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Middle East

Clashes Kill Nine Police in North Iraq: Officials

Source: Agence France Presse

“Clashes in northern Iraq killed nine police on Friday, while a car bomb targeting worshippers near a Sunni mosque north of Baghdad left at least five dead, officials said...”

Arabs Set Conditions for Resumption of ‘Peace Process’

Author/Source: Dina Ezzat/Ahram Online

“Arab and Israeli officials are expected to step up talks this week with Washington to follow up on a 29 April meeting in the US capital between US Secretary of State John Kerry and the Arab Peace Initiative Committee – a development that appears to indicate the resumption of long-suspended Palestine-Israel negotiations...”

Hamas Rebuffs Arabs for Softening Palestinian Peace Plan

Author/Source: Nidal al-Mughrabi/Reuters

“Islamist Hamas's leader in the Gaza Strip on Friday rejected a revised Middle East peace initiative put forward by the Arab League, saying outsiders could not decide the fate of the Palestinians...”

Attack on Syria Village Leaves ‘Dozens Dead’

Source: Al Jazeera

“Government forces and militia members loyal to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad have stormed the coastal village of al-Baida, killing between 50 and 100 people including women and children, Syrian opposition activists say...”

Hezbollah Steps up Rhetoric Against Islamist Rebels

Source: The Daily Star

“Hezbollah stepped up its rhetoric against radical Islamist groups Friday, saying their war on Syrian President Bashar Assad is also against Lebanon's resistance...”

Eight Israeli Warplanes Fly over Lebanon

Source: The Daily Star

“Eight Israeli warplanes violated Lebanon’s airspace in a span of 14 hours, flying over large swaths of the country, Army officials announced Friday. Although Israel sends reconnaissance jets and warplanes over Lebanon on almost a regular basis, the air traffic in the last 24 hours has been unusually high...”

U.S. Reconsidering Whether to Arm Syrian Rebels

Source: Agence France Presse

“The United States said Thursday it was taking a fresh look at whether to arm Syria's rebels as the Damascus regime pressed an assault on opposition forces in the embattled city of Homs...”



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Iran Diplomat with Links to Reformists Detained

Source: Agence France Presse

“An Iranian diplomat with ties to the reformist camp has been arrested following "a misunderstanding", Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi was quoted as saying Thursday by the Isna news agency...”

Tear Gas Fired as Egyptian Islamists Target Security HQ

Source: Reuters

“Egyptian security forces fired tear gas to disperse a small group of hardline Islamist protesters who were attempting to scale the walls of the state security headquarters in a Cairo suburb late Thursday night...”

South Asia

Unknown Men Kill Counter-Terrorism Official in Herat

Source: TOLONews

“The deputy of Counter-terrorism section of Shendand District Police was killed by unknown men on Wednesday afternoon in Herat, local officials said on Thursday...”

Bhutto Murder Case Prosecutor Shot Dead in Islamabad

Source: BBC

“Gunmen have shot dead the prosecutor investigating the murder of Pakistan's ex-leader Benazir Bhutto who was assassinated in 2007...”

Jammu Jail Attack: Pakistani Prisoner Seriously Injured, Airlifted to Chanidgarh

Source: Indian Express

“A Pakistani prisoner in a central jail here was seriously injured today after being beaten by another inmate following an altercation, a day after Indian convict Sarabjit Singh died after a brutal attack by fellow inmates in a Lahore prison...”

Pakistani Political Candidate Shot Dead in Karachi

Source: Al Jazeera

“A candidate running for Pakistan's national assembly at historic polls next week has been shot dead, police have said. Police said that Sadiq Zaman Khattak, the Awami National Party (ANP) candidate, had been shot dead on Friday along with his three-year-old son in Karachi...”

Musharraf Arrested over Baloch Leader's Killing

Source: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

“Pakistani police have arrested former military ruler Pervez Musharraf over the killing of a senior Baloch leader in 2006...”

Pakistan Election Violence: 74 Killed and Counting

Source: Dawn

“Thursday's bomb blast outside an office of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) was the 42nd attack on electioneering since April 11 when the May 11 polls were exactly a month



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away and the deadly trend, including bombings and armed assaults, has claimed more than 70 lives...”

Southeast Asia

[Abu Sayyaf Gunmen Abduct Truck Driver in Sulu](#)

Author/Source: Roel Pareño/Philippine Star

“Abu Sayyaf gunmen abducted Friday morning a heavy equipment driver of a private construction firm in Patikul, Sulu, police said...”

[Indonesia Says Two Arrested for Myanmar Embassy Plot](#)

Author/Source: Niniek Karmini/Associated Press

“Hours after Indonesia announced it had foiled an alleged plot to bomb the Myanmar Embassy in Jakarta, hundreds of hard-line Muslims gathered outside the mission Friday calling for jihad in that country to fight against persecution of their Islamic brothers...”

[U.S. Extends Targeted Sanctions on Myanmar](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“The Obama administration extended by one year targeted US sanctions against Myanmar, a move aimed at preventing backsliding on democratic reforms...”

