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Middle East

Netanyahu decides on more moderate defense cuts

Author/Source: Lahav Harkov, Niv Elis, Gil Hoffman, The Jerusalem Post

“Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu decided on Monday morning on a more moderate cut to defense spending...”

Turkish government blames Marxists with Syrian connections for bombings

Author/Source: Gul Tuysuz, Matt Smith and Ben Brumfield, CNN

“Rage grew in a Turkish town on Syria's border Monday in the aftermath of weekend bombings, as the government blamed Marxists with Syrian connections for the deadly attacks...”

Syria opposition consulting allies, seeking details before joining US-Russia peace initiative

Author/Source: The Washington Post

“Syria’s main opposition bloc wants to consult its allies before deciding on joining a U.S.-Russia initiative to negotiate a peaceful transition in Syria, its leader said Monday...”

Iran’s Ahmadinejad may face charges over election appearance with aide

Author/Source: Reuters

“Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad may face charges for accompanying his former chief of staff to register for June's presidential vote, the country's electoral watchdog said...”

Turkish F-16 fighter jet crashes near Syrian border

Author/Source: BBC News

“A Turkish F-16 fighter jet has crashed near Turkey's border with Syria, officials say...”

Jet fighter crashes in Yemeni capital Sanaa

Author/Source: BBC News

“A jet fighter has crashed in the Yemeni capital Sanaa, killing the pilot...”

IDF to stop using shells with white phosphorous in populated areas, state tells High Court

Author/Source: Haaretz

The Israel Defense Forces is to stop using artillery shells containing white phosphorus in built-up areas, the state told the High Court of Justice on Monday...”

Canada deports Palestinian hijacker after 25-year legal battle

Author/Source: Haaretz

“After a 25-year legal battle, Canada has finally deported a Palestinian convicted of an attack on an Israeli ElAl plane in 1968, Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said on Monday...”



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IDF arrests two members of Fatah's military wing in West Bank raid

Author/Source: Jack Khoury, Haaretz

“Israel Defense Forces troops raided the Jenin refugee camp in the West Bank early Monday and arrested two members of the military wing of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party, Palestinian sources said...”

In resisting budget cuts, IDF tells state: Reduce security threats, not training

Author/Source: Amos Harel, Haaretz

“What the army is telling the security cabinet, perhaps in more vague language, is: Reduce the threats, not the training...”

Independent candidates threaten Khamenei in polls

Author/Source: The Jerusalem Post

“After the huge protests that followed the 2009 election, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei may have hoped June polls would quietly install a loyal conservative president, but the surprise candidacies of two major independents may scupper that...”

Netanyahu to meet Putin, return before Shavout

Author/Source: Herb Keinon, The Jerusalem Post

“Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will fly early Tuesday morning to the Black Sea resort of Sochi for a lightning meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin, and return before the onset of Shavuot later in the day, government officials confirmed on Monday...”

US: Syria peace conference likely to slip to early June

Author/Source: The Jerusalem Post

“A possible conference to gather representatives of the Syrian government and opposition to try to end their civil war may slide to early June, US State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said on Monday...”

Hamas and Fatah to discuss Palestinian unity in Cairo

Author/Source: Khaled Abu Toameh, The Jerusalem Post

“Representatives of Hamas and Fatah are scheduled to hold talks in Cairo on Tuesday to discuss the formation of a Palestinian unity government...”

South Asia

Taliban Say Will 'Soon' Release Remaining Turks

Author/Source: ABC News

“A Taliban spokesman says four remaining Turks held by the militant group will be released shortly, without offering further details...”

Former Prime Minister Sharif set to return to Power in Pakistan

Author/Source: CNN

“Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister whose government was overthrown by a military coup more than a decade ago, appears to be back on top in Pakistan, election officials have said, despite claims by other parties of vote rigging...”



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Pakistan's Sharif Wants Good Relations With US

Author/Source: NPR

“The Pakistani politician poised to become the country's next prime minister said Monday that Islamabad has "good relations" with the United States, but called the CIA's drone campaign in the country's tribal region a challenge to national sovereignty...”

PTI protests: Activists block Shahrah-e-Faisal in Karachi

Author/Source: Rabia Ali, The Express Tribune

“Between 300 and 400 protesters attempted to block the main thoroughfare in Karachi, the 22 kilometer long Shahrah-e-Faisal, as they staged a protest demanding re-elections in the entire city of Karachi...”

