, a military official said...”

[Thai govt, Muslim rebels agree to ceasefire during Ramadan](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua

“Thai authorities and Muslim insurgent groups have agreed to curb violence in Thailand's restive deep South during the Muslim's holy month of Ramadan...”

[Myanmar gov't, Wa armed group agree on further cooperation](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua

“The Myanmar Government and "Wa" armed group, based in Wa Special Region-2 in northeastern Shan state, have agreed on further cooperation, official media reported Saturday...”

Africa

[Seven Peacekeepers Killed in Sudan's Darfur Region](#)

Author/Source: Ulf Laessing, Reuters



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“Seven peacekeepers were killed and 17 wounded when they came under heavy fire from gunmen in Sudan's strife-torn Darfur region on Saturday, the peacekeeping force said, the worst toll from a single incident since its deployment in 2008...”

[Five Sentenced For Life Over Attack on Guinea President](#)

Author/Source: David Lewis, Reuters

“Five people were sentenced to life in prison on Saturday for their role in a failed assassination attempt on Guinean President Alpha Conde two years ago, ending a trial opposition figures say has been at least partly politically motivated...”

[South African Firm says Workers Freed By Kidnappers in Guinea-Bissau](#)

Author/Source: Helen Nyambura-Mwaura, Reuters

“South African defense group Denel confirmed on Saturday that the last nine of 12 of its staff kidnapped in Guinea-Bissau two months ago had been freed...”

[29 Boarding School Students Burned Alive, Shot Dead By Islamist Militants in Nigeria](#)

Author/Source: Adamu Adamu, NBC News

“Islamic militants attacked a boarding school in northeast Nigeria before dawn Saturday, killing 29 students and one teacher...”

Europe

[Turkish Police Fire Tear Gas at Istanbul Protestors](#)

Author/Source: Umit Bektas, Reuters

“Turkish police fired water cannon and tear gas on Saturday to disperse hundreds of protesters who gathered to march to Gezi Park, which has been at the heart of fierce unrest against Prime Minister Erdogan's rule...”

[Northern Ireland Violence Flares for Second Day](#)

Author/Source: Ian Graham, Reuters

“Violence flared for a second night around traditional Orange Day parades in Northern Ireland, with police coming under attack from petrol bombs, fireworks, stones and bottles and responding with water cannon...”

[Russia Says Kills Bodyguard of Islamist Insurgent Leader](#)

Author/Source: Alessandra Prentice, Reuters

“Russian authorities said Mikhail Musikhanov, killed along with another militant in a shootout in Ingushetia's Sunzha region, was the personal bodyguard of rebel leader Doku Umarov who has vowed to use "maximum force" to prevent President Vladimir Putin staging the 2014 Games in Sochi...”

[Russia: No Asylum Request From Snowden](#)

Author/Source: VOA

“Russian officials say they have not received a formal request for asylum from fugitive U.S. intelligence leaker Edward Snowden...”

US & Canada

[Allies Begin Diplomatic Moves to Bring Home Detainees After New Push to Shut](#)



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Guantanamo Prison

Author/Source: Washington Post

“President Barack Obama’s renewed push to close the Guantanamo Bay prison for terrorism suspects has given a glimmer of hope to foreign governments that he will fulfill that promise and triggered diplomatic maneuvering from U.S. allies eager to bring home long-held detainees...”

Obama, Saudi king discuss Syria, Egypt

Author/Source: Xinhua

“U.S. President Barack Obama and Saudi Arabia King Abdullah bin Abd al-Aziz on Friday discussed the conflict in Syria and the latest developments in Egypt...”

U.S. Calls for Egyptian Military to Release Deposed President

Author/Source: Ahmed Jomaa, UPI

“The Egyptian military should free deposed President Mohamed Morsi, the Obama administration says...”

Homeland Secretary Resignation Bares Leadership Gap; No Permanent Heads in 1 of 3 Senior Jobs

Author/Source: Washington Post

“The leadership vacancy created by Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano’s resignation is the latest and greatest blow to a department where one-third of the heads of key agencies and divisions have been filled with acting officials or remained vacant for months...”

International Organizations

Gordon Brown: Malala’s U.N. Speech Is Just Beginning

Author/Source: Laura Smith-Spark, CNN

“Pakistani teenager Malala Yousafzai’s inspiring speech at the United Nations on every child’s right to go to school is just the beginning of a major push on education, former UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown said Saturday...”

UNHCR says over 604,000 Syrian refugees in Lebanon

Author/Source: Xinhua

“The UN Higher Council for Refugees (UNHCR) said Saturday that the number of Syrian refugees in Lebanon receiving aid from the government, the UN and its NGO partners has reached the threshold of 604,000 after an increase of 17,000 last week alone...”

WMD

Iran Denies Allegations of Building Underground Nuclear Site

Author/Source: Xinhua

“Iran’s Foreign Ministry Spokesman Abbas Araqchi denied Friday the allegations by an exiled opposition group that Tehran is building a secret nuclear site...”

Narcoterrorism

Iran police seize over 2.5 tons of illicit drugs

Author/Source: Xinhua



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“Iran's border police seized more than 2.5 tons of illicit drugs in the operations along the country 's borders in the southeastern Sistan and Baluchestan province, semi-official Fars news agency reported Saturday...”

Aviation

[Texas airport resumes flights after bomb threat](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua

“A regional airport in the U.S. state of Texas has reopened Friday after a bomb threat closed the airport for a few hours, local media reported...”