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Middle East

[Egyptian Protesters Storm Suez Canal Project Meeting](#)

Author/Source: Shounaz Mekky, Al Arabiya

“Demonstrators stormed a conference in the Egyptian city of Port Said on Thursday to protest against a planned Suez Canal Corridor project...”

[Yemen's Main Oil Pipeline Attacked, Pumping Stopped](#)

Source: Reuters

“Attackers blew up Yemen's main oil export pipeline on Friday, halting the flow of crude, the government and industry sources said...”

[Kerry Urges Hard Decisions for Peace Talks](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“John Kerry, US secretary of state, has urged Israeli and Palestinian leaders to take "hard decisions" to revive the Middle East peace process...”

[Turkey to Build 2.5-Kilometer-Long Wall on Syria Border](#)

Source: Hurriyet Daily News

“Turkey is to build a 2.5-kilometer-long wall along the Cilvegözü border gate with Syria to prevent illegal crossings, Trade and Customs Minister Hayati Yazıcı announced May 23...”

[5 Die as Assad Backers, Foes Clash in Lebanon](#)

Author/Source: Karin Laub, The Associated Press

“Opponents and supporters of Syrian President Bashar Assad traded heavy machine gun fire and mortar shells in the Lebanese port city of Tripoli, leaving five people dead in what was described as some of the heaviest fighting there in years, officials said yesterday...”

[Fighting Dislocates 70-80% of Palestinians in Syria, Says UNRWA](#)

Source: Agence France Presse

“The conflict in Syria has displaced more than two-thirds of Palestinian refugees living in the country, the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees said yesterday...”

[3 al-Qaida Members, 2 Soldiers Dead in Yemen Clash](#)

Author/Source: Ahmed al-Had, The Associated Press

“A security official says al-Qaida gunmen attacked a military position in a southern province, touching off fighting that left three militants and two soldiers dead...”

[Russia: Syria Agrees to Take Part in Talks](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Russia says the Syrian government had agreed in principle to attend an international peace conference proposed by Russia and the US, and criticized what it called attempts to undermine peace efforts...”



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South Asia

Fighting Rages for Strategic Afghan Town

Author/Source: Jennifer Glasse, Al Jazeera

“Hundreds of Afghan villagers are leaving their homes in Helmand province because of intense fighting between security forces and the Taliban...”

Police: Suicide Bomb Hits Heart of Afghan Capital

Source: The Associated Press

“A suicide bomber struck in the heart of the Afghan capital on Friday, sending a plume of smoke billowing over Kabul in the second major attack in the city in little over a week, police said...”

Suicide Blast Leaves 4 Killed, Several Injured in NW Pakistan

Source: Xinhua

“At least four people were killed and several others injured when a suicide bomber hit a mosque in Pakistan's northwest Peshawar city Friday afternoon, local media reported...”

Suspected Rebels Kill 4 Indian Soldiers, Lose 1 Fighter in Indian-Held Kashmir

Source: The Associated Press

“Four Indian army soldiers and a suspected rebel were killed in fighting in the Indian portion of Kashmir on Friday, officials said...”

India Has 'Reservations' over China's Activities in PoK

Source: The Times of India

“India on Friday expressed serious reservations over Chinese activities in PoK and said New Delhi has conveyed its views to authorities in Beijing...”

Suicide Attack in Peshawar Leaves Two Dead

Author/Source: Zahir Shah Sherazi, Dawn

“The vehicle of the chief of an Afghan religious outfit, Jamatul Dawa Alquran and Sunnah came under a suicide bomb attack near a seminary on Pajaggi Road in the suburb's of Peshawar killing two persons shortly after Friday prayers...”

12 Security Men Die in Quetta Explosion

Author/Source: Mohammed Zafar, The Express Tribune

“A bomb, planted in a rickshaw, tore through a vehicle of the Balochistan Constabulary near Quetta Thursday morning, killing at least 12 personnel and a driver...”

Violence in Karachi Claims Six Lives

Source: Dawn

“At least six persons, including a woman, were killed and two others were killed in various firing incidents in the city whereas three children were injured in a grenade attack on a school in Karachi's Orangi Town area on Friday, DawnNews reported...”

