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Middle East

[AQAP confirms death of deputy leader in Yemen](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“A senior member of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) has confirmed that Said al-Shihri, its second-in-command, has been killed in Yemen...”

[15 militants dead in Logar airstrike](#)

Author/Source: Pajhwok

“A night time airstrike by NATO-led International Security Assistance Force killed at least 15 Taliban insurgents in central Logar province, an official said on Wednesday...”

[Afghan official: Attackers in Herat province kill prosecutor with ties to President Karzai](#)

Author/Source: Fox News

“Officials say gunmen have killed an Afghan prosecutor with ties to President Hamid Karzai in the latest attack targeting those linked to the government...”

[Abbas to brief PLO on Kerry peace talks push](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas will tell the PLO leadership about the U.S. push to resume Israeli-Palestinian peace talks on Thursday in order to decide whether to take part, a Palestinian official said...”

[Israel minister criticizes EU's decision](#)

Author/Source: UPI

“Deputy Foreign Minister Zeev Elkin said Wednesday Israel will not surrender to the European Union's pressure...”

[8 wounded in Sinai attack on army checkpoint: security](#)

Author/Source: Fox News

“Gunmen attacked an Egyptian army checkpoint in the Sinai border town of Rafah wounding eight people, security sources said Wednesday, as troops massed for an offensive against Islamist militants in the restive region...”

[Libyan oil port 'stormed by armed protesters'](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Armed protesters have stormed the eastern Libyan oil port of Zueitina in an attempt to stop export operations, a witness has said...”



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Iran's Rouhani dismisses Israeli threats

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Hassan Rouhani, Iran's president-elect, has brushed off threats of military action by Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu over Tehran's nuclear programme...”

Iran's foreign minister: Nuclear talks can resume once new president names negotiating team

Author/Source: Fox News

“Iran's foreign minister says Tehran will be ready to resume nuclear talks with world powers as soon as the country's president-elect puts together his negotiating team...”

Egypt cabinet sworn in after violence

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Egypt's interim president has sworn in the first Cabinet since the military ousted the Islamist president, giving members of the country's liberal movements key positions...”

Brotherhood holds protest day as Egypt cabinet starts work

Author/Source: Reuters

“Thousands of supporters of deposed Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi demonstrated outside the prime minister's office on Wednesday in a "day of steadfastness" to protest against the formation of a new interim cabinet on its first day on the job...”

Senior Egypt Brotherhood figures to meet EU's Ashton

Author/Source: Reuters

“Senior figures from ousted Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi's Muslim Brotherhood will meet EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, who is visiting Cairo on Wednesday, the movement said...”

Exclusive: Egypt's "road not taken" could have saved Mursi

Author/Source: Reuters

“Mohamed Mursi might still be president of Egypt today if he had grasped a political deal brokered by the European Union with opposition parties in April, Egyptian politicians and Western diplomats say...”

Brotherhood spokesman accuses U.S. of sanctioning Egypt coup

Author/Source: UPI

“A spokesman for Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood said the United States has failed to stand up for its principles concerning the ouster of President Mohammed Morsi...”

Pro-Assad Syrian official killed in Lebanon

Author/Source: BBC

“A senior Syrian official, Mohammed Darrar Jamo, has been shot dead in the southern Lebanese town of Sarafand...”



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[Stray bullets from Syria kill two in Turkish border town](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“A man and a 15-year-old boy were killed by stray bullets shot from [Syria](#) in a Turkish border town and Turkish troops returned fire, officials said on Wednesday, in the most serious spillover of violence into Turkey in weeks...”

[Car bomb kills women and children in Syria's south](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“A car bomb killed several civilians, including women and children, in a town south of Damascus on Wednesday, Syrian state television said...”

[Syria crisis worst since Rwanda, UN says](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Six thousand people are fleeing Syria every day as the conflict intensifies and merges with violence in neighbouring Iraq, United Nations officials have said...”

[UN scrambles for nearly \\$13 billion in global emergency aid driven up by Syria war](#)

Author/Source: Fox News

“The U.N.'s top humanitarian official says an unprecedented \$12.9 billion in emergency aid will be needed to help 73 million people globally this year — a third of it just for Syria...”

Central Asia

[US ties outweigh intelligence 'squabbles' - Putin](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“Russian President Vladimir Putin has said bilateral relations with the US are more important than “squabbles between special services”...”

South Asia

[Death penalty for leading Bangladesh Islamist](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“A Bangladesh tribunal has sentenced a top Islamist party leader to death for war crimes during the 1971 war of independence...”

[Prisoner killed, 4 police hurt in Indian Kashmir attack](#)

Author/Source: Fox News

“Suspected rebels killed a prisoner and wounded four police officers and a passer-by in Indian Kashmir when they lobbed a grenade at a police vehicle Wednesday, police said...”

[Mastermind of bomb attack on SHC judge arrested: police](#)

Author/Source: Dawn

“Police in Karachi say they have arrested the mastermind behind a deadly bombing which killed nine people and injured senior Sindh High Court (SHC) judge Justice Maqbool Baqar...”



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[First Vatican envoy to Malaysia sparks Muslim anger over 'Allah'](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“The Vatican's first envoy to Malaysia has opened a storm of controversy by apparently supporting the use of the word "Allah" by Christians, prompting a rebuke from the government and condemnation from nationalist Malay groups in the majority-Muslim country...”

East Asia

[China suicide bomber kills two in 'housing dispute'](#)

Author/Source: BBC News

“A woman has blown herself up in protest over the demolition of her house in southern China, killing two people, Chinese state media say...”

