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Policy in Washington

[U.S. Military Lawyers Put More Pressure on Guantanamo](#)

Author/Source: Jane Sutton, Reuters

“Military and civilian lawyers for prisoners at the Guantanamo naval base urged U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel to improve conditions for detainees, putting more pressure on the Obama administration to make good its promise to close the camp...”

[U.S. Industry Touts ‘Drone’ Promise As Public Debate Flares](#)

Author/Source: Andrea Shalal-Esa, Reuters

“Public backlash against deadly overseas drone strikes may undermine promising uses of such technology for anything from disaster response to mail delivery, a top U.S. industry group said as it launched a lobbying effort to “demystify” unmanned planes...”

Afghanistan

[Neighbors of Afghanistan Trying to Divide the Country: Karzai](#)

Author/Source: Shakela Abrahamkhil, Tolonews

“President Karzai at a meeting with Interior Ministry officials warned them that the neighboring countries are putting efforts to destroy the system of Afghanistan...”

Iraq

[Gunmen Kill Seven Iraqi Soldiers in Worsening Conflict](#)

Author/Source: Isabel Coles, Reuters

“Ten years after the U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein, Sunni, Shi’ite and ethnic Kurdish factions have yet to find a stable power-sharing deal and security is deteriorating...”

[Iraq Violence Kills 11](#)

Author/Source: Dawn

“Attacks in Iraq on Thursday killed 11 people, including four soldiers, officials said, the latest in a wave of violence that has left 420 people dead so far this month...”

Israeli-Arab Conflict

[Father of Muhammad al-Dura Rebukes Israeli Report on Son’s Death](#)

Author/Source: Harriet Sherwood, The Guardian

“In a scrubby cemetery in central Gaza, where crumbling tombstones nestle in the sand amid windblown rubbish, Jamal al-Dura crouched at the grave of his son Muhammed to recite the Muslim prayer for the dead...”

[Israel Government Divided on Peace Issue: Livni](#)

Author/Source: The Express Tribune

“Israel’s government is divided on the issue of peace with the Palestinians, its top negotiator and Justice Minister Tzipi Livni said Thursday ahead of a meeting with US Secretary of State



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John Kerry..."

[Amnesty: Israel, Hamas Committed War Crimes in Gaza Assault](#)

Author/Source: Ma'an News

"Israel and Hamas committed war crimes and other violations of international humanitarian law during Israel's assault on Gaza in November 2012, Amnesty International said Thursday..."

Middle East

[UN Report Finds Iran Violates Sanctions Using Front Firms](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

"Reuters reported on March 1 that Glencore had supplied thousands of tons of alumina to an Iranian firm that has provided aluminum to Iran's nuclear program, an allegation Glencore confirmed as accurate..."

[Iran Denies Its Drone Entered Bahrain's Airspace](#)

Author/Source: Dawn

"An Iranian semi-official news agency reports the country is denying that an unmanned drone violated the airspace of Bahrain, the strategic Gulf kingdom that hosts the US Navy's 5th Fleet..."

[Kerry to Restart Israeli-Palestinian Talks](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

"John Kerry, the US secretary of state, has begun a round of separate talks with Israeli and Palestinian officials but acknowledges there is considerable scepticism that the two sides will resume peace negotiations..."

[Death Toll Rises in Lebanon Clashes](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

"Seven people have been killed and more than 50 wounded in overnight clashes in Tripoli between Lebanese fighters backing rival factions in Syria's civil war, according to doctors and security sources..."

[Deadly Blast Targets Pakistan Security Force](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

"A bomb planted in a rickshaw has struck a vehicle used by security forces in southwest Pakistan, killing at least 12 people, 11 of them police personnel, and wounding many more, sources say..."

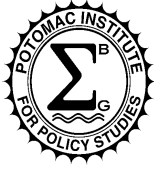
[Assad Foe Tells Syrian Leader to Cede Power to Officials](#)

Author/Source: Alistair Lyon, Reuters

"A Syrian opposition leader urged President Bashar al-Assad on Thursday to hand power to his deputy or his prime minister and then go abroad with 500 members of his entourage, without immunity from prosecution..."

[American Who Was Killed by Drone Had Been Arrested by Pakistan](#)

Author/Source: Dawn



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“Pakistani authorities once arrested an American citizen now known to have been killed in a US drone strike in the country, but he escaped after being released on bail...”

Five Persons Gunned Down in Balochistan’s Sibi Area

Author/Source: Dawn

“At least five persons including four women were killed whereas another two injured in a firing incident in Balochistan's Sibi town on Thursday, police said...”

