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Middle East

[Palestinian teenager killed in West Bank clashes](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“A Palestinian teenager has been killed during clashes with Israeli troops in the West Bank...”

[Nearly 50 killed in Iraq bombings](#)

Author/Source: Kareem Raheem, Reuters

“At least 45 people were killed in bomb attacks across Iraq on Tuesday, most of them in busy markets and commercial areas of the capital Baghdad, police and medics said...”

[Suicide bomber kills 22 in Iraqi Shi'ite mosque](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“A suicide bomber blew himself up at a mourning ceremony inside a Shi'ite mosque in Iraq late on Monday, killing at least 22 people, police said...”

[Egypt army plans to suspend constitution](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“The Egyptian army has said it will suspend the constitution, dissolve parliament and force fresh elections if politicians cannot meet a looming deadline to resolve the country's political crisis, according to Reuters news agency...”

[Israel agrees to Egypt troop movements in Sinai as ultimatum to Morsi nears](#)

Author/Source: Haaretz

“Israel's military said Tuesday that Egypt has moved forces into the border area near the Gaza Strip in coordination with Israel...”

[Turkish Jews express fears after deputy PM links Jewish Diaspora to protests](#)

Author/Source: Haaretz

“Turkey's Jewish community expressed fears on Tuesday following remarks by a deputy prime minister who linked the “Jewish Diaspora” to recent anti-government unrest...”

[Israel's AG: Reforms giving ultra-Orthodox shorter IDF service will add to inequality](#)

Author/Source: Haaretz

“Attorney General Yehuda Weinstein on Tuesday approved the proposal for universal military conscription, despite saying that parts of the reform were problematic from a legal perspective...”

[Egypt: Security Forces On Standby Across Nation](#)

Author/Source: All Africa

“Egypt's Central Security Forces has placed armored vehicles and combat troops on standby across the country, to be ready for quick intervention in case of clashes between supporters and opponents of President Mohamed Mursi, security sources said...”



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[UAE jails scores of people in coup trial](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“A United Arab Emirates court has convicted and jailed most of the 94 Emiratis accused of plotting a coup, Abu Dhabi television said...”

[Syrian forces battle for control of Homs](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Government forces in Syria's central city of Homs have attacked rebel positions with artillery and air strikes for the third straight day, activists said...”

[Hassan Rohani, West's false hope for a nuclear deal with Iran](#)

Author/Source: Haaretz

“The new Iranian president, playing on his 'moderate' image, will try to entice the international community into ever more circular negotiations in exchange for easing the sanctions while Iran closes in on its goal – reaching military nuclear capability.”

[Iran importing missile-grade ore from Germany, France](#)

Authors/Source: Maytaal Angel and Jonathan Saul, Reuters

“Exploiting a loophole in Western sanctions, Iran is importing a high grade of refined alumina ore from several European countries including Germany and France that Tehran could be using to make armor parts and missile components...”

[Iran says new U.S. sanctions will complicate nuclear issue](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Iran has played down the impact of U.S. sanctions that came into effect this week, but said the measures would complicate a resolution to the dispute over its nuclear program...”

[Tunisia's Islamist PM says Egypt scenario unlikely to happen there](#)

Author/Source: Tarek Amara, Reuters

“A situation like the one unfolding in Egypt is unlikely to happen in Tunisia - the cradle of the Arab Spring - Prime Minister Ali Larayedh of the Islamist led-government in Tunis, said late on Monday...”

[Syrian rebels threaten to target Shi'ite villages in Aleppo](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Syrian rebels in the northern province of Aleppo on Monday threatened to seize two Shi'ite Muslim villages that back President Bashar al-Assad unless they surrendered to the opposition...”

Central Asia

[Deadly attack on NATO compound in Kabul](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Afghan security officials have said that at least seven people been killed at a NATO compound in the Afghan capital Kabul, in an attack claimed by the Taliban...”



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Russian rocket launched in Kazakhstan crashes

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“An unmanned Russian rocket carrying three navigation satellites has crashed shortly after lift-off from the Russian-leased Baikonur launch facility in Kazakhstan, spilling its highly toxic propellant...”

US drone strike kills 4 in NW Pakistan: officials

Author/Source: Fox

“A US drone strike early Wednesday killed four militants in the northwestern tribal area of Pakistan, local officials said...”