[China detains activist Xu Zhiyong](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“China has detained a lawyer known for his anti-corruption and human rights campaigns, reports say...”

[Two Koreas begin another round of talks on Kaesong complex](#)

Author/Source: UPI

“North and South Korea, unable to reach agreement in earlier rounds, met again Wednesday to negotiate the reopening of their idled Kaesong industrial complex...”

Africa

[Guinea's N'Zerekore city hit by Guerze-Konianke clashes](#)

Author/Source: BBC

At least 12 people have been killed and 50 wounded in ethnic clashes in Guinea's second city, N'Zerekore, officials say. A curfew has been declared in the city of about 300,000 people, officials said. Conflict erupted when guards from the Guerze ethnic group killed a man from the rival Konianke group whom they accused of stealing, reports say.

[Pirates hijack tanker off Gabon as shipping risks spread](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Pirates have hijacked an oil products tanker with 24 crew onboard off the Gabon coast, the vessel's operator said on Wednesday, the most southerly in a spate of raids in West Africa's Gulf of Guinea shipping zone...”

[Exclusive: Western oil exploration in Somalia may spark conflict - U.N. report](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Western commercial oil exploration in disputed areas of Somalia and discrepancies over which authorities can issue licenses to companies could spark further conflict in the African nation, U.N. monitors warned in a confidential report...”



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[Exclusive: Eritrea pays warlord to influence Somalia - U.N. experts](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Eritrea is undermining stability in conflict-ravaged Somalia by paying political agents and a warlord linked to Islamist militants to influence the Mogadishu government, U.N. sanctions experts said in a confidential report...”

[Mali peace accord architect quits election race](#)

Author/Source: Fox News

“The chief negotiator in a ceasefire deal with rebels paving the way for presidential elections across Mali said Tuesday he had withdrawn from the race less than two weeks before the watershed vote...”

[S. Sudan army 'unable to protect civilians'](#)

Author/Source: Fox News

“South Sudan's deputy defence chief has said neither his troops nor United Nations peacekeepers are able to protect civilians in conflict-wracked Jonglei, where thousands of rival ethnic militiamen are fighting...”

[Ethiopian troops leave Somali town, leaving gap for African Union, Somali forces to fill](#)

Author/Source: Fox News

“A military spokesman in Somalia says that government forces will help to replace Ethiopian troops who vacated a Somali town in recent days...”

[Zimbabwe security forces to get second chance to vote](#)

Author/Source: Fox News

“Zimbabwean security personnel unable to cast their ballots during chaotic early polling this week will get another chance to vote on July 31, the country's elections chief announced Wednesday...”

Europe

[UK MPs slam arms sales to 'repressive states'](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Britain has approved more than 3,000 export licences for arms and military equipment sales to countries which it has concerns about over human rights, MPs say...”

[German police lead European raid on neo-Nazi terrorist suspects](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Police raided premises in Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands on Wednesday seeking evidence of planned terrorist attacks by a far-right group calling itself the "Werewolf Squad", German prosecutors said...”

[Turkey scolded for tear gas use](#)

Author/Source: UPI

“Turkish police action against demonstrators should be accompanied by a serious commitment to protecting civilian safety, Human Rights Watch said. Turkey has been on edge since demonstrators expressed frustration over plans to raze a historic park in Istanbul.”



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GCHQ use of Prism surveillance data was legal, says report

Author/Source: BBC

“UK security services did not break the law in accessing personal data through the US Prism programme, a parliamentary committee has said...”

Neo-Nazi musician arrested over terror plot

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“A Norwegian neo-Nazi heavy metal musician and convicted killer has been arrested in France over fears he may have been preparing a "major terrorist act"...”

US & Canada

US orders release of justification for spying

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“A US court has ordered the Obama administration to declassify a 2008 court decision justifying the Prism spying programme revealed last month by whistleblower Edward Snowden...”

Snowden submits asylum request to Russia

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Former US spy agency contractor Edward Snowden, who is wanted in the US on espionage charges, has requested temporary asylum in Russia, officials have said...”

U.S. fugitive Snowden has no plans to leave Russia soon: lawyer

Author/Source: Reuters

“Former U.S. spy agency contractor Edward Snowden has no plans to leave Russia soon and does not rule out eventually applying for citizenship, a lawyer helping the American with his bid for temporary asylum in Russia said on Wednesday...”

Pentagon budget cuts will affect defense secretary's office

Author/Source: UPI

“U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel is putting his office budget on the chopping block after ordering the Pentagon's top brass to cut theirs by 20 percent...”

Obama apparently considering NYC's top cop for Homeland Security

Author/Source: UPI

“President Obama suggested Tuesday he is considering New York's police commissioner for homeland security secretary...”

U.S. research universities increasingly targeted by cyberattacks

Author/Source: UPI

“U.S. research universities increasingly have become targets for cyberattacks, with millions of hacking attempts made weekly, university officials said...”



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South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Cuba admits sending weapons to North Korea](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Cuba has said a North Korean cargo ship seized in Panama was loaded at one of its ports with 10,000 tons of sugar and 240 tons of "obsolete defensive weaponry" ...”

[Obama says capture of cartel boss shows Mexico serious about drug fight](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“President Barack Obama said on Tuesday that Mexico's capture of the leader of a notorious drug cartel provided reassurance that President Enrique Pena Nieto's commitment to fighting drug trafficking was solid...”

Maritime

[Japan PM Abe visits island near disputed chain](#)

Author/Source: Fox News

“Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Wednesday visited coastguards who patrol waters around islands at the centre of a dispute with China, as election campaigning stepped up a gear...”