PPP to form coalition government with MQM in Sindh, again

Author/Source: Hafeez Tunio, The Express Tribune

“President Asif Ali Zardari on Monday said that Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) will form a coalition government in Sindh despite having won a majority in the province...”

Section 144 Imposed in Karachi

Author/Source: Asif Mahmood, Dawn.com

“Sindh's Provincial Home Department issued a notification on Monday imposing Section 144 which bans all political gatherings and display of weapons in the city...”

Death toll rises to eight in Quetta blast

Author/Source: Dawn.com

“Death toll in Sunday's suicide attack in Quetta has reached eight as one of the injured succumbed to his wounds at the Combined Military Hospital Quetta on Monday, officials said...”

PPP Clean Sweeps Umerkot, Opponents Allege Rigging

Author/Source: A.B. Arisar, Dawn.com

“Pakistan People's Party (PPP) candidates on one national and three provincial assemblies clean swept the Umerkot district, Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi lost against Nawab Muhammad Yusuf Talpur of PPP...”

Nawaz says would invite Indian PM Singh to oath-taking

Author/Source: Dawn.com

“Nawaz Sharif on Monday said his government would establish friendly ties with India, adding that he would invite Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh for his oath-taking ceremony to Islamabad...”

Rigging: 49 Polling Stations Received Over 100PC Turnout Across Pakistan

Author/Source: Sajjad Haider, Dawn.com

“Statistics showing abnormally high turnout confirm reports of rigging at several polling stations across Pakistan...”

Kandahar bomb blast kills 10 Afghan civilians



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Author/Source: BBC News

“A roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan has killed at least 10 civilians, including women and children, police say...”

Army Chopper Crashes in Siachen; Both Pilots Safe

Author/Source: India Times

“An Army helicopter, on air maintenance operations, crashed this morning in the icy heights of Siachen glacier but both the pilots survived the accident and were being evacuated for treatment, army sources said...”

India’s Foreign Policy Problems, According to Narendra Modi

Author/Source: India Times

“Indian diaspora recently were schooled by Gujarat's Chief Minister and BJP's PM in waiting-Narendra Modi about India's foreign policy...”

East Asia

RI imposes tighter measures for sick travelers from China and Taiwan to anticipate H7N9

Author/Source: The Jakarta Post

“The Health Ministry’s director general of disease control and environmental health, Tjandra Yoga Aditama, said that all Port Health Offices had imposed tighter emergency response measures following the increased number of H7N9 infections identified in areas of China and Taiwan...”

Police raid terror suspect’s Bandung house

Author/Source: The Jakarta Post

“Police officers raided a rented house in Bandung, West Java, on Monday to investigate a property they believed had been used as a terrorist hideout...”

Philippines holds elections vital for Aquino reforms

Author/Source: Channel NewsAsia

“The Philippines held elections Monday seen as crucial for President Benigno Aquino's bold reform agenda, as deadly violence and graft-tainted candidates underlined the nation's deep-rooted problems...”

Vietnam firms involved in ‘illegal land grabs’

Author/Source: Jonathan Head, BBC News

“An environmental group has accused two Vietnamese rubber firms of involvement in massive land grabs in Cambodia and Laos...”

Emergency to be lifted in 5 districts

Author/Source: The Bangkok Post

“The emergency decree will be lifted in five districts in the southern border provinces next month, a source at the Southern Border Provinces Administration Centre said on Monday...”

China bird flu can still pose threat: expert

Author/Source: Jun Hongo, The Japan Times



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“The bird flu outbreak in China hasn’t crossed over to Japan, but Tokyo must stay on guard against the virus, the head of the government’s new influenza countermeasures panel said Monday...”

Taiwanese fishermen burn Phillipine flags in protest

Author/Source: Channel NewsAsia

“Angry Taiwanese fishermen on Monday burned Filipino flags in protest after the Philippine coastguard fired on a Taiwan fishing boat killing a crew member...”

North Korea Replaces Hard-Line Defense Minister

Author/Source: Hyung-Jin Kim, ABC News

“North Korea has replaced its hard-line defense minister with a little-known army general, according to a state media report Monday, in what outside analysts call an attempt to install a younger figure meant to solidify leader Kim Jong Un's grip on the powerful military...”

