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Middle East

Islamic State launch 'fierce' attack Iraq's largest oil refinery

Author/Source: The Telegraph

“Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (Isil) launched a fresh offensive on Thursday against Iraq's largest refinery, where a military official said security forces are facing one of their toughest battles...”

Maersk Tigris: Iran releases seized cargo ship

Author/Source: BBC

“A container ship seized in the Strait of Hormuz by Iran last week has been released, its operator has confirmed. Rickmers Shipmanagement said the 24 crew members of the Maersk Tigris were "in a good condition"...”

Saudi Arabia says considering five-day Yemen truce

Author/Source: Leslie Wroughton and Omar Fahmy, Reuters

“Saudi Arabia proposed a five-day humanitarian truce in Yemen on Thursday after weeks of air strikes and fighting, but said a ceasefire depended on the Houthi militia and its allies also agreeing to lay down arms, Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir said...”

Yemen asks UN to back foreign ground force to battle Houthis

Author/Source: BBC

“Yemen's government has urged the UN to authorise the deployment of foreign ground forces to drive back Houthi rebels, specifically in Aden and Taiz...”

Syrian army, Hezbollah advance in areas along Lebanon border

Author/Source: Laila Bassam and Suleiman Al-Khalid, Reuters

“Syrian army bombing in the mountainous area along the border with Lebanon killed dozens of insurgents and helped regain hilly territory overlooking Hezbollah strongholds, the Lebanese group said on Thursday...”

Israel okays 900 East Jerusalem homes, peace group says

Author/Source: The Times of Israel

“Israel has approved construction of 900 homes in East Jerusalem, a watchdog group said Thursday, shortly after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu officially formed a new coalition...”

Top al-Qaeda militant Nasser al-Ansi 'killed' in Yemen

Author/Source: BBC

“A US air strike in Yemen has reportedly killed Nasser al-Ansi, a top militant of al-Qaeda in the Arab Peninsula...”



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Central Asia

[China's President Heads To Kazakhstan Ahead Of Russia, Belarus Visits](#)

Author/Source: Radio Europe and Radio Liberty

“China’s President Xi Jinping left Beijing on May 7 on a trip that will take him to Kazakhstan, Russia, and Belarus...”

South Asia

[Protest held against “Iranian interference” in Afghan affairs](#)

Author/Source: Zabihullah Moosakhail, Khaama Press

“Dozens of civil society activists staged a protest against “Iranian interference” in Afghan affairs in capital Kabul on Thursday...”

[IED blast kills peace committee volunteer in Mohmand](#)

Author/Source: Mureeb Mohmand, The Express Tribune

“A peace committee volunteer was killed on Thursday when an improvised explosive device (IED) blast took off in Alingar area of Safi Tehsil, Mohmand Agency...”

[Blast in Ghazni Kills Two Children](#)

Author/Source: Tolo News

“At least two children were killed and four other civilians wounded in Ghazni province, officials said Thursday...”

Southeast Asia

[Thai police moved over 'human trafficking links'](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“Thai authorities say more than 50 officers have been transferred from their posts over suspected links to human traffickers...”

East Asia

[China warns Philippine military planes away from disputed sea area: Manila](#)

Author/Source: Manuel Mogato, Reuters

“China has warned Philippine air force and navy planes at least six times to leave areas around the disputed South China Sea, the Philippine military commander responsible for the region told a Senate hearing on Thursday...”

Africa

[Five killed in Boko Haram attack on Niger village](#)

Author/Source: Abdoulaye Massalaki, Reuters

“At least five people were killed when militants from Nigeria's Boko Haram Islamist group attacked a village in southwestern Niger, two Niger military officers said on Thursday...”



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[Uganda seeking extradition of rebel leader from Tanzania](#)

Author/Source: News 24

“Uganda is seeking the extradition of the leader of an Islamist armed group responsible for the massacre of civilians in Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, a police spokesperson said on Thursday, according to dpa...”

[Burundi's Pierre Nkurunziza rules out fourth term](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“Burundi's President Pierre Nkurunziza says he will not run for a fourth term, as deadly protests against his third-term bid continue in the capital...”

[African Union urges Burundi to postpone elections over chaos](#)

Author/Source: Daniel K. Kalinaki, Daily Nation

“The head of the African Union has said Burundi should consider postponing elections scheduled for May and June until it deals with political instability in the country...”

[Kenya: Four Women Charged Over Shabaab Links](#)

Author/Source: Mkamburi Mwawasi, All Africa

“Four women were yesterday charged in court with being members of al Shabaab after 30 days of investigations...”

[Guinea court sentences 13 to prison over inter-ethnic killings](#)

Author/Source: News 24

“A court in south-eastern Guinea has found 13 men guilty of murder, rape and other crimes for their part in the killing of dozens of people by machete and other crude weapons in the town of Nzerekore in 2013...”

[CAR to take 'legal action' against French soldiers in rape case](#)

Author/Source: News 24

“The Central African Republic will take legal action against the French soldiers accused of raping children in exchange for food at a refugee camp, the country's justice minister said Wednesday...”