Gunmen Kill Nato Driver in Peshawar: Officials

Source: Dawn



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“Gunmen on Friday opened fire on a convoy of Nato containers in a northwestern town in Peshawar near the Afghan border, killing a driver and wounding a helper, officials said...”

[Deadly Blast Targets Pakistan Security Forces](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“The Pakistani Taliban has claimed responsibility for a car bomb attack that killed at least 12 people, 11 of them police personnel, just outside Quetta in the southwest of the country...”

Southeast Asia

[Deadly Blast Targets Thai Soldiers](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Five paramilitary soldiers have been killed and one other has been wounded by a roadside bomb in southern Thailand, local police say...”

[Soldier Killed, Three Hurt in Clash with Leftist Rebels in S. Philippines](#)

Source: Xinhua

“A Philippine government soldier was killed and three others were wounded in an encounter with the leftist rebel group of New People's Army (NPA) in the restive southern Philippines on Wednesday, local police said Thursday...”

[Bomb Explodes Outside Shopping Mall in Southern Philippines](#)

Source: Xinhua

“A homemade bomb exploded Thursday afternoon outside a shopping mall in the southern Philippine city of Pagadian...”

[Malaysia Arrests Opposition Figures](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Malaysian police have arrested three opposition politicians and activists and charged another with sedition, launching a crackdown on dissent three weeks after a divisive election that sparked a series of protests...”

East Asia

[Three Chinese Ships in Disputed Waters: Japan](#)

Source: The Bangkok Post

“Three Chinese government ships sailed in waters around disputed islands controlled by Tokyo for about nine hours on Thursday, Japan's coastguard said...”

Africa

[DRC Rebels Announce 'Temporary' Ceasefire](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Rebels in the Democratic Republic of Congo have declared a temporary ceasefire, during a visit by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and World Bank chief Jim Yong Kim in country's volatile east...”

[UN: Darfur Fighting has Displaced 300,000](#)

Source: Reuters

“About 300,000 people have fled their homes due to a surge in fighting in Sudan's Darfur



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region this year and are now living in terrible conditions and short of food, the United Nations aid chief said on Wednesday...”

[15 Injured in Clash with Security Forces in Guinea](#)

Source: The Associated Press

“A government spokesman says at least 15 people were injured, four of them by bullet wounds, during a protest in Guinea's capital between opposition parties and security forces...”

[Togo Police Fire Tear Gas at Protesters](#)

Source: The Associated Press

“Police fired tear gas to disperse protesters in the latest confrontation between the ruling party and Togo's increasingly active opposition...”

[Armed Group Claims Niger Suicide Attacks](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“More than 20 people have been killed in twin suicide bombings in central Niger, claimed by group MUJAO in retaliation for the country's military involvement in neighboring Mali...”

Europe

[Rioters Continue to Battle Police in Sweden](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“At least nine cars have been torched and two schools and a police station set ablaze in riots in Stockholm's immigrant-dominated suburbs for the fifth straight night, police and firefighters say...”

[Two More Arrested Over UK Soldier's Killing](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Police in London have arrested a man and a woman in connection with the murder of a British soldier near a military barrack...”

[UK Fighters Escort Pakistan Plane to Airport, Two Arrests](#)

Author/Source: Rhys Jones and Peter Griffiths, Reuters

“British fighter jets escorted a Pakistan International Airlines passenger plane to Stansted Airport near London on Friday, where police went on board and arrested two men on suspicion of endangering an aircraft...”

US & Canada

[Mexico Drug Cartel Commander Pleads Guilty in Murder of U.S. Official](#)

Author/Source: Chris Francescani, Reuters

“A Mexican drug cartel commander known as "Tweety Bird" pleaded guilty on Thursday in federal court in Washington to ordering the ambush and murder of U.S. immigration agents in 2011, according to U.S. officials...”

[Obama Defends US Drone Attacks](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“President Barack Obama has defended his country's controversial drone attacks as legal, effective and a necessary tool in an evolving US counterterrorism policy...”



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South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Stores Shut, Schools Close Amid Curfew by Rio Drug Dealers](#)

Author/Source: Paulo Prada, Reuters

“Drug traffickers in Rio de Janeiro ordered shops closed in one of its biggest slums early Thursday, defying efforts to restore order to the city's vast shantytowns and renewing safety concerns in Brazil as it prepares to host the World Cup and Olympics...”