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Middle East

[Turkey Says World Must Act Against Syria After Bombings](#)

Author/Source: Nick Tattersall, Reuters

“Turkey accused a group with links to Syrian intelligence of carrying out car bombings that killed 46 people in a Turkish border town, and said on Sunday it was time for the world to act against the government of President Bashar al-Assad...”

[Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani Campaign Poses Challenge to Iran Regime](#)

Author/Source: Najmeh Bozorgmehr, The Financial Times

“Whether Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the former Iranian president, wins next month’s presidential election or not, his candidacy has disrupted the Islamic regime’s plans to hand over power to a loyal fundamentalist...”

[Syrian Opposition to Meet to Decide Whether to Join Peace Talks](#)

Author/Source: Khaled Yacoub Oweis, Reuters

“Syria’s opposition coalition will meet in Istanbul on May 23 to decide whether to participate in a U.S. and Russian-sponsored conference to try to end the Syrian civil war, coalition officials said on Sunday...”

[PKK Buries Munitions While Withdrawing from Turkey](#)

Author/Source: Bayram Kaya, Today’s Zaman

“The terrorist Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK), which reportedly began withdrawing its militants from the country on May 8 as a part of a settlement process launched by the government in a bid to resolve the country’s long-standing terrorism problem, is burying munitions in various amounts in rural places in Eastern Turkey before they leave Turkish territory...”

[UN Peacekeepers Kidnapped in Golan Released](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Syrian rebels on Sunday freed four Filipino UN peacekeepers whom they had captured on the ceasefire line between Syria and the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights last week...”

[Egypt Says Thwarts Attack on Foreign Embassy](#)

Author/Source: Tom Perry, Yasmine Saleh, Reuters

“Egyptian security forces have thwarted a plan by an al Qaeda-linked cell to carry out a suicide attack on a foreign embassy, capturing three militants, the interior minister said on Saturday...”

[More Than 80,000 Dead Since Start of Syrian Conflict, Opposition Says](#)

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“More than 80,000 people have died since the start of the conflict in Syria in March 2011, according to figures released Sunday by the London-based Syrian Human Rights Observatory...”



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South Asia

[Bangladesh Arrests Top Islamists Leader on War Crimes Charges](#)

Author/Source: Serajul Quadir, Reuters

“Bangladeshi security forces arrested on Sunday the leader of the country's biggest Islamist party on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity, a senior police official said...”

[Karzai Calls for New Government to Back Peace Talks](#)

Source: Dawn

“Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Sunday called on Pakistan’s incoming government to help negotiate an end to the Taliban insurgency that has ravaged his country for nearly 12 years...”

[Afghanistan Says Iranian Guards Killed 10 Migrants](#)

Author/Source: Rahim Faiez, San Diego Union-Tribune

“Iranian border guards killed 10 Afghan migrants and wounded another eight when hundreds tried to illegally cross into Iran in search of work, Afghanistan's Interior Ministry said Sunday...”

[Imran Khan Alleges Rigging in Elections](#)

Source: Dawn

“Chief of the Pakistan Tehrik-i-Insaaf (PTI) Imran Khan has reportedly alleged rigging in the election after accepting defeat while also indicating that the party would sit in the opposition benches of the National Assembly...”

[Afghan District Prosecutor Dies in Bombing in Helmand](#)

Source: Xinhua

“An Afghan district prosecutor was killed in bomb attack in the country's southern province of Helmand on Sunday morning, said a provincial government spokesman...”

[Army Destroys IED in J&K, Averts Tragedy](#)

Source: Times of India

“A major tragedy was averted on Sunday when Army detected and destroyed an improvised explosive device planted by militants in Handwara area of north Kashmir Kupwara district...”

[Six Killed in Suicide Attack on Convoy of IG Balochistan](#)

Author/Source: Syed Ali Shah, Dawn

“At least six people have been killed and more than 60 others injured in a suicide attack on the convoy of Inspector General Police Balochistan on Sunday night...”

