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Middle East

[Violence Against Journalists in Afghanistan Increasing](#)

Author/Source: Bethany Matta, VOA

“The rise of independent media in Afghanistan has been one of the country's biggest achievements - but there are troubling signs for its future...”

[Iraq violence: Baghdad car bombs kill at least 66](#)

Author/Source: Rami Ruhayem, BBC

“At least 66 people have been killed in a series of car bombs targeting mainly Shia areas in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, police say...”

[Israel conducts drills to prepare for missile attacks](#)

Author/Source: UPI

“A three-day national drill to prepare government bodies and civilians for an unconventional weapons attack began Monday, the Israeli army said...”

[Lebanese sources deny rocket attack on northern Israel](#)

Author/Source: JPost

“Lebanese officials denied witness reports that a rocket was fired from south Lebanon towards Israel overnight Sunday, Hezbollah-affiliated *Al-Manar* website reported...”

[Livni, Molcho meet Kerry in Jordan over peace talks](#)

Author/Source: Tovah Lazaroff, JPost

“Party leader Tzipi Livni and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's envoy Yitzhak Molcho secretly met US Secretary of State John Kerry in Jordan...”

[Int'l conference on anti-Semitism in Jerusalem to open](#)

Author/Source: Sam Sokol, JPost

“Foreign diplomats, Jewish communal heads and representatives of nongovernmental organizations from over 50 nations will convene in Jerusalem on Tuesday evening for the Global Forum for Combating Anti-Semitism, to formulate what the Foreign Ministry terms a “concrete action plan” to “combat anti-Semitism’s growing threat...”

[Iran to build `4 to 5` research reactors](#)

Author/Source: Farhad Pouladi, Dawn

“Iran will continue enriching uranium to 20 per cent level to fuel “four to five” nuclear research reactors it intends to build in the “next few years,” a top official told the ISNA news agency on Monday...”

[Syria fighting rages, more chemical attacks reported](#)



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Author/Source: Erika Solomon, Reuters

“Heavy fighting raged around the strategic Syrian border town of Qusair and the capital Damascus on Monday and further reports surfaced of chemical weapons attacks by President Bashar al-Assad's forces on rebel areas...”

Syria`s death toll growing, say rights groups

Author/Source: Katherine Marsh, Dawn

“As funerals for some of the 27 people shot dead in Deraa on Friday were being held, there were reports of violent clashes between mourners and security services...”

Hezbollah's Beirut heartland hit in Syrian war spillover

Author/Source: Karin Laub, Arab News

“Two rockets hit Hezbollah strongholds in Beirut on Sunday, tearing through an apartment and peppering cars with shrapnel, a day after the Lebanese group’s leader pledged to lift President Bashar Assad to victory in Syria’s civil war...”

Nato ships on Gulf tour amid Iran tension

Author/Source: W.G. Dunlop, Dawn

“Nato warships were on Monday moored in Dubai’s main port alongside a slew of cargo vessels on a mission to boost military ties with Gulf Arab states, which have increasingly tense relations with Iran...”

14 jailed in Bahrain for killing Pakistani

Author/Source: Dawn

“A top Bahraini court upheld a 15-year jail term for 14 people on Monday after they were convicted of killing a Pakistani man in Manama during the 2011 uprising, a judicial source said...”

DSP among 5 policemen killed in Shangla bomb blast

Author/Source: Khalid Khan, Dawn

“DSP Khan Bahadar and the other policemen were going to Poran Kotki from Aloch when a bomb went off near their vehicle at Piryanai, some 4km from Aloch...”

By Inserting Itself Into Syrian War, Hezbollah Makes Dramatic Gamble

Author/Source: Anne Barnard, New York Times

“Fighting a pre-emptive war against foreign jihadists is not the usual mission for Hezbollah, the Lebanese militant group best known for confronting Israel...”

Bahrain bans political groups from contacting Hezbollah

Author/Source: Yara Bayoumy, Reuters

“Bahrain on Monday banned political groups from making any contact with Lebanese militant movement Hezbollah, a day after the Gulf Arab state's foreign minister called the head of the Shi'ite Muslim group a "terrorist"...”

Sniper kills Syrian journalist from pro-government TV

Author/Source: Erika Solomon, Reuters

“Sniper fire killed a well-known Syrian journalist working for a pro-government television



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channel near the Lebanese-Syrian border on Monday, the state news agency said...”

Gunmen kidnap two South African citizens in Yemen

Author/Source: Sami Aboudi, Reuters

“Unidentified gunmen seized two South African citizens in the Yemeni city of Taiz on Monday and police were trying to determine who was behind the kidnapping, an Interior Ministry source said...”

Balochistan: infiltrators in police

Author/Source: Fida H. Changazi, Dawn

“INFILTRATIONS of criminals, extremists and terrorist helpers in the security agencies have shocked the people of Balochistan...”

Perpetrators of Kabul attack must be brought to justice: UN Security Council

Author/Source: Xinhua

“The UN Security Council on Sunday stressed the need to bring to justice the perpetrators of a terror attack in Kabul, Afghanistan on Friday, and reiterated its commitment to fighting all terrorist activities...”

