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Middle East

[In the face of Daesh successes, Al Qaeda adapts, grows stronger](#)

Author/Source: Khaleej

“When Al Qaeda overran the Yemeni port city of Mukalla last month, the group’s commanders immediately struck a deal to share power with the area’s tribesmen. No militant banners were raised...”

[Former CIA chief: We totally dropped the ball on al Qaeda's rebound](#)

Author/Source: Jeremy Bender, Business Insider

“A former CIA chief has admitted in a new tell-all book that the intelligence organization badly misjudged Qaeda’s rebound during the Arab Spring, Greg Miller of The Washington Post reports...”

[28 killed in bomb attacks, clashes with IS in Iraq](#)

Author/Source: Mu Xuequan, Xinhua

“A total of 28 people were killed and over 29 others wounded on Monday in bomb attacks and clashes with Islamic State (IS) militants across Iraq...”

[Islamic State Captures ‘Large Portions’ of Critical Oil Refinery in Iraq](#)

Author/Source: Daniel Bassali, The Washington Free Beacon

“Iraqi forces defending the country’s largest oil refinery are surrounded and running low on supplies, calling to question how long they can remain in control of the critical site...”

[IDF veterans describe lax Gaza war rules, indiscriminate fire](#)

Author/Source: Ynet News

“Israel inflicted "massive and unprecedented harm" to Palestinian civilians in the 2014 Gaza war with indiscriminate fire and lax rules of engagement, a report said on Monday, citing testimony given anonymously by dozens of troops...”

[In assuring Israel on Iran, Kerry references upgraded bunker-buster](#)

Author/Source: Mitch Ginsburg, The Times of Israel

“Secretary of State John Kerry raised the specter of using a 30,000-pound (13,600-kg) bunker-buster bomb against Iran’s nuclear program in an interview aired this week...”

[Rights Group: 64 Civilians Killed in Syria Coalition Strike](#)

Author/Source: VOA

“A Syrian rights group reported Monday that the death toll of civilians purportedly killed in airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition on a village controlled by the Islamic State group in Syria has risen to 64, including 31 children...”



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[France, Saudi Arabia: Iran nuclear deal must avoid destabilizing region](#)

Author/Source: John Irish, Reuters

“France and Saudi Arabia believe that any future deal between Iran and six major powers must ensure not to destabilise the region further and threaten Iran's neighbours...”

Central Asia

[Tajikistan Jails 10 As Members Of Banned Islamic Group](#)

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe

“A court in the Sughd region of northern Tajikistan has sentenced 10 local men to 8 1/2 years in jail each after convicting them of being members of a banned Islamic group...”

[US Asks Uzbekistan to Set Free Imprisoned Journalist](#)

Author/Source: Joe Peerson, Silk Road Reporters

“The United States State Department has made an official statement urging the Republic of Uzbekistan to set free the jailed opposition journalist...”

South Asia

[Police suspect Al Qaeda ties to death of U.S. blogger in Bangladesh](#)

Author/Source: Mohiuddin Kader, LA Times

“A new Al Qaeda affiliate has claimed responsibility for the killing of a Bangladeshi American blogger...”

[Al Qaeda's South Asia Arm Blames India's Modi, Charlie Hebdo For War Against Muslims](#)

Author/Source: Sneha Shankar, International Business Times

“The chief of al Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) claimed responsibility for killing several Bangladeshi and Pakistani secular writers...”

[Taliban Claims Responsibility for Attacks that Kill 18 Afghans](#)

Author/Source: Ayaz Gul, VOA

“Afghan officials have confirmed at least 16 soldiers are dead and more than a dozen wounded after a Taliban attack in a northeastern border region...”

[Suicide attack on AGO's staff vehicle, 1 killed](#)

Author/Source: New Kerala

“A suicide attack targeting Attorney General's staff vehicle on Monday killed a person while injured 15 others here, media reports said. Brig Gen Humayun...”

