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Middle East

UN: April Deadliest Month in Iraq Since June 2008

Source: Associated Press

“The United Nations mission to Iraq says more people were killed in violent attacks across the country in April than in any other month since June 2008. The U.N. figures released on Thursday underscore concerns that security is quickly deteriorating in Iraq, where violence spiked in the last part of April...”

Israel PM: Any Peace Deal Will Go to Referendum

Source: Agence France Presse

“Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Thursday he would put any peace deal reached with the Palestinians to a referendum, in a meeting with the Swiss foreign minister...”

Hamas Arrests Six Hard-Line Islamists in Gaza

Source: Associated Press

“The Gaza Strip's Hamas government says it has arrested six militant extremists suspected of stealing weapons, plotting attacks...”

Brawl Erupts at Syria Border, Kills Turkish Policeman

Source: Hurriyet Daily News

“Turkish policeman Ferhat Avcı was killed today after being wounded during clashes between a group of Syrian refugees and Turkish security forces in the southeastern province of Şanlıurfa's Akçakale district...”

Syrian Troops Advance in Homs

Author/Source: Olivia Alabaster/The Daily Star

“Regime forces made a new concerted push on Homs Thursday, in an effort to rout rebel strongholds in the city, activists said. The old neighborhood of the city is now almost completely surrounded by army forces...”

Iran Minister Warns Ex-Presidents over Elections

Source: Agence France Presse

“Intelligence Minister Heydar Moslehi on Thursday warned ex-presidents Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani and Mohammad Khatami, without naming them, over their alleged role in the protest movement that followed Iran's disputed 2009 elections...”

Brahimi Is Determined to Resign, UN Diplomats Say

Source: Reuters

“International Syria mediator Lakhdar Brahimi is determined to resign because he is fed up with the deadlock over how to end the country's two-year civil war and believes his role has been compromised, U.N. diplomats said on Wednesday...”



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Senior Pentagon Official in Lebanon, Affirms Support for Army

Source: The Daily Star

“A senior United States Pentagon official visited Lebanon Thursday where he met with Gen. Jean Kahwagi and underscored Washington’s continuing joint efforts in strengthening the capacity of the Lebanese Army...”

Central Asia

Kazakhstan Says Working with U.S. on Boston Bomb Probe

Source: Reuters

“Kazakhstan said on Thursday it condemned any form of terrorism and was cooperating with the United States after two of its citizens were charged with interfering with the investigation of the Boston Marathon bombing...”

Azerbaijan Protests Arrest of its Citizens in Iran

Source: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

“Baku is demanding an explanation for the arrest of two Azerbaijani citizens in Iran. Azerbaijan's Foreign Ministry said its consulate in the Iranian city of Tabriz handed a note of protest to the Iranian officials on May 2...”

South Asia

India Demands Justice over ‘Spy’ Sarabjit Singh’s Death

Source: BBC

“Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has demanded those responsible for the death in a Pakistani jail of Sarabjit Singh, an Indian man convicted of spying, be brought to justice...”

Pakistan to Deploy 600,000 Security Staff for Vote

Source: Associated Press

“A spokesman for Pakistan's top election body says authorities plan to deploy over 600,000 security personnel during next week's parliamentary election to prevent possible Taliban attacks...”

Pakistan, Afghan Forces in High-Stakes Clash Along Border

Source: Reuters

“An Afghan border policeman was killed and two Pakistani soldiers were wounded in an exchange of fire along the border late on Wednesday, officials from both countries said, a clash likely to unsettle already strained ties between the neighbors...”

Security Beefed Up Outside Pakistan Embassy in New Delhi

Source: ANI

“Security has been beefed up outside Pakistan embassy in New Delhi, following the death of Indian prisoner, Sarabjit Singh...”

Pakistani Verdict on ‘CIA Doctor’ Appeal Decision Postponed

Source: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

“A court in northwestern Pakistan has postponed its decision on the appeal of a doctor who allegedly helped the CIA find Osama bin Laden. Qamar Nadeen, a lawyer for Dr. Shakil



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Afridi, told RFE/RL on May 2 that the appeals court will now announce its decision on June 13...”

Bomb Kills Several Afghan Police Officers

Source: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

“Local officials say eight police officers have been killed in a roadside bomb attack in the eastern Afghan province of Logar...”

Southeast Asia

Toddler Among Six Dead in Thai South Shooting

Source: Channel News Asia

“A three-year-old boy was among six people shot dead when gunmen opened fire on a village grocery shop in Thailand's restive south, a Thai security official said Thursday, vowing tentative peace talks would continue...”

East Asia

North Korea Sentences U.S. Citizen to 15 Years' Hard Labor

Source: BBC

“North Korea says it has sentenced a US citizen to 15 years of hard labour. The announcement, from state news agency KCNA, said Pae Jun-ho, known in the US as Kenneth Bae, was tried on 30 April...”

