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Middle East

[Iraq seeks more coalition trainers for local police](#)

Author/Source: Lolita C. Baldor, Military Times

“Senior U.S. defense and military officials say that Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi is asking the coalition for more police training, particularly for Sunnis who will have to secure Ramadi and other towns once Islamic State militants are ousted...”

[Iraq summons Saudi envoy for 'interference' in its affairs](#)

Author/Source: W.G. Dunlop, Yahoo News

“Iraq's foreign ministry summoned Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Baghdad on Sunday to protest his "interference" in the country's internal affairs over remarks on militia forces fighting the Islamic State group...”

[Palestinian girl, 13, shot dead after trying to stab Israeli guard - police](#)

Author/Source: Ali Sawafta, Reuters

“A 13-year-old Palestinian girl was shot dead on Saturday by an Israeli security guard she tried to stab at a settlement in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, Israeli police said...”

[Israel strikes Hamas target in Gaza after rocket fire](#)

Author/Source: Las Vegas Sun

“The Israeli military says its aircraft struck a Hamas target in the Gaza Strip in response to rocket fire from the territory...”

[Netanyahu seeks to return Israeli army-evicted settlers to West Bank houses](#)

Author/Source: Jeffrey Heller, Reuters

“Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday he would allow Jewish settlers evicted by the Israeli army from two houses in the West Bank city of Hebron to return once proper permits were in place...”

[Three killed in bombing claimed by Islamic State in northeast Syria](#)

Author/Source: John Davison and Mark Trevelyan, Reuters

“A bomb attack claimed by Islamic State killed at least three people in the city of Qamishli in the mostly Kurdish-controlled Hasaka province of northeast Syria on Sunday, a Kurdish official and a monitoring group said...”

[Strikes on east Syrian town kill 63, including children: monitor](#)

Author /Source: John Davison and Andrew Heavens, Reuters

“At least 63 people, including nine children, have died in air strikes believed to be carried out by Russian warplanes on a town in eastern Syria, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said on Sunday...”



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UN says access difficult to besieged Yemeni city of Taiz

Author/Source: Ahmed Al-Haj, Jakarta Post

“The United Nations humanitarian coordinator for Yemen said Saturday that they are seeking ways to ensure unconditional access to Taiz, a city of about 25,000 residents besieged by Shiite rebels who control the capital and have been fighting an internationally recognized government...”

Court releases activist held over reporting Palestinian land-sellers

Author/Source: The Times of Israel

“The Jerusalem Magistrate’s Court ordered the release of left-wing activist Ezra Nawi Sunday, over a week after he was arrested on suspicion he helped Palestinian officials execute Arabs for trying to sell land to Jews...”

12 suspected drug smugglers killed on Jordan's border

Author/Source: Schams Elwazer, CNN

“Twelve suspected drug smugglers were killed trying to infiltrate Jordan's border with Syria, Jordan's official Petra news agency reported...”

U.S.-led coalition conducts 23 strikes on Islamic State militants

Author/Source: Lisa Lambert and Mark Heinrich, Reuters

“A coalition led by the United States conducted 16 air strikes against Islamic State militants in Iraq on Saturday, and also targeted the jihadist group seven times in Syria, according to a U.S. military statement...”

Central Asia

Rouhani: Iran determined to expand ties with Armenia

Author/Source: Islamic Republic News Agency

“Implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action is an appropriate opportunity for strengthening bilateral and regional cooperation and Iran and Armenia have broad facilities for expansion of cooperation, which will be used in the new period in favor of the two nations,' said President Rouhani...”

Three Foreign Lawyers Have Returned Home Safely, But What’s Life Like for Local Attorneys in Tajikistan?

Author/Source: Winston Obertan, Global Voices

“Tajikistani authorities have released three lawyers (one from Russia and two from Turkey) after briefly detaining them in the capital city of Dushanbe, where the three tried to meet with arrested leaders of the banned Islamic Revival Party of Tajikistan (IRPT), the party's arrested lawyers, and the family members of arrested lawyers...”

South Asia

Police kill three al-Qaeda terrorists in Pakistan

Author/Source: Big News Network

“Punjab police in India have killed three al-Qaeda terrorists in a shootout in Pakistan's Punjab province, thwarting a major terror attack...”



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[Afghan Taliban stress preconditions for peace talks](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“The Afghan Taliban Sunday reiterated their pre-conditions for the resumption of peace talks with Kabul, including their removal from international terror blacklists, at an informal meeting with lawmakers and activists in Doha.”

[Nepal’s crisis drags on as ethnic minorities reject charter amendment](#)

Author/Source: South China Morning Post

“Nepal’s ethnic minorities have rejected a constitutional amendment, dashing hopes of an end to a political crisis that has also led to fuel shortages, and hampered deliveries of relief materials to survivors of last year’s earthquakes...”

