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Middle East

Three Qaeda suspects 'killed in Yemen drone strike'

Author/Source: Yahoo News

"A drone attack believed to have been carried out by US forces killed three suspected Al-Qaeda members travelling in a car in southeast Yemen, security and tribal sources said Saturday..."

Offensive against Islamic State in Mosul unlikely in 2016 - Iraqi Kurdish deputy PM

Author/Source: Channel News Asia

"A much anticipated campaign to recapture Iraq's northern city of Mosul from Islamic State is unlikely to happen this year, the Kurdistan region's deputy prime minister said, dampening hopes the militants could be driven from the country in 2016..."

Israel faces no existential threats, says departing Mossad chief

Author/Source: Times of Israel

"Israel is no longer facing any existential threats, Tamir Pardo, the outgoing head of Israel's Mossad intelligence agency, said in an interview published Saturday..."

Child Survivor of West Bank Arson Murders Doesn't Know His Family Was Killed

Author/Source: Haaretz

"Ahmad Dawabsheh, the four-year-old survivor of the West Bank arson attack that killed his parents and baby brother, does not know that his family is dead..."

U.N. says has reports of starvation in Syria's besieged Deir Al-Zor

Author/Source: Tom Miles, Reuters

"Unverified reports say 15 to 20 people died of starvation in the Syrian city of Deir al-Zor last year, the United Nations said on Saturday, warning that 200,000 residents there face a severe food shortage and sharply deteriorating conditions..."

ISIL kills over 100 in Syria, including dozens of civilians

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

"Fighters with the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) on Saturday killed at least 135 people, most of them pro-government fighters, in wide-scale attacks on government-held areas of the eastern city of Deir Al-Zour, a monitoring group said..."

Central Asia

Top US, Kremlin officials meet at Russian border for Ukraine talks

Author/Source: Channel News Asia

"Top US and Russian officials met on Friday (Jan 15) in Russia's westernmost outpost to discuss the Ukraine crisis amid a fresh international drive to bolster a fragile truce in the east



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of the ex-Soviet country..."

South Asia

[New US drone raid kills 11 in eastern Afghanistan](#)

Author/Source: Press TV

"Afghan authorities say at least eleven people have lost their lives in a new US assassination drone strike in Afghanistan's troubled eastern province of Nangarhar..."

[Pakistan again puts Jaish-e-Mohammed leader under 'protective custody'](#)

Author/Source: Bill Roggio, Long War Journal

"The Pakistani government has placed the leader of the al Qaeda-linked Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist group under "protective custody" after the Indian government implicated his group in multi-day assault at an airbase in Punjab province..."

East Asia

[Malaysia says suspected ISIS-linked militant was planning suicide attack](#)

Author/Source: Daily Star

"Malaysia's police chief said Saturday that a suspected militant arrested in a train station in Kuala Lumpur had confessed to planning a suicide attack in the country..."

[12 arrested after deadly Jakarta attack](#)

Author/Source: Kathy Quiano, Jason Hanna, and Ben Brumfield, CNN

"The death toll from last week's terror attack in Indonesia's capital has risen to four, after a victim died in the hospital from his injuries, Jakarta police spokesman Mohammad Iqbal announced Sunday..."

[Taiwan Elects First Female President](#)

Author/Source: Voice of America

"Taiwan's voters elected Tsai Ing-wen Saturday as the island's first female president, delivering a crushing defeat to the Nationalist Party (KMT), which has focused heavily on growing relations with China since coming to power eight years ago..."

[N. Korea Offers to Halt Nuclear Tests in Exchange for Peace Treaty](#)

Author/Source: Voice of America

"North Korea says it will stop conducting nuclear tests in exchange for a peace treaty with the United States and an end to joint military exercises between Washington and Seoul..."

Africa

[Burkina Faso attack: Foreigners killed at luxury hotel](#)

Author/Source: BBC

"Burkina Faso's government says 28 people were killed and a further 56 injured after Islamist militants attacked a hotel in the capital, Ouagadougou, popular with foreigners..."



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US concerned about electoral climate in Uganda

Author/Source: Channel News Asia

"The United States said on Friday (Jan 15) it was concerned that the electoral environment in Uganda was deteriorating in the run-up to elections next month..."

Mali: 6 killed after gunmen attack food convoy

Author/Source: Africa News

"Six people were killed after gunmen attacked a food convoy in northern Mali on Friday. The dead included four attackers and two soldiers..."

Europe

German finance minister proposes EU-wide petrol tax to pay for refugee crisis

Author/Source: Justin Huggler, The Telegraph

"Germany's finance minister has called for a new EU-wide tax on petrol to pay for the refugee crisis..."

In move to discourage refugees, Denmark to demand their valuables

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

"Hoping to diminish Denmark's appeal to refugees, the country's government plans to force asylum-seekers to hand over any valuables worth more than \$1,500 to help cover their housing and food costs while their cases are being processed..."

Turkish soldier dies after clashes with Kurdish militants

Author/Source: Channel News Asia

"A Turkish soldier died early on Saturday from wounds sustained during clashes with militants from the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) and seven others were injured in the fighting, the chief of the General Staff said..."

US & Canada

US, Iran trade prisoners ahead of sanctions' lifting

Author/Source: Daily Star

"Iran freed five Americans including a Washington Post reporter on Saturday as the two countries staged a series of goodwill gestures ahead of the expected announcement of the lifting of international sanctions against Tehran under a nuclear deal..."

The Latest: US official says binding provisions now in force

Author/Source: Washington Post

"The latest developments as Iran and world powers implement a landmark deal reached last year to curb Iran's nuclear activities in exchange for the lifting of international sanctions (all times local)..."

Swedish citizens get 11 years in US prison for al Shabaab support

Author/Source: Channel News Asia

"Two Swedish citizens who U.S. prosecutors say fought alongside the Islamist militant group al Shabaab in Somalia in battles to take control of the country's capital of Mogadishu were



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sentenced to 11 years in prison on Friday..."

[After Saudi Executions, New Canadian Leaders Still Back \\$15B Vehicle Deal](#)

Author/Source: David Pugliese, Defense News

"Canada's recently elected Liberal Party government will review the approval process for defense exports but is standing behind a General Dynamics deal to sell Saudi Arabia billions of dollars of light armored vehicles..."

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Obama Congratulates Mexican President Peña Nieto for Recapture of "El Chapo"](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

"United States President Barack Obama congratulated his Mexican counterpart Enrique Peña Nieto on Friday for the recapture of Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, the result of "efficient work" in the fight against drug trafficking, the Mexican Presidency said..."

[21 people return after kidnapped by Mexican armed group](#)

Author/Source: Channel News Asia

"Twenty-one Mexicans who were kidnapped a few days ago by an armed group in the violent state of Guerrero reappeared on Friday, officials said, a rare occurrence in a country where most kidnappings end in mystery or death..."

Maritime

[Taiwan president-elect calls for freedom of navigation in South China Sea](#)

Author/Source: Ben Blanchard and Nic Macfie, Reuters

"Taiwan president-elect Tsai Ing-wen on Saturday called for freedom of navigation in the disputed South China Sea and for a peaceful resolution of the dispute..."