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Middle East

[Amos Gilad: S-300 can reach Hezbollah via Syria](#)

Author/Source: Yaakov Lappin, Jerusalem Post

“Israel and Russia have excellent dialogue,” the head of the security-diplomatic branch of the Defense Ministry says...”

[Assad: Israel supports 'terrorist' rebel groups](#)

Author/Source: YNet News

“Syrian president says Israel gives rebels 'logistical support, tells them what sites to attack, how to attack them'; insists diplomatic efforts to resolve Syrian crisis will be futile...”

[Tunisia bans Salafist group's meeting](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Interior ministry says annual congress would be in violation of law and represents threat to public order...”

[Seven Suspected al-Qaeda Members Die in Yemen Air Strike](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“At least seven suspected al-Qaeda members, including the leader of the group, died Saturday in a drone air strike against the truck they were riding in across south Yemen, police officials in the area said...”

[Roadside bomb kills 19 in west Baghdad: police, medics](#)

Author/Source: Mike Collett-White, Reuters

“Nineteen people were killed on Friday when a roadside bomb exploded near a commercial complex in the Amiriya district in the west of Baghdad, police and medics said...”

[Bombs targeting Sunnis kill at least 76 in Iraq](#)

Author/Source: Sameer N. Yacoub, The Jakarta Post

“Bombs ripped through Sunni areas in Baghdad and surrounding areas Friday, killing at least 76 people in the deadliest day in Iraq in more than eight months...”

[Jalili: Iran doesn't recognize Israel's 'red line'](#)

Author/Source: Jerusalem Post

“Iranian negotiation says he would continue resisting int'l community demands on nuclear program if elected president...”

<http://www.jpost.com/Iranian-Threat/News/Jalili-Iran-doesnt-recognize-Israel's-red-line-313448>

[Blasts rock Libya's capital and eastern city](#)

Author/Source: The Washington Times



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“Libyan officials say explosions went off in the capital Tripoli and the restive eastern city of Benghazi, but no casualties were reported...”

New issue of al Qaeda Magazine out, but hacked

Author/Source: ZeeNews India

“A purported new issue of an English-language al Qaeda magazine, linked to the Boston terrorist attacks, has been posted on the web but its contents were hacked...”

NGO’s say Syrian activists face ‘terror’ charges

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“The Syrian authorities must drop all charges against prominent peace activist Mazen Darwish and two of his colleagues, 19 human rights organizations said on Friday...”

Assad says WMD claims pretext for war

Author/Source: Weedah Hamzah and Ramadan Al-Fatash, News24

“Western claims that the Syrian government used chemical weapons against its own people are a pretext for waging a war against Syria, President Bashar Assad said in remarks published on Saturday...”

Central Asia

Friday prayer attacks kill 20, injure about 50

Author/Source: Javed Aziz Khan, Central Asia Online

“Two blasts at Malakand mosques represent the first major terrorist attack in Pakistan since the general election...”

Gunmen Kill Pakistan Party Official

Author/Source: The New York Times

“The police said gunmen on a motorcycle shot and killed a senior member of a leading Pakistani political party on Saturday...”

Afghan MPs block divisive women's rights law

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Legislation was approved by President Karzai in 2009, but stalled by conservative MPs who deemed it un-Islamic...”

U.S. state cancels subsidy for investment from Pakistani company

Author/Source: Susan Guyett, Reuters

“Indiana has canceled subsidies for a planned \$1.8 billion fertilizer plant in the state because of concerns that a Pakistani company involved in the project makes products used in improvised explosives that kill and injure U.S. troops in Afghanistan...”

South Asia

‘Can’t link Shah with terror plan’

Author/Source: Hindustan Times

“The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has said there is “no substantial link” to prove the involvement of suspected Hizbul militant Liyaqat Shah in the conspiracy to carry out terror attacks in the national Capital...”