Nations to Boost Aid to Syrian Rebels Until Assad Goes

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“World powers urged Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to commit to peace but warned Thursday that if he fails to negotiate a political transition they would boost their backing of the opposition...”

Friends of Syria Meeting Blocks Peace Conference

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“The pro-opposition Friends of Syria meeting held in Amman has blocked the way for the international peace conference proposed by the United States and Russia, Syrian state news agency SANA said on Thursday...”

South Asia

Kashmir Clash: Indian Police Kill Suspected Militant

Author/Source: BBC

“Police in Indian-administered Kashmir say they have killed a suspected militant in a gunfight...”

India Set to Become Net Provider for Security in Region: PM Manmohan Singh

Author/Source: Rajat Pandit, Times of India

“Prime Minister Manmohan Singhon Thursday said India's deterrence capabilities have “matured and have been given concrete shape” in the last nine years, even as the country has become “better equipped” to deal with non-conventional threats, especially in the cyber and space domains...”

East Asia

North Korea Says Willing to Take China’s Advice and Start Talks

Author/Source: Ben Blanchard and Sui-Lee Wee, Reuters

“North Korea is willing to take China's advice and enter into talks, Chinese state television cited an envoy of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un as saying, following weeks of tension on the Korean peninsula after the North's latest nuclear test...”

China Offers Troops For UN Mali Mission

Author/Source: The Telegraph

“The move is being seen as a goodwill gesture to France and other Western powers to soothe some of the tensions over Syria, and to strengthen Beijing's relations in Africa, where it is a major buyer of oil and other resources...”



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China Will Continue to Support Pakistan, Promote Relations: Prime Minister

Author/Source: Peer Muhammad, The Express Tribune

“The Chinese Premier Li KeQiang on Thursday said integrity, independence and sovereignty of Pakistan is very dear to China and his government would continue supporting Pakistan despite any change at the international level...”

Africa

Crackdown on Radical Islamists Tests Tunisia’s Stability

Author/Source: Tarek Amara, Reuters

“For the first time since the Arab Spring uprisings of 2011, relations between mainstream Islamists in government and radical Salafist Muslim activists have reached breaking point, sparking deadly clashes in two Tunisian cities...”

Islamists Kill 20 in Suicide Attacks in Niger

Author/Source: Abdoulaye Massalatchi, Reuters

“Islamist suicide bombers struck a barracks and a French-run uranium mine in Niger on Thursday, officials said, killing 20 people and wounding dozens in attacks that showed armed unrest spreading across West Africa...”

Europe

British Prime Minister Seeks Answers After Soldier Hacked to Death

Author/Source: Maria Golovnina and Guy Faulconbridge, Reuters

“A dramatic clip filmed by an onlooker just minutes after Wednesday's killing showed a man with hands covered in blood shouting Islamic slogans and promising revenge on Britain for its participation in wars in the Muslim world...”

France Wants Hezbollah Armed Wing on EU Terror List by End of June

Author/Source: John Irish, Reuters

“France said on Thursday it hoped an initiative could be agreed by the end of June to put the armed wing of Hezbollah on the EU's list of terrorist organizations on grounds the group is importing Syria's war into Lebanon...”

US & Canada

U.S. Admits Drones Killed Four Americans

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“The United States has killed four of its own citizens in drone strikes in Yemen and Pakistan, the Barack Obama administration has formally acknowledged...”

Latin America and the Caribbean

FARC Deny Kidnapping Spanish Couple in Colombia

Author/Source: BBC

“The Colombian rebel group Farc has denied taking part in the kidnapping of two Spanish tourists in the north-east of the country...”

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-22632300>

Rebel Attack Kills Nine Colombian Soldiers

Author/Source: The Latin American Herald Tribune



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“The death toll from the attack staged by National Liberation Army, or ELN, guerrillas on soldiers in a rural area outside Chitaga, a city in Colombia’s Norte de Santander province, has risen to nine, the army said Wednesday...”

Technology and Cyber

[US Report Warns on China IP Theft](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“The theft of intellectual property from the US is "unprecedented" and costing the nation an estimated \$300bn (£200bn) each year, a report says...”

Legal Issues

[Saudi to ‘Protest Strongly’ Against Iranian Spying, Says FM](#)

Author/Source: Mohammed Fahad al-Harhi, Al Arabiya

“Saudi Arabia “will protest strongly” against Iranian espionage, “and inform international agencies, including the United Nations and the Arab League, in order to adopt a suitable stance against Iran,” Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal told Arab News on Wednesday...”

WMD

[Iran Expanding Nuclear Activities: IAEA](#)

Author/Source: The Express Tribune

“Iran is making significant progress in expanding its nuclear programme, including in opening up a potential second route to developing the bomb, a new UN atomic agency report showed Wednesday...”