South Asia

Obama administration sanctions Myanmar general for dealings with North Korea

Author/Source: Paige Gance, Reuters

“The Obama administration on Tuesday sanctioned the head of a missile research and development facility in Myanmar for ignoring international requirements that he stop buying military equipment from North Korea...”

Maoist violence down, but core strength intact: Govt

Author/Source: Vishwa Mohan, Times of India

“On the day Maoists killed six Jharkhand cops in an area not seen to be dominated by the ultras, the home ministry admitted that despite a decline in violence levels, the "the core armed capabilities of the CPI (Maoist) have not suffered any significant damage"...”

In change of stance, India supports talks with Taliban

Author/ Source: Sachin Parashar, Times of India

“At a time when the US is seeking to directly engage the Taliban, India's shift away from its own "no-truck-with Taliban" policy became evident on Tuesday, when foreign minister Salman Khurshid said New Delhi supported dialogue with all sections of the Afghan society and armed opposition groups "including the Taliban"...”

Indonesia assembly bill raises fears of crackdown on freedoms

Author/Source: Kanupriya Kapoor, Reuters

“Indonesia's parliament passed a bill on Tuesday curbing freedom to organize and assemble, prompting street protests and raising concerns among religious groups and labor unions that it will allow the government to silence opposition...”

Bomb suspect denies Hezbollah link

Author/Source: The Bangkok Post

“Atris Hussein, 48, was arrested on Jan 12 of last year at Suvarnabhumi airport as he was about to leave for Lebanon...”

Government releases National Cyber Security Policy 2013

Author/Source: Times of India

“With an aim to protect information and build capabilities to prevent cyberattacks, the government released the National Cyber Security Policy 2013 to safeguard both physical and business assets of the country...”



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Sri Lanka bans Time 'Terror' edition

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“Sri Lanka has banned July 1 issue of Time magazine over its cover story on Myanmar's Buddhist-Muslim clashes, which it said could hurt religious sentiment on the island, an official said on Tuesday...”

East Asia

China's Xinjiang offers rewards after deadliest unrest in four years

Author/Source: Reuters

“China announced rewards of up to 100,000 yuan (\$16,000) on Tuesday for information leading the arrest of those responsible for the deadliest violence in four years in the vast far-western region of Xinjiang, dominated by Muslim Uighurs...”

Democracy push as Hong Kong marks handover

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Tens of thousands of protesters have marched in Hong Kong to denounce the city's leaders and demand universal suffrage as the region marked 16 years since its handover to China...”

Mongolia neo-Nazis announce a change of tack - pollution control

Author/Source: Carlos Barria, Reuters

“A Mongolian neo-Nazi group has rebranded itself as an environmentalist organization fighting pollution by foreign-owned mines, seeking legitimacy as it sends Swastika-wearing members to check mining permits...”

Africa

Obama honours Tanzania bombing victims

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“US President Barack Obama and his predecessor George W Bush have honoured the victims of the al-Qaeda bombing of the US embassy in the Tanzanian city of Dar es Salaam 15 years ago...”

Mali: UN Peacekeepers Take Over in Mali

Author/Source: All Africa

“UN peacekeepers today took over the role of African troops in helping to stabilize and protect northern Mali, with a plan to build up to 12,640 troops - most of them African - by the end of the year...”

Sudan: Khartoum Hits Hard At Female Activists

Author/Source: Reem Abbas, All Africa

“More and more of Sudan's female politicians and rights activists are being arrested and detained in the government's clampdown on opposition political parties...”

Ex-Chad leader arrested in Senegal

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Hissene Habre, the former ruler of Chad, has been arrested in Senegal ahead of his trial there over alleged political killings and torture during his time in power...”



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Zimbabwe PM's party says Mugabe allies trying to rig vote

Author/Source: MacDonald Dzirutwe, Reuters

“The party of Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai said thousands of dead people were still on the electoral roll only four weeks before a presidential election, accusing allies of President Robert Mugabe of trying to rig the outcome...”

Somali central bank governor denies U.N. charges over funds

Author/Source: Edmund Blair, Reuters

“The governor of the Central Bank of Somalia denied on Tuesday allegations in a U.N. report linking him to irregularities regarding millions of dollars withdrawn from the bank, saying the charges were malicious and baseless...”

Nigeria recaptures 54 prisoners after jailbreak: police

Author/Source: Reuters

“Nigerian police have recaptured 54 of 175 prisoners who escaped from a jail in the southwest town of Akure after it was attacked by gunmen, a police spokesman said on Tuesday...”