Southeast Asia

[No clear timeframe for Australia's ambassador to return to Indonesia: Julie Bishop](#)

Author/Source: Lisa Cox, The Sydney Morning Herald

“Australia's ambassador to Indonesia has returned to Australia with Foreign Minister Julie Bishop saying there was no clear timeframe for when he would go back...”



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Filipino on US most wanted list confirmed dead

Author/Source: Gulf News

“A Filipino on the United States’ list of most wanted “terrorists” has been killed in a firefight in the southern Philippines, Muslim rebel leaders and the military said on Monday...”

China says Philippines breaking code of conduct by building in South China Sea

Author/Source: The Guardian

“China has accused the Philippines of violating a 13-year-old informal code of conduct in the South China Sea by building on disputed islets...”

Cambodia, other countries to benefit from China-proposed "Belt and Road" initiatives: PM

Author/Source: Xinhua

“Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said Monday that Cambodia and other countries around the world will benefit from the China-proposed "Belt and Road" initiatives...”

East Asia

Japan Reports Intrusion By 3 Chinese Vessels In Its Territory Near Senkaku Islands In East China Sea

Author/Source: Sneha Shankar, International Business Times

“Three Chinese guard ships entered Japan’s territorial waters near the Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea on Monday, making it the 13th such intrusion this year...”

Park signals two-track foreign policy toward Japan

Author/Source: Japan Times

“President Park Geun-hye signaled Monday that South Korea will pursue a two-track diplomacy toward Japan, separating current governmental relations from historical issues stemming from Japan’s colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula...”

Africa

In Egypt, militants attack security forces' base in Sinai

Author/Source: Ynet News

“Egyptian officials say suspected Islamic militants have attacked a security forces' base in northern Sinai, near the border with Gaza...”

Italian ships rescue over 6,800 migrants north of Libya; baby born at sea

Author/Source: The Hindu Business Times

“A baby girl was born aboard a rescue boat in the Mediterranean Sea as Italian Coast Guard and Navy ships bring migrants by the thousands to the country’s southern ports...”

Nigeria: Sambisa Raid - Some Girls Were Stoned to Death – Survivors

Author/Source: Chika Otuchikere and Ejike Ejike, All Africa

“Survivors of Boko Haram captivity have revealed how the militant group's fighters stoned some of their captives to death as the military approached to rescue the victims in Sambisa Forest...”



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[UN official condemns 'intolerable' attack on mission helicopter](#)

Author/Source: UN News Centre

“The head of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) has condemned today’s attack on a UN helicopter near the city of Beni...”

Europe

[EU holds its breath ahead of UK vote](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“This week's vote is seen in mainland Europe as a Brexit barometer. An indication as to how likely - or not- it might be that Britain will choose to exit the EU...”

[Merkel defends German intelligence cooperation with NSA](#)

Author/Source: Erik Kirschbaum, Reuters

“Chancellor Angela Merkel defended Germany's BND intelligence agency on Monday against accusations it illegally helped the United States spy on officials and firms in Europe...”

[Fighting continues in eastern Ukraine as militants shell Ukrainian positions](#)

Author/Source: Ukraine Today

“Ukrainian military spokesperson report heavy shelling in the east of the country, just days ahead of expected meeting of the so-called Trilateral Contact Group...”

US & Canada

[Obama to Nominate Marine Commandant Dunford as Next JCS Chairman](#)

Author/Source: Richard Sisk, Military.com

“President Obama was expected to nominate Marine Commandant Gen. Joseph Dunford as the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, marking a rapid ascension to the military's top post...”

[Garland, Texas, shooting suspect linked himself to ISIS in tweets](#)

Author/Source: Catherine Shoichet, CNN

“They wore body armor. They carried assault rifles. And one had declared loyalty to ISIS. A day after police killed two gunmen who tried to ambush a Garland, Texas...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Mexican Army Helicopter Was Shot Down With Rocket-Propelled Grenades](#)

Author/Source: Jose De Coroba, The Wall Street Journal

“Suspected drug cartel gunmen used rocket-propelled grenades to shoot down a Mexican army helicopter for the first time last week in the latest sign that burgeoning criminal organizations are using increasingly violent and powerful means to fight the government...”