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Middle East

[37 Afghan Security Force Members Switch Sides, Join Taliban in Uruzgan](#)

Author/Source: Farid Hussainkhail Afghanistan-Tolo News

“At least 37 Afghan security force members, including soldiers and police, have switched sides to join the local Taliban in Uruzgan – taking their weapons with them, said officials Thursday...”

[Iraq Finds 470 Bodies in Mass Graves in Tikrit Left by ISIS](#)

Author/Source: Newsmax.com

“Iraq has exhumed the remains of 470 people believed to have been executed by jihadists near Tikrit last year in what is known as the Speicher massacre, the country's health minister said Thursday...”

[Egypt extends opening of Rafah border crossing for 1 more day](#)

Author/Source: The Cairo Post

“Egypt decided to extend opening its Rafah border crossing for an additional day, official at the crossing said Wednesday...”

[Rebels capture last Syrian town in Idlib province](#)

Author/Source: Suleiman Al-Khaldi, Reuters

“The Syrian army has pulled back from the northwestern city of Ariha after a coalition of insurgent groups seized the last city in Idlib province in northwestern Syria near the Turkish border that was still held by the government...”

[Tony Blair quits as Middle East peace envoy after few wins](#)

Author/Source: The Week UK

“Former British prime minister Tony Blair is to resign as Middle East peace envoy, but few will mourn his departure...”

[ISIS Flag Flies Over Palmyra's Ancient Ruins in Syria](#)

Author/Source: NBC News

“In one of the first images the world has seen of Palmyra since ISIS militants seized the ancient city last week, a black ISIS flag flutters above the 2,000-year-old Roman city's theater...”



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[Twin car bombings at Baghdad hotels kill at least 15](#)

Author/Source: Fox News

“The death toll from bombings that targeted two prominent hotels in Baghdad a day earlier rose to 15 people, with another 42 wounded, Iraqi authorities said on Friday, as a lawmaker warned that the capital is vulnerable to more attacks...”

[US drone strikes kills 6 militants in Afghanistan](#)

Author/Source: Turkish Weekly

“At least six suspected Taliban militants were killed in U.S. drone airstrikes in Afghanistan’s eastern provinces of Kunar and Nuristan Tuesday, an Afghan Army official said Wednesday...”

Central Asia

[Armenia violates ceasefire with Azerbaijan](#)

Author/Source: Azernews

“Armenia armed forces have broken the ceasefire with Azerbaijan 60 times in numerous positions in the last 24 hours, Azerbaijan's Defense Ministry reported on May 28...”

South Asia

[India’s Heat Wave Claims More Than 1,400 Lives](#)

Author/Source: Vibhuti Agarwal, Wall Street Journal

“A severe heat wave hanging over India has claimed more than 1,400 lives so far, and forecasters expect the high temperatures to continue several more days...”

[Sri Lanka accused of waging 'silent war' as Tamil land is appropriated by army](#)

Author/Source: The Guardian

“Six years after the end of Sri Lanka’s long and bloody civil war, a “silent” conflict is being waged across the island, with tens of thousands of government troops continuing to occupy the north and east and the army expanding its property developments on land belonging to displaced Tamils, a new report claims...”

East Asia

[China moves weapons to new artificial islands](#)

Author/Source: News.com.au

“China has moved weapons onto artificial islands it has built in disputed areas of the South China Sea, according to reports...”

[North Korean nuclear, missile experts visit Iran-dissidents](#)

Author/Source: John Irish, Reuters

“An exiled Iranian opposition group said on Thursday that a delegation of North Korean nuclear and missile experts visited a military site near Tehran in April amid talks between world powers and Iran over its nuclear program...”



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Africa

[Ethiopia's ruling party sweeps parliament in early vote results](#)

Author/Source: Aaron Maasho, Yahoo News

“Ethiopia's ruling party and its allies have won a big majority in parliament, election officials said on Wednesday, based on an early count in a weekend election in which the opposition complained of harassment...”

[Al-Shabaab Leader Linked to al-Qaeda Dies in South Somalia](#)

Author/Source: Mohamed Sheikh Nor Bloomberg

“A senior leader of al-Shabaab accused by the United Nations Security Council of having links to al-Qaeda has died at the age of 73 after a long illness, the Somali group said...”

Europe

[IMF head says Greek exit a possibility](#)

Author/Source: Caroline Copley, Reuters

“The head of the International Monetary Fund told a German newspaper that a Greek exit from the euro zone was possible but probably would not signal the end of the euro currency...”

[Cyprus police hold suspect after large ammonium nitrate haul](#)

Author/Source: Michele Kambas, Reuters

“Cypriot authorities detained a Lebanese national on Thursday after finding in his possession a large quantity of ammonium nitrate fertilizer which, police said could cause widespread damage if used in an explosive mixture...”

[UK police arrest two people suspected of preparing terrorism acts](#)

Author/Source: Ankush Sharma, Reuters

“UK police arrested a man and a woman in two towns west of London on Thursday who were suspected of preparing terrorist attacks, the West Midlands Police said in a Facebook posting...”

US & Canada

[White House warns of NSA lapses as Congress seeks deal](#)

Author/Source: Ted Barrett, Deirdre Walsh, Athena Jones and Michelle Kosinski, CNN

“Obama administration officials, in their strongest language yet, warned Wednesday of dangerous interruptions to terrorist tracking as top Senate Republicans raced to find a compromise that would prevent the shutdown of major U.S. intelligence programs on Sunday...”



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[Kenyan man pleads guilty in US terrorism support case based on chat room intercepts](#)

Author/Source: Fox News

“A Kenyan man pleaded guilty in the U.S. on Thursday to terrorism support charges in a case that involved Internet chat room and other online communications with undercover FBI operatives...”

[Armed Bikers Plan Anti-Muslim Protest Outside Arizona Mosque](#)

Author/Source: Mark Hanrahan, International Business Time

“A group led by armed bikers is planning to protest on Friday outside a Phoenix-area mosque, which was frequented by the two men who opened fire at a Muhammad cartoon contest in Texas...”

[IRS believes massive data theft originated in Russia](#)

Author/Source: Chris Frates, CNN

“The Internal Revenue Service believes that a major cyber breach that allowed criminals to steal the tax returns of more than 100,000 people originated in Russia, Rep Peter Roskam confirmed to CNN on Thursday...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Colombian Troops Defuse Car Bomb](#)

Author/Source: Latin America Herald Tribune

“Army sappers neutralized a car packed with nearly a ton of explosives that a patrol encountered on a road in the southern province of Caqueta, the Colombian military said Thursday...”

South East Asia

[ISIS Recruitment In Australia: At Least 12 Young Melbourne Women Attempt To Join Islamic State Group](#)

Author/Source: Suman Varandani, International Business Times

“At least 12 women from Melbourne, Australia, have attempted to join the Islamic State group, and in some cases, tried to become jihadi brides, Australian police said Friday...”