[Australian Military to Boost Air Power to Focus on Indo-Pacific](#)

Author/Source: James Grubel/Reuters

“Australia announced a significant boost to its military air power on Friday, committing to buy up to new 100 Lockheed Martin Corp F-35 Joint Strike Fighters, as it shifts its focus back to the Indo-Pacific as China and India beef up forces...”

East Asia

[Pullout of S. Korean Personnel from Kaesong Severs all Inter-Korean Ties](#)

Author/Source: Lee Joon-Seung/Yonhap News

“The complete withdrawal of South Korean personnel from the joint industrial zone of Kaesong marks the severing of all cross-border ties that had been painstakingly forged over several decades, fueling uncertainty at a time of heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula, analysts said Friday...”

[Pentagon Report Sees DPRK as U.S. Security Threat in NE Asia](#)

Source: Xinhua

“The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) poses one of the most critical U.S. security challenges in Northeast Asia as it is pursuing nuclear capabilities and developing long-range ballistic missiles, the Pentagon said Thursday...”

[North Korea Asked to Grant Amnesty to U.S. National](#)

Source: UPI

“The United States urged North Korea to grant amnesty and release U.S. national Kenneth Bae, who has been sentenced to 15 years of hard labor in that country...”

[China Arrests 900 over Food Scandals](#)



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Source: Channel News Asia

“China has detained 900 people for meat-related crimes including selling rat and fox meat as beef and mutton, the public security ministry said, in another blow to the nation's food safety...”

Africa

100 Die in Darfur Mine Disaster, Rescuers Trapped

Source: News24

“At least 100 miners are estimated to have died inside a collapsed gold mine in Sudan's Darfur region and nine rescuers trying to free dozens of workers are now trapped, a miner said on Friday...”

Madagascar's Rajoelina to Run in Vote, Breaks Promise

Source: News24

“Madagascar's president Andry Rajoelina will run in July's election, an official list of presidential candidates showed on Friday, reneging on an agreement he would not do so...”

JEM's Surprise Push was 1st 'Joint Force' Op

Source: News24

“Sudanese insurgents have carried out their first combined attack, a surprise push into a strategic and previously peaceful region, but analysts doubt the rebels' readiness to take Khartoum by force...”

Tunisian Forces Hunting Two Armed Groups Near Algeria Border

Source: Agence France Presse

“Tunisian security forces were Thursday hunting two armed jihadist groups near the Algerian border, one in the Mount Chaambi region and the other in Kef further north, the interior ministry said...”

Two Generals, Pro-Derby MP Arrested for Chad Coup Plot – Prosecutor

Author/Source: David Lewis/Reuters

“Chad's security forces have arrested two generals and a member of parliament allied to President Idriss Deby on suspicion of involvement in a foiled coup plot, the chief prosecutor said on Thursday...”

Army Deploys Around Libya Capital Amid Sieges

Source: Agence France Presse

“Libya's army took up positions Friday at strategic sites around the capital, where militias have besieged state institutions for the past week, an AFP journalist reported...”

Europe

Locals March to Syria Refugee Camp to Protest Border Clashes

Source: Hurriyet Daily News

“A group of Turkish citizens holding Turkish flags and chanting slogans protested yesterday following clashes between Syrians and Turkish border police in the frontier district of Akçakale that resulted in the death of a Turkish police officer...”



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[EU Commissioner Urges Azerbaijan to Meet Democracy Commitments](#)

Source: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

“EU Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighborhood Policy Stefan Fuele says Azerbaijan must continue to meet its commitments on advancing democracy and human rights...”

[Ashton Names Six New EU Ambassadors](#)

Author/Source: Toby Vogel/European Voice

“Catherine Ashton, the European Union's foreign policy chief, has appointed new heads of the EU delegations in Azerbaijan, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Kyrgyzstan, Paraguay and Sri Lanka. Three of the appointees are national diplomats from the EU member states; the other three come from the European External Action Service...”

[France ‘To Enter Recession’ as Growth Slows](#)

Source: BBC

“The eurozone economy will shrink more than expected this year with France sliding into recession, according to a gloomy European Commission report...”

US & Canada

[Sources: Bombing Suspects Had Originally Planned July 4 Attack](#)

Source: CBS

“The suspected bombers in the Boston Marathon attack had originally intended for the plot to happen on July 4th, CBS News has learned...”

Latin America and the Caribbean

[Guatemala Declares Emergency after Mine Protests](#)

Source: BBC

“The Guatemalan government has declared a state of emergency in four areas after clashes between police and anti-mining protesters in the south-east of the country...”

[Capriles Formally Contests Venezuela Election Result](#)

Source: BBC

“Venezuelan opposition leader Henrique Capriles has formally challenged the result of last month's presidential election. Nicolas Maduro won the vote by a narrow margin of 1.49%, or fewer than 225,000 votes...”

[Obama Blesses Mexican Security Plan, Eyes Deeper Business Ties](#)

Source: Reuters

“U.S. President Barack Obama gave his blessing on Thursday to a new security arrangement with Mexican leader Enrique Pena Nieto, in which Mexico will make reducing violence a priority over hunting drug cartel kingpins in the war against organized crime...”