[Ahead of signing of peace deal, violence flares in Mali](#)

Author/Source: Carley Petesch, Yahoo News

“Tuareg separatist rebels agreed to sign a peace deal with the government in just over a week's time but that hasn't stopped them from attacking towns and encroaching further south toward Mali's capital...”

[Tight security as Tunisia hosts Jewish pilgrimage](#)

Author/Source: Kaouther Larbi

“An annual Jewish pilgrimage to Africa's oldest synagogue in Tunisia began in a festive atmosphere Wednesday, despite tight security after the Bardo museum massacre and warnings of planned attacks...”



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Peacekeepers in DRC Want Army's 'Full Cooperation'

Author/Source: Nick Long, Voice of America

“The United Nations mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUSCO) has called for more cooperation with the Congolese army, after two peacekeepers were killed and 13 wounded in an ambush in Beni territory near the Ugandan border...”

Man burned alive in Burundi protest against presidential bid

Author/Source: Patrick Mjuwimana and Njuwa Maina, Reuters

“Protesters burned a man alive in Burundi's capital on Thursday, saying he was a member of the ruling party's youth wing which had attacked them during their rallies against the president's bid for a third term, a witness said...”

Official: UN planning to act on its own against Congo rebels

Author/Source: Cara Ann, The Associated Press

“The U.N. peacekeeping mission in Congo is planning to go ahead and take action against a rebel group in eastern Congo even without the full cooperation of the Congo military, the U.N. peacekeeping chief said Thursday, as relations remain chilly with the country's authorities...”

Six injured in Guinea clashes ahead of talks: govt

Author/Source: Saliou Samb, Reuters

“At least six people were injured on Thursday, according to Guinea's government, in clashes between protesters, security forces and government supporters that threaten to derail a meeting between the president and the leader of the opposition...”

Europe

Kosovo indicts 32 for fighting and recruiting for Islamic State

Author/Source: Fatos Bytyci, Reuters

“A prosecutor in Kosovo indicted 32 people on Thursday for fighting alongside Islamist insurgents in Syria and Iraq and recruiting others from the impoverished Balkan country to fight...”

Bosnian Serb police hold 11 Muslims in wake of gun attack

Author/Source: Reuters

“Bosnian Serb police are holding 11 people on suspicion of preparing terrorist acts in the wake of a fatal gun attack on a police station last week, a prosecutor said on Thursday...”

EU, IMF, ECB: We're not the reason Greece bailout talks are deadlocked

Author/Source: Alex Pigman, Business Insider

“The EU and IMF hit back Wednesday at accusations by Athens that internal rifts were blocking a bailout deal as cash-poor Greece survived yet another big interest payment averting bankruptcy...”

Golden Dawn trial: Nervous Greeks fear court case

Author/Source: Jasmine Coleman, BBC

“The trial of the far-right Golden Dawn party resumed at a high security jail in Athens on Thursday, but it was quickly adjourned as the local authority tried to have it moved to another



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Russia's Greatest Weapon May Be Its Hackers

Author/Source: Owen Mathews, Newsweek

“In hacker jargon, it’s called a “cyber-to-physical effect.” It’s when a hacker reaches out from the virtual world into the real one—often with catastrophic consequences...”

Royal Navy's HMS Bulwark rescues 110 migrants off Libya

Author/Source: BBC

“A Royal Navy ship has rescued 110 migrants from a dinghy which was about to sink off the coast of Libya...”

US & Canada

2 women charged with plotting to use a homemade bomb in NYC terror attack plead not guilty

Author/Source: Fox News

“Two women charged in New York City with plotting to build a homemade bomb to be used in a Boston Marathon-style attack have pleaded not guilty to federal terrorism charges...”

U.S. has begun training Syrians to battle Islamic State: Pentagon

Author/Source: David Alexander and Phil Stewart, Reuters

“Defense Secretary Ash Carter said on Thursday that U.S. military troops have begun training a small, company-sized group of Syrian fighters to battle Islamic State militants who have overrun parts of Syria and Iraq...”

FBI director says Islamic State influence growing in U.S.

Author/Source: Kevin Johnson, USA Today

“In a dramatic assessment of the domestic threat posed by the Islamic State, FBI Director James Comey said Thursday there are "hundreds, maybe thousands" of people across the country who are receiving recruitment overtures from the terrorist group or directives to attack the U.S....”

Senate passes Iran nuclear review bill, House up next

Author/Source: Patricia Zengarle, Reuters

“The U.S. Senate voted overwhelmingly on Thursday to pass a bill giving Congress the right to review, and potentially reject, an international agreement with Iran aimed at keeping it from developing nuclear weapons...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

Mexico charges three with 'terrorism' after cartel violence

Author/Source: Yahoo News

“A Mexican judge has charged three people with terrorism over their roles in a day of violence launched by a drug cartel in Jalisco state last week, authorities said...”



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[Drug cartel behind spate of violence along U.S-Mexico border, officials say](#)

Author/Source: Fox News Latino

“Authorities in the northern Mexican state of Sonora say drug cartel groups are behind a string of murders in a disputed corridor along the U.S. border...”

[Chilean president asks cabinet to resign](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“Chilean President Michelle Bachelet has asked all her ministers to resign and says she will choose a new cabinet in the coming days...”