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Middle East

Obama Moving Toward Sending Lethal Arms to Syrian Rebels, Officials Say

Author/Source: Karen Young/The Washington Post

“President Obama is preparing to send lethal weaponry to the Syrian opposition and has taken steps to assert more aggressive U.S. leadership among allies and partners seeking the ouster of President Bashar al-Assad, according to senior administration officials...”

At Least 15 Killed in Iraq Bomb Blasts

Source: Reuters

“At least 15 people were killed in a series of bomb blasts across Iraq on Wednesday, police and medics said, following a sharp increase in violence that has prompted warnings of a full-blown sectarian conflict...”

Sunni Unrest Revives Fears of Sectarian War in Iraq

Authors/Source: Kamal Naama, Suadad al-Salhy/Reuters

“Wearing military fatigues with his cleric's turban, Sheikh Ali Muhaibes brought Friday prayers in Iraq's Sunni Muslim heartland to a climax with chilling words for the Shi'ite-led government...”

Netanyahu: ‘Israel Will Become Bi-National if Talks Aren’t Renewed’ with Palestinians

Source: The Jerusalem Post

“Israel needs to reach peace with the Palestinians to prevent becoming a bi-national state, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said Wednesday, stressing – however – that the core of Israel's conflict with the Palestinians is not territory, but a Palestinian unwillingness to recognize Israel's legitimacy within any boundaries...”

Israeli Military Vehicles Enter Border Area in South Gaza

Source: Ma'an News Agency

“Israeli tanks and bulldozers entered a border area in the southern Gaza Strip on Wednesday, locals said. Witnesses told Ma'an that seven Israeli military vehicles entered 200 meters into a border area near Khan Younis and destroyed agricultural land, including trees...”

Israel Will Not Talk on Basis of 1967 Lines, Says Minister

Source: Al Arabiya

“Israel will keep refusing to negotiate on the basis of a total withdrawal from land it seized during the 1967 Six-Day War, a minister said Wednesday after the Arab League modified its peace plan...”

Hezbollah Sacrificing Lebanon for Assad: Hariri

Source: The Daily Star

“Sayyed Hasan Nasrallah is jeopardizing Lebanon, forging a “suicidal” link between it and the crisis in Syria for the sake of President Bashar Assad, former Prime Minister Saad Hariri said



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Wednesday...”

Leader of Hezbollah Warns It Is Ready to Come to Syria’s Aid

Authors/Source: Anne Barnard, Hania Mourtada/The New York Times

“The leader of Hezbollah, the powerful Lebanese Shiite organization, edged closer on Tuesday to acknowledging that its fighters were battling rebels in neighboring Syria, an intervention that threatens to drag Lebanon deeper into that conflict...”

Japan, Saudi Arabia Condemn Syria Regime’s ‘Grave’ Violations

Source: Agence France Presse

“Japan and Saudi Arabia condemned "grave" human rights violations by Syria's regime which they said has lost its "legitimacy", in a joint statement on Wednesday after a meeting of top officials...”

Egypt-IMF Deal Pending Updated Reform Plan: IMF Official

Author/Source: Marwa Awad/Ahram Online

“Egypt is moving ahead with talks over a standby loan agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) pending an updated national economic programme that guarantees key reforms will be successfully implemented to pave the way for growth, an IMF official told Ahram Online...”

Hundreds March to Egypt’s Shura Council on Labour Day

Author/Source: Nada Hussein Rashwan/Ahram Online

“Egyptian workers chant against President Mohamed Morsi, the Muslim Brotherhood, and military in protest at lack of fulfillment of longstanding demands...”

South Asia

Taliban Kill Senior Peace Envoy in South Afghanistan

Source: Reuters

“Taliban fighters killed a senior member of Afghanistan's peace council on Wednesday, officials said, dealing another blow to nascent peace efforts with the insurgency...”

Roadside Bomb Kills Three British Soldiers, Nine Afghans

Source: Reuters

“Three British soldiers have been killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan, Britain's Defence Ministry said on Wednesday, in the deadliest single attack on the British military there in more than a year...”

Pakistan’s Military Delivers ‘Veiled Warning’ over Treatment of Pervez Musharraf

Author/Source: Rob Crilly/The Telegraph

“Pakistani's army chief has come to the defence of Pervez Musharraf, the country’s former military leader, suggesting the country’s top brass is displeased with the way he has been treated since returning from self-imposed exile...”

Targeting Militants: Balochistan Operation Commences Today

Author/Source: Qaiser Butt/Express Tribune



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“Balochistan Home Secretary Akbar Hussain Durrani has said that a 15-day targeted operation by the army and Frontier Corps against the armed militants will commence today (May 1) in different parts of the province...”

[New Surge in Violence in Karachi; 12 Killed](#)

Source: The Daily News

“At least twelve people including three political workers were gunned down in separate firing incidents across city on Tuesday, police said...”

[Death Toll Passes 400 in Bangladesh Building Collapse](#)

Source: BBC

“The number of people killed in the collapse of a building in Bangladesh which housed garment factories last week has passed 400, officials say...”