China Warns Against ‘Dangerous’ Western Values

Author/Source: Chris Buckley, The New York Times

“The Chinese Communist Party has warned officials to combat “dangerous” Western values and other perceived ideological threats, according to accounts on Monday of a directive that analysts said reflects the top leader Xi Jinping’s determination to preserve top-down political control even as he considers economic liberalization...”

Africa

Unknown Jihadi Group Claims Responsibility For Bombing In Benghazi On Facebook Page, Promises More

Author/Source: MEMRI

“The Islamic Front for the Mujahideen Army in Derna, a group about which very little is known, claimed responsibility for a car bomb attack near Al-Jala' hospital in the city of Benghazi...”

Qaddafi Cousin Goes on Trial in Egypt for Attempted Murder

Author/Source: Reuters

“A cousin of late Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi went on trial in Egypt on Monday on charges of attempted murder in a case that has blocked his extradition to Libya...”

Deadly blast rocks Benghazi hospital

Author/Source: Aljazeera

“A car bomb has exploded outside a major hospital in Libya's eastern city of Benghazi, killing at least 12 people...”

Insight: Nigeria's Islamists staging bolder, deadlier comeback

Author/Source: Tim Cocks, Reuters

“After a crackdown pushed them out of Nigeria's northern cities, Islamist militant group Boko Haram have regrouped, rearmed and are staging a bold comeback that has already allowed them to seize control over parts of the northeast...”



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Bombing: Tanzania frees three Emiratis

Author/Source: News24

“Three Emiratis arrested in Tanzania after a deadly attack on a church there a week ago have been freed and are back home, the Al-Khaleej daily reported on Monday...”

New Nigeria Islamist video claims attacks

Author/Source: News24

“The purported head of Nigerian Islamist group Boko Haram has claimed two recent deadly attacks in the northeast in a video obtained by AFP on Monday, which also depicts women and children apparently being held hostage...”

Iranian Azim Aghajani convicted over Nigeria arms

Author/Source: BBC News

“An Iranian man convicted of smuggling arms into Nigeria has been sentenced to five years in prison by a Lagos court...”

Europe

Greece and Cyprus EU-IMF bailout funds due

Author/Source: BBC News

“Eurozone finance ministers are meeting in Brussels to agree bailout payments for Cyprus and Greece...”

Bulgaria election fails to end political stalemate

Author/Source: BBC News

“Bulgaria's parliamentary election has left the country facing more political uncertainty after a tight finish...”

Greece uses emergency power on striking teachers

Author/Source: Derek Gatopoulos, Associated Press

“Greek civil servants' unions called a 24-hour strike for Tuesday in reaction to the government's decision to use emergency powers to prevent protesting teachers from disrupting university entrance exams this month...”

US & Canada

Search for suspects after 19 injured in shooting at New Orleans Mother's Day parade

Author/Source: FOX News

“New Orleans police are searching for as many as three gunmen after 19 people, including two children, were injured in a shooting at a Mother's Day parade...”

Obama calls Benghazi controversy a 'sideshow'

Author/Source: FOX News

“President Obama delivered a defiant defense Monday of his administration's response to the Benghazi terror attack, calling the revived controversy over the matter a 'sideshow'...”

Frustrated with diplomacy, some in Congress seek total ban on Iran's oil

Author/Source: Joby Warrick and Steven Mufson, The Washington Post

“After failing to halt Iran's nuclear advances with harsh economic sanctions, a group of U.S.



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lawmakers and analysts is proposing a more drastic remedy: cutting off Iran entirely from world oil markets...”

Turkey’s Erdogan to air policy differences with Obama

Author/Source: Kevin Sullivan, The Washington Post

“Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, a critical U.S. ally in the Muslim world, is struggling with the crisis in Syria, which has strained his country’s fast-growing economy, swamped it with hundreds of thousands of refugees and created unusually public friction with Washington...”

US’s Obama, UK’s Cameron vow continued support for Syria

Author/Source: The Jerusalem Post

“US President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron on Monday pledged their continued support for the people of Syria, including more humanitarian aid and a push toward a transitional government to help bring peace...”

Ten Emerging Threats Your Company May Not Know About

Author/Source: Dark Reading

“Security professionals are certainly not at a loss for things to worry about. Indeed, the list of threats to corporate systems and the data they contain is very long, and IT departments are constantly challenged in their efforts to mitigate these risks...”