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Middle East

1,319 Afghan civilians killed in first half: UN mission

Author/Source: Zhu Ningzhu, Xinhua

“The number of Afghan civilian casualties has risen by 23 percent in the first half of 2013 compared with the same period last year as 1,319 non-combatants were killed from Jan. 1 to June 30, the UN mission in the country said in its mid-year report on Wednesday...”

Deadly Blasts Near Baghdad Mosques

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“A suicide bomber has blown himself up outside a Shia mosque in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, leaving seven people dead and wounding at least 11 others...”

12 killed, 30 wounded in Iraq's violence

Author/Source: Zhu Ningzhu, Xinhua

“Twelve people were killed and 30 wounded in separate violent attacks in central and northern Iraq, police said on Wednesday...”

Nine-Month Goal for Middle East Peace Deal

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Israeli and Palestinian negotiators have agreed to meet again within the next two weeks, aiming to seal a final deal in nine months, US Secretary of State John Kerry said...”

Livni Urges Israel Coalition to Support Peace Talks

Author/Source: BBC

“Israel's peace negotiator, Tzipi Livni, has called on parties in its coalition government to back the latest round of direct talks with the Palestinians...”

Iranians Protest Syria's 'Shrine Desecration'

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Thousands of protesters have gathered in a central Tehran square on the anniversary of the death of the first Shia Imam to demonstrate against damage to a gravesite in Damascus considered a shrine to the Islamic sect...”

Fatah Dismisses Hamas Papers as Fabrications

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Members of Fatah's Revolutionary Council have hit back at political rivals Hamas, claiming documents aired by the movement are "fabricated and falsified"...”

Egypt's Cabinet Orders Police to End Pro-Morsi Sit-Ins

Author/Source: BBC

“Egypt's military-backed government has ordered police to end sit-ins by supporters of ousted Islamist President Mohammed Morsi in the capital Cairo...”



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Mortar attack kills 6 state servants in Syrian capital

Author/Source: Zhu Ningzhu, Xinhua

“Six people were killed and more than 20 others wounded on Wednesday when a mortar shell struck a bus carrying workers of the state-run Scientific Research Center in the capital Damascus, the state-run SANA news agency reported...”

Iran condemns deadly terrorist attacks in Iraq

Author/Source: Zhu Ningzhu, Xinhua

“Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Abbas Araqchi strongly condemned a series of recent deadly terrorist attacks in Iraq, Press TV reported on Wednesday...”

Syrian army strips rebels of "revolution capital"

Author/Source: Yang Yi, Xinhua

“The Syrian army took 20 days of fighting to strip the western-backed rebels of a strategic central district regarded by the rebels as the capital of their revolution against the administration of President Bashar al-Assad...”

South Asia

Telangana: Protests Over New State in Southern India

Author/Source: BBC

“Protests are being held in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, a day after the announcement that it will be split to form a new Telangana state...”

Pakistan Jailbreak: “47 Prisoners Rearrested”

Author/Source: BBC

“At least 47 out of 252 Taliban militants who escaped from a prison on Tuesday in north-west Pakistan have been rearrested, police say...”

Southeast Asia

U.S. Raises Military Assistance to the Philippines

Author/Source: Manuel Mogato, Reuters

“Albert Del Rosario said Washington had increased its military assistance package from \$30 million next fiscal year to about \$50 million, the highest level since U.S. troops returned to the Philippines in 2000...”

Bomb blasts leave four wounded in restive southern Thailand

Author/Source: Xinhua

“Four soldiers and policemen were wounded in two separate bomb blasts in restive southern border provinces of Pattani and Yala on Wednesday, local media reported...”

Six rebels killed in clash with Philippine troops

Author/Source: Zhu Ningzhu, Xinhua

“Six leftist rebels died and one was wounded following an eight-hour gunbattle with the government troops in the northern Philippine province of Tarlac...”

East Asia

Man in Hong Kong “Injures 11 in Knife Attack”



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Author/Source: BBC

“A man has attacked passengers on a bus in Hong Kong with a knife and injured at least 11 people, reports say...”

Africa

Sudan Says Thaw in Relations May Prevent South Sudan Oil Halt

Author/Source: Richard Lough, Reuters

“Sudan hopes it will not be forced to block vital crude exports from neighboring South Sudan after recent "good steps" made to end a row over alleged rebel support, Sudan's second vice president said on Wednesday...”

Fraud Claims Mount as Zimbabweans Vote

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Zimbabweans have flocked to polling stations in the southern African country's presidential election, in spite of claims that voting has been rigged...”

US & Canada

Obama Asks Republican Senators to Visit Egypt

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Barack Obama, the US president, has asked two senior Republican senators to travel to Egypt to meet with its military leaders and the opposition, as Cairo's allies struggle with how to address the turmoil convulsing the country...”

U.S. Releases Some Documents on Phone Surveillance Programs

Author/Source: Deborah Charles, Reuters

“The U.S. Director of National Intelligence released three declassified documents on Wednesday that authorized the bulk collection of telephone data, one of the surveillance programs revealed by former security contractor Edward Snowden...”

Pentagon's Chief Weapons Buyer Builds Japan Ties As It Eyes Arms Exports

Author/Source: Tim Kelly, Reuters

“The U.S. Defense Department's chief weapons buyer, Frank Kendall, will on Thursday meet officials in Tokyo overseeing Japan's defense contractors, his first visit with industry regulators reviewing the pacifist nation's decades-old ban on overseas arms sales...”

Manning Damage Has Fallen Well Short of Worst U.S. Fears

Author/Source: Warren Strobel, Reuters

“Accused of the nation's biggest-ever security leak, U.S. soldier Bradley Manning was vilified by the government for causing irreparable damage to American national interests. In retrospect, the harm he caused seems to have been overplayed...”

Wikileaks Source Manning faces Sentence Hearing

Author/Source: BBC

“A sentencing hearing for US Army Private Bradley Manning is due to begin at a military court in Maryland...”

Declassified U.S. Documents Include One About September 11 Hijacker



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Author/Source: UPI

“U.S. intelligence agents intercepted seven calls from a Sept. 11, 2001, hijacker before the attacks on the United States, a declassified document indicated...”

[U.S. secretary of state to visit Pakistan](#)

Author/Source: Zhu Ningzhu, Xinhua

“U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is scheduled to arrive in Islamabad later Wednesday for a three-day visit to discuss issues ranging from bilateral relations to regional situation, state media reported.”

Latin America and the Caribbean

[FARC Renews Offer to Free Former US Marine](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Colombia's leftist rebel movement has reiterated its offer to release a former US serviceman it has been holding for nearly 40 days, a top rebel commander says...”

Technology and Cyber

[NSA Official says No One Fired, Or Offered to Resign, Over Snowden](#)

Author/Source: Patricia Zengerle, Reuters

“The deputy director of the U.S. National Security Agency said on Wednesday that no one had been fired and no one had offered to resign over former security contractor Edward Snowden's ability to take large amounts of classified data from agency computers...”

[FBI Effort to Send Leaker Edward Snowden's Father to Moscow Fails](#)

Author/Source: UPI

“An FBI effort to send the father of U.S. document leaker Edward Snowden to Moscow to urge his son to return to the United States failed, the elder Snowden said...”