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"Old network, new faces" plotting terror in Indonesia

Author/Source: Yenny Herawati and Andhika Bhakti, Khabar Southeast Asia

“Extremist cells busted in a series of raids were involved in a spree of bank robberies, apparently designed to secure funding for a terror training camp and other operations...”

East Asia

North Korea launches short-range missiles

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Two missiles fired in the morning, followed by another in the afternoon, according to South Korea’s defence ministry...”

North Korean cyber-rattling

Author/Source: The Economist

“AMERICANS have grown accustomed to North Korean nuclear petulance. Now they are learning to live with its cyber sabre-rattling...”

Africa

Nigeria sets curfew in Boko Haram stronghold

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Nigeria’s military has declared a 24-hour curfew on a dozen neighbourhoods in a northeastern city that is a stronghold of the armed group Boko Haram...”

Official: Nigeria military attacks camps, kills 21

Author/Source: Haruna Umar and Jon Gambrell, The Jakarta Post

“Soldiers in Nigeria launched their first raid against suspected Islamic extremists in a campaign to take back control of the nation’s northeast, killing at least 21 people, a security official said Friday...”

Ivory Coast: Duekoue massacre suspect Ouremi held

Author/Source: BBC News

“The authorities in Ivory Coast have arrested a militia leader suspected of a role in one of the worst massacres during 2011 post-election violence...”

Nigeria kidnap victim Chris McManus was ‘unlawfully killed’

Author/Source: BBC

“An engineer from Greater Manchester was unlawfully killed by his kidnappers in Nigeria minutes after a UK-led rescue operation stormed in, an inquest found...”

Europe

Rival protesters clash in Ukraine

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Backers of President Yanukovich scuffle with opposition supporters calling for jailed ex-PM Tymoshenko to be freed...”



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US & Canada

US scolds Russia for sending arms to Syria

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Senior military officer says weapons transfer will "prolong suffering" amid push for international peace conference...”

Washington gets explicit: its 'war on terror' is permanent

Author/Source: Glenn Greenwald, The Guardian

“Senior Obama officials tell the US Senate: the 'war', in limitless form, will continue for 'at least' another decade - or two...”

US vows to continue its foreign 'war on terror' bid for at least 10-20 years

Author/Source: Press TV

“A top US military official has emphasized that the American so-called “war on terror” on Muslim world will continue for ‘at least 10 to 20 years...”

CIA chief John Brennan in Israel on mystery stop

Author/Source: Cheryl K. Chumley, The Washington Times

“The head of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency made an unannounced visit to Israel on Friday to meet with Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon...”

Cigarette-smuggling ring investigated for terror ties

Author/ Source: Cheryl K. Chumley, The Washington Times

“A \$55 million cigarette-smuggling ring that cheated several East Coast states out of sales tax dollars could be tied to terrorist groups, authorities said...”

Man in US court for Uzbekistan terrorism plot

Author/Source: The Jakarta Post

“An Uzbekistan national living in Idaho is in federal court in Boise on charges he conspired with a terrorist group on a scheme to use a weapon of mass destruction in his home country...”

Obama Uses Terror-Finance Group to Push Gun Control

Author/Source: Ryan Mauro, Frontpage Mag

“The Obama Administration’s relationship with the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), a U.S. Muslim Brotherhood entity, has grown beyond strictly Muslim-related issues...”

Boise case may be new chapter for terror group

Author/Source: Idaho Statesman

“The IMU has been active in Pakistan and Afghanistan for more than a decade...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

Lack of ‘democratic security’ reason enough not to reelect Santos: Zuluaga

Author/Source: Jim Glades, Columbia Reports

“Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos’ abandonment of his predecessor Alvaro Uribe’s “Democratic Security” policy is the main reason he should not be reelected in 2014, said



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presidential hopeful Oscar Ivan Zuluaga Friday...”

[Human rights group welcome Guatemala genocide ruling](#)

Author/Source: Vatican Radio

“The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay, has welcomed a ruling against Guatemala’s former head of state, José Efraín Ríos Montt, for genocide and crimes against humanity...”