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Middle East

[Kurdish Rebels Confirm They Will Retreat from Turkey to Iraq on Wednesday](#)

Washington Post

“ANKARA, Turkey — Kurdish rebels reaffirmed on Tuesday that they will start withdrawing guerrilla fighters from Turkey to bases in northern Iraq this week.”

[US Heads 41-Nation War Games in Gulf, Iran Fears Conflict in Volatile Region](#)

Russian Times

“Massive US-led military drills began in the Persian Gulf in a second such show of maritime might in under a year. The US says the exercises are not aimed at Iran, who earlier vowed to close the Hormuz Strait, and now expresses concern over the drills.”

[Washington Kept Special Forces Out of Benghazi in Purely Political Move](#)

RT

“Four members of a US Army Special Forces team were held back instead of being sent to Benghazi, Libya after the assault on the American Consulate that killed diplomat Christopher Stevens and three others, according to testimony from a former top diplomat.”

[Hostages' Relatives Protest, Lebanon Preps for Swap Talks](#)

The Daily Star

“BEIRUT: Relatives of the nine Lebanese being held by rebels in Syria maintained Tuesday their pressure against Turkish interests in Beirut, a day after Lebanon said it was preparing to hold talks with Damascus to help secure the release of the abductees.”

[Kerry Tells Putin US, Russia Share Common Interests in Syria](#)

The Daily Star

“MOSCOW: U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry told Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday the United States and Russia share common interests in Syria, including promoting regional stability and preventing the spread of extremism.”

[Israeli Airstrikes Served to Boost Rebels Morale – Hezbollah](#)

The Daily Star

“BEIRUT: Boosting the morale of Syrian rebels seeking to topple President Bashar Assad was the aim behind recent Israeli areal strikes on targets in Syria, Hezbollah’s number two said Tuesday.”

[Erdogan: Israeli Strikes in Syria Unjustified](#)

The Jerusalem Post

“Despite having repeatedly spoken out against Syrian President Bashar Assad, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Tuesday said that [alleged Israeli air raids](#) in Syria were ‘unacceptable.’”



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3 Explosions Heard in Tehran Near Missile Facility

The Jerusalem Post

“Three explosions were heard in western Tehran on Tuesday, in an area where Iran carries out missile research and storage, according to a Tweet by a BBC Persian journalist. It was not immediately clear if there were injuries or damage in the incident.”

Syria to Permit Palestinians to Attack from Golan

The Jerusalem Post

“According to the report, the initiative was due to be discussed in upcoming meetings between Syria and Palestinian faction leaders, said Khalid Abd al-Majid, secretary- general of the Palestinian Popular Struggle Front.”

UN Peacekeepers Seized Near Syria Border

Al Jazeera

“Four UN peacekeepers are being held in the so-called Area of Limitation between Syria and Israel, where neither Israeli nor Syrian forces can operate.”

Syrian Chemical Weapons Debate Intensifies

Al Jazeera

“A UN team of investigators has said it has not reached "conclusive findings" that chemical weapons have been used by any parties in the Syrian conflict, distancing itself from an earlier statement from one of its members that suggested the likely use of sarin gas by rebels.”

South Asia

Bomb Targets Residence of PML-N Candidate

Dawn

“QUETTA: Militants on Tuesday hurled a hand-held bomb at the residence of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) candidate Zubaida Jalal in Turbat town of Balochistan, Levies sources said.”

Deadly Blasts Rock Pakistan Rallies

Al Jazeera

“An attack on a political rally of the Pakistan Peoples Party has killed at least six people and injured dozens more.

The explosion, in Lower Dir's Baba Gam village on Tuesday, is the latest in a string of attacks that have been designed to disrupt the nation's upcoming elections.”

Lashkar-i-Jhangvi's Karachi Chief Arrested: SIU

Dawn

KARACHI: The Special Investigation Unit on Tuesday arrested the chief of Karachi chapter of Lashkar-i-Jhangvi (LJ) from Hub, 25 kilometres from the provincial capital, on Tuesday, SSP SIU Farooq Awan told Dawn.com.



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East Asia

Officer Killed, Soldier Injured in Terrorists' Attack in Basilan

The Phil Star

“ZAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines (**Xinhua**) - An army officer was killed while a soldier was wounded when they were ambushed by the Abu Sayyaf group this afternoon in the hinterland of Basilan province, the military said.”

US Accuses China Government and Military of Cyber Spying

BBC

“China's government and military have targeted US government computers as part of a cyber espionage campaign, a US report on China says.

Intrusions were focused on collecting intelligence on US diplomatic, economic and defence sectors which could benefit China's own defence programme, it says.”

North Korea Removes Missiles from Launch Site

Al Jazeera

“North Korea has moved two missiles from launch sites on the country's eastern coast, after weeks of concern that Pyongyang had been poised for a test-launch.

A US defence official said on Monday that Washington did not believe the Musudan missiles had gone to an alternate launch site and that they were now believed to be in a non-operational location.”

Africa

Police Arrest Suspected Al-Shabaab Terrorists

The Daily Monitor

“The Inspector General of Police, Lt. Gen. Kale Kayihura, has said that the Force have arrested suspected terrorists who wanted to carry out terror attacks in Uganda.

Gen. Kayihura, who declined to give details of the number of the arrested suspected terrorists and their nationalities, said detectives are interrogating them. “

Qaeda in North Africa Urges Hits on French Interests

AFP

“DUBAI — A leader of Al-Qaeda in North Africa has urged Muslims worldwide to attack French interests in retaliation for France's military intervention in Mali, a threat French President Francois Hollande said is being taken seriously.”

It's Either a Northerner or No More Nigeria – Farouk Adamu Aliyu

All Africa

“Again, the issue of Nigeria and her governance took a centre stage yesterday, with the threat by a former member of the House of Representatives and a chieftain of the Congress for Progressive Change, Hon. Farouk Adamu Aliyu that ‘it is either a Northerner as President in 2015 or there will be no more Nigeria.”



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Europe

[France Says Taking AQIM Threat Seriously After Threat](#)

Reuters

“President Francois Hollande said on Tuesday that France was taking the threat from al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) seriously after a purported leader of the Islamist group called for attacks on French interests throughout the world.”

US & Canada

[911 Call Leads Police to Three Cleveland Women Missing for Years](#)

CNN

“Three women freed from a decade of captivity inside a Cleveland home celebrated in the arms of their families Tuesday, as police and the FBI worked to unravel the details of their abductions.”

[New English-Language Jihadi Publication Calls on Muslims to Hack US Drones](#)

Russian Times

“A new magazine set up by Islamist radicals in Afghanistan and Pakistan is appealing to Muslims of the world to collaborate in developing new methods and technology to undermine American drone operations.”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Lawyer for “Carlos” Will Travel to Venezuela to Seek Support](#)

Latin American Herald Tribune

“PARIS – The lawyer representing the Venezuelan terrorist known as “Carlos the Jackal” said Monday she planned to travel to Venezuela this week to ask President Nicolas Maduro and other high-level officials to help in the defense of her client.”