[Suicide Attack Targets Convoy of Election Candidate in Shikarpur](#)

Source: Express Tribune

“National Peoples Party (NPP) candidate Mohammad Ibrahim Jatoi escaped unharmed Wednesday in a suicide bombing in Shikarpur district which left two people wounded, police said...”

[Pakistan Party Leaders: Elections a Battle Between Forces ‘For and Against’ Taliban](#)

Source: Dawn

“The leaders of PPP, MQM and ANP on Wednesday called upon ulema and scholars to issue a fatwa against terrorism and termed the elections as a battle between forces which were for and against the Taliban...”

Southeast Asia

[Myanmar Forces Restore Order after Latest anti-Muslim Violence](#)

Author/Source: Jared Ferrie/Reuters

“Hundreds of police and troops restored order in central Myanmar on Wednesday after a fresh outbreak of sectarian violence in which one man was killed after Buddhist mobs trashed property owned by Muslims following a minor street incident...”

[Police, Separatists Clash in Indonesia on 50th Anniversary of Papua Integration](#)

Authors/Source: Banjir Ambarita, Robert Isidorus/The Jakarta Globe

“The Indonesian government’s celebration of the 50th anniversary of the integration of Papua on Wednesday was overshadowed by pro-independence flags being raised across the region and reports of a deadly shooting of separatist activists by police...”

East Asia

[Japan Taking ‘Unilateral or Coercive Action’ on Diaoyu Islands Dispute: Chinese Envoy](#)

Source: Xinhuanet

“Chinese Ambassador to the United States Cui Tiankai said Tuesday that it is Japan, not China, that is taking "unilateral or coercive actions" on their islands dispute...”

[U.S. Hails North Korea’s ‘Silence,’ Urges Dialogue](#)



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Author/Source: Lee Chi-dong/Yonhap News

“Although North Korea has apparently adopted a tactic of silence following months of bellicose statements, the U.S. is waiting for clear signals that the communist nation is serious about dialogue, the U.S. government said Tuesday...”

Koreas ‘Closer’ to Deal for Return of Workers

Source: Al Jazeera

“South Korea has said it was edging towards a deal with North Korea to ensure the return of the remaining workers at a joint industrial zone that has been shut down amid military tensions...”

Africa

Guinea on Brink of Chaos over Long-Delayed Poll

Authors/Source: Bate Felix, Saliou Samb/Reuters

“Failure by Guinea's politicians to reach agreement for a long-delayed legislative poll is stirring up tribal violence, jeopardizing economic gains and raising fears that the military could once again step in...”

Nigeria’s Human Rights Body Launches Broad Inquiry into Baga Massacre

Author/Source: Ini Ekott/Premium Times

“A sweeping and independent investigation by Nigeria's human rights commission is underway into last week's deaths in Baga community of Borno state where several residents were killed in a deadly confrontation between government troops and members of the extremist sect, Boko Haram...”

Suspected French Jihadist Arrested in Mali

Source: Radio France Internationale

“A Frenchman suspected of having joined Al-Qaeda has been arrested in northern Mali. A Malian government source said 58-year old Gilles Le Guen, who goes by the name Abdel Jelil, was arrested near Timbuktu overnight on Sunday...”

Terrorist Sleeper Cell Dismantled in Mali

Author/Source: Baba Ahmed/Associated Press

“Police in Mali's capital have dismantled a terrorist cell belonging to the Movement for Oneness and Jihad in West Africa, or MUJAO, three officials confirmed on Tuesday...”

Tunisia Forces Clash with 50 Armed Jihadis: Security

Source: Agence France Presse

“Tunisian security forces clashed on Wednesday with a group of around 50 armed jihadists in the remote Mount Chaambi region, a security source at the scene said...”

Land Mines Injure Tunisian Security Forces Near Algerian Border

Source: UPI

“Three land mine explosions near the Tunisian border with Algeria injured nine members of Tunisia's security forces this week, the government said...”



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170 Inmates Escape from Prison in Southern Libya

Source: UPI

“About 170 inmates escaped from a prison in the southern Libyan city of Sebha, a local official said...”

Europe

Thousands Rally against European Austerity on May Day

Author/Source: Clare Kane/Reuters

“Workers hit by lower living standards and record high unemployment staged May Day protests across Europe on Wednesday, hoping to persuade euro zone governments of the case for easing austerity measures and boosting growth...”

Two Teenagers Killed in Dagestan Bombing

Source: RIA Novosti

“Two teenagers were killed Wednesday by a blast in the North Caucasus republic of Dagestan after they picked up a package loaded with explosives, local police said...”

US & Canada

Obama Renews Vow to Close Guantanamo

Source: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

“U.S. President Barack Obama has renewed an old promise to close the U.S. detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba...”

Latin America and the Caribbean

Venezuelan Lawmakers Hurt During Punchup in Parliament

Authors/Source: Mario Naranjo, Eyanir Chinaa/Reuters

“Fistfights broke out in Venezuela's parliament on Tuesday, injuring a number of legislators during an angry session linked to the South American nation's bitter election dispute...”

Mexico Detains Father-In-Law of Cartel Boss Guzman

Source: Associated Press

“Mexican federal police arrested the father-in-law of alleged drug lord Joaquin Guzman on Tuesday in a northern border city without any shots fired, authorities said...”