UN rights chief says anti-terror measures can backfire

Author/Source: JPost

“United Nations human rights chief Navi Pillay told governments on Monday that trying to fight terrorism by limiting personal freedoms and mistreating suspects could only worsen the problem...”

Central Asia

Security Forces' Fatalities on the Rise in Kashmir

Author/Source: Betwa Sharma, New York Times

“In two separate gun battles between security forces and militants last week, four soldiers and two militants were killed in the Kashmir Valley...”

Indian gov't says no talks with Maoist rebels

Author/Source: Ashok Sharma, Miami Herald

“The Indian government on Tuesday ruled out peace talks with Maoist rebels who killed 24 people in a daring attack over the weekend in an eastern state...”

South Asia

14 killed in new anti-terror Philippine offensive

Author/Source: Jim Gomez, Jakarta Post

“At least 14 Philippine marines and Abu Sayyaf militants were killed in a clash in a new U.S.-backed offensive aimed at rescuing six foreign and Filipino hostages and stopping the al-Qaida-linked gunmen from staging more kidnappings in the country's south, a military commander said Sunday...”



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Communist rebels kill seven Philippine police

Author/Source: Dawn

“Communist insurgents in the Philippines killed seven police commandoes on Monday, authorities said, the latest in a series of attacks by the rebels this year that have left dozens of people dead...”

Africa

North Africa: West Africa, Maghreb Face Same Extremist Threat

Author/Source: Jemal Oumar, allAfrica

“Wahhabism is taking root in West and North Africa, warns the head of the Senegal-based Observatory of Extremism and Religious Conflicts...”

Nigerian Military Says It Foiled 'Extensive Terrorist Operation'

Author/Source: Heather Murdock, VOA

“The Nigerian military says it has killed three insurgents and captured 25 while foiling what it calls an "extensive terrorist operation" in the northeastern city of Maiduguri, at the epicenter of the insurrection by the group known as Boko Haram. Communication networks remain shut down making it hard to confirm or deny the military's account...”

Sudan's army seizes back town from rebels in oil state

Author/Source: Ulf Laessing and Khalid Abdelaziz, Reuters

“Sudan has seized back a town from rebels who took it a month ago, the government said on Monday as it continued a push against insurgents it says are backed by South Sudan...”

Congo warlord says will not back down from U.N. brigade

Author/Source: Johnny Hogg, Reuters

“Eastern Congo's most powerful warlord stands on a hillside, surrounded by heavily armed fighters, and gazes down on the sprawling lakeside city of Goma spread invitingly below him in the distance...”

Europe

France analyzing samples of suspected Syrian chemical weapon elements

Author/Source: John Irish, Reuters

“France is testing samples of suspected chemical weapon elements used against Syrian rebel fighters and smuggled out by reporters from Le Monde newspaper and will divulge the results in the next few days, a senior French official said on Monday...”

French anti-terrorism police hunt man who stabbed soldier

Author/Source: Kim Willsher, The Guardian

“French anti-terrorism investigators are hunting for a bearded man who was reported to have been praying before he stabbed a French soldier outside a busy train terminal...”



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UK sets up task force to target radical preachers

Author/Source: Arab News

“Britain’s government is setting up a new terrorism task force to tackle radical preachers and extremism, officials said yesterday, days after suspects apparently linked to extremist Islamist activists brutally killed a British soldier in a London street...”

Threat to blow up PIA plane: Bail plea of two rejected

Author/Source: Dawn

“A judge has denied bail to two British nationals of Pakistani origin who allegedly threatened to blow up a PIA plane flying from Lahore to Manchester...”

EU divided over Syria arms embargo

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“The European Union nations remain divided on whether to ease sanctions against Syria to allow for weapons shipments to rebels fighting the regime of President Bashar al-Assad...”

Anti-Muslim march held in UK over killing

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Far-right protesters marched through the streets of central London chanting anti-Muslim slogans as part of the backlash of the killing of a British soldier last week...”

Fight against terrorism: UK’s Muslim groups urge consultation

Author/Source: Sam Jones, Dawn

“Leading British Islamic groups have urged the government to consult Muslims over plans for combating extremism, warning that knee-jerk policies risk exacerbating the problem and damaging social cohesion...”

US & Canada

US, Russia discuss peace plan for Syria

Author/Source: Dawn

“The top US and Russian diplomats met on Monday to try to accelerate frustratingly slow peace efforts in Syria, where the signs point only to a worsening conflict...”

Arab earthquake disrupts US war on terror

Author/Source: Dan De Luce, Dawn

“Arab unrest is shaking the foundations of US counter-terror efforts that have long relied on spy agencies under authoritarian regimes to help fight Islamist militants...”

US Senator McCain met with rebels in Syria

Author/Source: JPost

“US Senator John McCain, a former Republican presidential candidate and one of the loudest voices calling for military aid to the Syrian opposition, met with some of the rebels during a surprise visit to the war-torn country on Monday, his spokesman said...”



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Drone strikes and diplomacy

Author/Source: Shazeb Ali, Dawn

“The origin of drone technology lies in remotely-piloted vehicle (RPV) and unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)...”