HRW seeks equal accounting of Nigerian violence

Author/Source: UPI

“A human rights group is encouraging the Nigerian government to prosecute members of the Islamist group Boko Haram and government forces who tracked them...”

Europe

US and Russia 'making progress' on Syria peace talks

Author/Source: BBC

“The US and Russia have made progress on plans to convene a conference to find a solution to the conflict in Syria, Secretary of State John Kerry has said...”

France's Le Pen loses immunity, could face charges for anti-Muslim incitement

Author/Source: Haaretz

“The leader of France's far-right National Front lost her right to legal immunity as a European Parliament deputy on Tuesday, exposing her to possible prosecution over a racism charge...”

Second ministerial resignation plunges Portugal into crisis

Author/Source: Axel Bugge and Andrei Khalip, Reuters

“Portugal's Foreign Minister Paulo Portas resigned on Tuesday, plunging the country into a political crisis that could upset its smooth exit from an international bailout...”

Hague court to release ex-Bosnian Serb parliament chief early

Author/Source: Reuters

“The war crimes tribunal for ex-Yugoslavia has granted early release to the former head of the Bosnian Serb parliament who was convicted of forcing thousands of Muslims and Croats from their homes during Bosnia's 1992-95 war...”



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Russia passes amnesty for economic crimes in boost to business

Author/Source: Reuters

“Russia's lower house of parliament on Tuesday approved an amnesty for several thousand entrepreneurs jailed for economic crimes...”

Protesters angered by rape, storm police HQ in Ukrainian town

Author/Source: Richard Balmforth, Reuters

“Ukraine's president ordered a top-level inquiry on Tuesday after a night of violence in a small southern town in which people angered by the rape of a local woman in which they said police were involved attacked a police headquarters with petrol bombs...”

Poland to demand explanation over allegations of U.S. spying

Author/Source: Reuters

“Poland, among the staunchest U.S. allies in Europe, said on Tuesday it will demand an explanation from Washington about allegations from ex-intelligence contractor Edward Snowden that U.S. agencies spied on European Union communications...”

US & Canada

Snowden's asylum options dwindle

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Countries in Latin America, Asia and Europe have spurned asylum requests by Edward Snowden, despite a call by Venezuela for the world to protect the former US spy agency contractor wanted by Washington for espionage...”

Kerry reacts to EU claims of US bugging

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“US Secretary of State John Kerry has said that while he does not know the particulars about allegations that the US bugged European Union offices, countries involved in international affairs undertake different activities to protect their national interests...”

Canada charges two in al Qaeda-inspired plot to bomb Canada Day event

Author/Source: Andy Clark, Reuters

“Canadian police said on Tuesday they foiled an al Qaeda-inspired plot to detonate three pressure-cooker bombs during Monday's Canada Day holiday outside the parliament building in the Pacific coast city of Victoria, arresting a Canadian man and woman and seizing their home-made explosive devices...”

Prosecution calls last witness in U.S. WikiLeaks court-martial

Author/Source: Ian Simpson, Reuters

“Court-martial prosecutors called their last witness on Tuesday against the soldier charged with providing a trove of secret material to WikiLeaks in the biggest leak of classified files in U.S. history...”



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South and Central America and the Caribbean

Protests overshadow football final in Brazil

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Protesters hurling petrol bombs have clashed with riot police in Brazil at the Confederations Cup football match, overshadowing the host nation's victory over world champions Spain in the final...”

Gunmen kill Mexico mayor candidate

Author/Source: BBC

“Gunmen have shot dead a mayoral candidate in Mexico's forthcoming election, the latest in a series of violent attacks on politicians...”

Colombia Farc rebels in 'unification' talks with ELN

Author/Source: BBC

“Colombia's largest armed rebel groups, the Farc and ELN, have met "to strengthen" their "unification process"...”

Brazil's Rousseff pushes political reform to quell discontent

Author/Source: Anthony Boadle, Reuters

“President Dilma Rousseff sent Congress reform proposals on Tuesday intended to make Brazilian politics more representative in a bid to recoup popularity she lost in a wave of angry protests against the country's political establishment...”

Snowden needs "world's protection", says Venezuelan leader

Author/Source: Alissa de Carbonnel and Alexei Anishchuk, Reuters

“Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro said on Tuesday that Edward Snowden, the former U.S. spy agency contractor, deserved the "world's protection" for divulging details of Washington's spy program...”