North Korea Could Start Nuclear Reactor Soon, Say Researchers

Source: Channel News Asia

“North Korea could be ready within weeks to start operating a light-water reactor that has triggered growing concern amid the regime's vows to build more nuclear weapons, researchers said Wednesday...”

China is Seen Nearing U.S.'s Military Power in Region

Author/Source: Martin Fackler/The New York Times

“China's growing industrial might is likely to allow it to mount an increasingly formidable challenge to the military supremacy of the United States in the waters around China that include Japan and Taiwan, though it will probably seek to avoid an outright armed conflict...”

China, India Lock Horns over Border

Source: Japan Times

“The platoon of Chinese soldiers slipped across the boundary into India in the middle of the night, according to Indian officials. They were ferried across the bitterly cold moonscape in military vehicles, then got out to traverse a dry creek bed with a helicopter hovering overhead for protection...”

Africa

Report: Somalia Famine 'Killed 260,000 People'

Source: BBC

“Nearly 260,000 people died during the famine that hit Somalia from 2010 to 2012, a study shows. Half of them were children under the age of five, says the report by the UN food



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Lawyers Appointed for Saif al-Islam Qaddafi

Source: BBC

“The son of deposed Libyan leader Col Muammar Gaddafi, Saif al-Islam, has briefly appeared in court to face criminal charges and has been appointed two local lawyers...”

Kenya Court: 2 Iranians Guilty of Terror Plot

Author/Source: Tom Odula/Associated Press

“Two Iranian nationals, whom officials accused of planning to attack Western targets inside Kenya, were found guilty Thursday by a Kenyan court of terror-related charges...”

Nigeria Pledges Justice as Pressure over Killings Grows

Author/Source: Ibrahim Mshelizza/Reuters

“Nigeria's President Goodluck Jonathan promised on Wednesday to punish any soldier found guilty of misconduct during a deadly raid on a suspected Islamist hideout after a rights group said satellite pictures had raised concerns of a cover-up...”

Congo's M23 Rebels Say Peace Talks in Trouble

Author/Source: Rodney Muhumuza/Associated Press

“The Congolese rebel movement M23 has suspended peace talks with Congo's government, a rebel spokesman said Wednesday, increasing fears of renewed violence in the country's troubled east...”

Somali Militants Threaten Revenge for Executions

Source: Voice of America

“Militant group al-Shabab has promised to retaliate for the execution of 13 suspected Islamist fighters by authorities in Somalia's Puntland region. In an audio recording posted online, al-Shabab spokesman Sheikh Ali Mohamud Rage said the 13 were ‘innocent Muslims...’”

At Least 4 Killed in Chad Coup Attempt: Security Sources

Source: Reuters

“At least four people were killed during a gunfight in the Chadian capital late on Wednesday in what authorities said was a failed coup attempt against President Idriss Deby, security sources said on Thursday...”

Europe

Athens Mayor Attacked after Authorities Stop Golden Dawn Handout

Source: Ekathimerini

“Athens Mayor Giorgos Kaminis was on Thursday assaulted by a Golden Dawn deputy after authorities prevented the neo-fascist party from staging a food handout only for Greeks in the capital's central Syntagma Square...”

Irish Parliament to Drop Magnitsky List Plan after Russian Warning

Source: BBC

“The Irish parliament is set to limit its reaction to the Magnitsky affair to a statement of



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concern, after Russia warned against US-style sanctions...”

US & Canada

[U.S. Protests against Bolivia’s Decision to Expel USAID](#)

Source: BBC

“The US has expressed regret at Bolivia's decision to expel America's development agency, rejecting allegations made by President Evo Morales as ‘baseless...’”

Latin America and the Caribbean

[State Department Says Cuba Won’t Be Removed from State Sponsors of Terrorism List](#)

Source: Associated Press

“A State Department spokesman said Wednesday that Washington has no plans to remove Cuba from a list of state sponsors of terrorism that also includes Iran, Syria and Sudan...”

[Nine Killed in Massacres in Northwest and Southwest Colombia](#)

Author/Source: Adriaan Alsema/Colombia Reports

“Nine people have been killed in two massacres that took place Wednesday in the northwest and southwest of Colombia. Five were killed in the town of La Union, a town in the southwestern Valle del Cauca department...”

[FARC Attacks Decrease as Peace Talks Progress](#)

Source: Colombia Reports

“Attacks attributed to Colombia’s largest rebel group, the FARC, decreased in April as rebel and government negotiators were aiming to advance in the ongoing peace talks...”

[Honduras Police Accused of Death Squad Killings](#)

Author/Source: Alberto Arce/The Washington Post

“The operation was quick and under the cover of night. Armed, masked men arrived in late-model SUVs, getting through the gate into the small neighborhood of humble homes...”

[Capriles to Contest Venezuela Poll in Court](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Venezuelan opposition leader Henrique Capriles is to legally contest results from last month's presidential poll. The challenger to the late Hugo Chavez's hand-picked successor, Nicolas Maduro, told supporters at a May Day demonstration in eastern Caracas that the formal challenge would be presented to the Supreme Court on Thursday...”