[Afghan, ISAF Detain 2 Anti-Government Fighters Including a Senior Commander](#)

Source: Xinhua

“Afghan and the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) captured two anti-government militants including a senior commander during combined operation in the northern Baghlan province on Sunday...”

Southeast Asia



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Five Killed Reporter Kidnapped in Philippines

Source: Bangkok Post

“Five people were killed in separate ambushes in the volatile southern Philippines, police and the military said Sunday, and a radio reporter was kidnapped by armed men on the eve of mid-term elections...”

East Asia

Pressure on India to Ink New Border Pact?

Source: Times of India

“China has asked India to speed up boundary negotiations, reinforcing the estimate in certain quarters that last month's incursion in Ladakh could have been meant to force New Delhi to the negotiating table...”

Africa

Malian Army Heads for Rebel-Held Northern Town of Kidal

Author/Source: Tiemoko Diallo, Reuters

“Malian troops headed for the remote northeastern town of Kidal on Sunday ahead of a mid-May deadline set by the government to wrest it from the control of Tuareg separatist rebels...”

Deal With Former Rebels Ends Libya Siege

Source: Al Jazeera

“Armed groups have ended a nearly two-week siege of Libya's foreign and justice ministries in the capital after reaching a deal with the government, the Libyan justice minister has said...”

Benghazi Police Bombed for the Second Time in Three Days

Author/Source: Jessica Donati, Reuters

“Two more police stations were attacked in Libya's eastern city of Benghazi in the early hours of Sunday morning, the local council said, after two others were bombed on Friday...”

Central African Republic Rebels Demand Payment Before They Will Disarm

Source: Washington Post

“The Seleka rebels who overthrew Central African Republic's president are now demanding that they be paid before they disarm...”

Sudan Forms 'Strategic Battalion' to Defend Capital

Source: Radio Dabanga

“The opposition National Consensus Forces described Khartoum's announcement to form a special "strategic battalion" to counter a possible attack of the rebel Sudan Revolutionary Front on Khartoum, as “a serious threat to the homeland and the lives and safety of citizens”...”

South Sudan Denies Offering Support to Rebels

Source: Radio Dabanga



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“Colonel Philip Aguer, official spokesman of the South Sudanese army, denied allegations that his country is providing any kind of support to rebel movements fighting the Sudanese army in the provinces of Darfur, Kordofan and the Blue Nile...”

Europe

[EU Moving Toward Ban of Hezbollah Military Wing](#)

Author/Source: Benjamin Weinthal, Jonny Paul, The Jerusalem Post

“The European Union has moved toward a consensus on outlawing the armed wing of Hezbollah, with its inclusion on the EU terror list slated to take place in late 2013...”

US & Canada

[Issa Seeks Deposition of Benghazi Panel Chairman](#)

Source: UPI

“House Oversight Committee chairman said he would subpoena the head of the panel that reviewed the terrorist attack on the consulate in Benghazi, Libya...”

[‘Ball Dropped’ in Russia-FBI Communications](#)

Author/Source: Siobhan Gorman, The Wall Street Journal

“Russia withheld a crucial piece of information from the U.S. before the Boston bombings, U.S. officials say, bolstering a concern that distrust between the two governments erased an opportunity to avert the disaster...”

[Cyberattacks on Rise against U.S. Corporations](#)

Author/Source: David E. Sanger, Nicole Perlroth, The New York Times

“A new wave of cyberattacks is striking American corporations, prompting warnings from federal officials, including a vague one issued last week by the Department of Homeland Security...”

[Tsarnaev Text Messages Caught Russia's Eye](#)

Source: UPI

“The theory that of accused Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev detonated the two backpack bombs at the finish line of the race was bolstered by the weekend revelation that he had said in text messages he was planning to join up with militant Muslim jihadists...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Mexican Indicted for Drug Smuggling Attempt Involving Decorative Wooden Carts](#)

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“A federal grand jury returned an indictment last Thursday against a Mexican national who attempted to smuggle more than 15 pounds of methamphetamine into the U.S. through Sacramento International Airport concealed inside two decorative wooden carts...”