[India to Build Satellite Tracking Station in Vietnam That Offers Eye on China](#)

Author/Source: Megha Rajagopalan, Ho Binh Minh, and Dean Yates, New York Times

“India will set up a satellite tracking and imaging center in southern Vietnam that will give Hanoi access to pictures from Indian earth observation satellites that cover the region, including China and the South China Sea, Indian officials said...”

[Thailand reports second MERS case as virus detected in Omani man](#)

Author/Source: Manunphattr Dhanananphorn, Orathai Sriring, and Simon Cameron-Moore, Reuters

“Thailand has confirmed its second case of the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) virus on Sunday, the country's health minister said. The virus was detected in a 71-year-old Omani man traveling to Bangkok on Friday...”

[Malaysia detains 7 suspected IS members plotting attacks](#)

Author/Source: Fox News

“National police Chief Khalid Abu Bakar says the seven Malaysians were detained over the past three days in several states. He says the operation was a follow-up to the Jan. 15 detention of a man who was planning a suicide attack in Kuala Lumpur...”

[Thousands rally in Malaysia](#)

Author/Source: Kyodo News, Bangkok Post

“Thousands of Malaysians staged a rally in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday to protest against the Trans-Pacific Partnership pact as the country's parliament was set to debate and vote on the multilateral agreement next week...”

[Large chunk of metal washes up on Thai beach, possibly linked to MH370](#)

Author/Source: Fox News

“A large chunk of metal that could be from an aircraft washed ashore in southern Thailand, but Malaysian authorities on Sunday cautioned against speculation of a link to a Malaysia Airlines flight missing almost two years...”



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East Asia

China's Middle East Tour

Author/Source: Michael Singh, The Washington Institute

“Even as the Iran nuclear deal and the potential for rapprochement between Tehran and the West have inspired countless op-eds, China's budding relationship with Iran has gone relatively unremarked upon. But on January 23, Chinese President Xi Jinping became the first world leader to visit Iran after the deal...”

Kerry to Press China Over North Korea, Urge ASEAN Unity Over South China Sea

Author/Source: David Brunnstrom, Simon Cameron-Moore, and Mark Trevelyan, New York Times

“U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry began a visit to Asia on Sunday in which he plans to press China to put more curbs on North Korea after its nuclear test and to urge Southeast Asia to show unity in response to Beijing's claims in the South China Sea...”

Africa

Algeria summons Morocco envoy, detains Moroccans headed to Libya –sources

Author/Source: Lamine Chikhi, Patrick Markey, and Mark Heinrich, Reuters

“Algerian authorities have detained over 200 Moroccans at Algiers airport and summoned the Moroccan envoy to explain an "unusual" increase in the number of Moroccans apparently trying to cross into Libya, airport and government officials said on Sunday...”

Burkina Faso arrests ex-presidential guards over raid

Author/Source: Aljazeera

“Ten soldiers from a disbanded elite unite loyal to Burkina Faso's former president have been arrested over a raid on an armoury, which led to challenges facing the new President Roch March Christian Kabore, a week after al-Qaeda fighters attacked a hotel and cafe in the capital, killing at least 30 people...”

Benin authorities urged to tackle "inhumane" prison conditions

Author/Source: United Nations Radio

“Ten soldiers from a disbanded elite unite loyal to Burkina Faso's former president have been arrested over a raid on an armoury outside the capital Ouagadougou, the army said...”

Egypt's president praises 2011 uprising, urges patience

Author/Source: Jakarta Post

“Egypt's president paid tribute on Sunday to the country's 2011 uprising that toppled longtime ruler Hosni Mubarak, saying that protesters killed during the 18-day revolt had sought to revive "noble principles" and found a "new Egypt...”

Thousands of Moroccans protest over public job cuts

Author/Source: Azizel Yaakoubi, Reuters

“Thousands of Moroccan trainee teachers and their families took to the streets of the capital Rabat on Sunday to protest against government plans to cut education jobs, defying an official ban on demonstrations...”



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Cape Verde plays down U.S. travel alert over Zika virus

Author/Source: Julio Rodrigues, Makini Brice, and Gareth Jones, Reuters

“Cape Verde's health ministry said on Sunday concerns prompted by a U.S. travel alert were overblown and that the number of cases of the Zika virus in the West African island nation was on the decline...”

Europe

Islamic State video purports to show Paris attackers, threatens Britain

Author/Source: Charles Platiau, Reuters

“A video published on Sunday by the media centre of Islamic State showed images and last statements of nine of the people who took part in the Paris attacks that killed 130 people on Nov. 13...”

France's Hollande says jet deal with India will 'take time

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“France's President Francois Hollande said that the conclusion of a deal for New Delhi to buy 36 French fighter jets would "take time" ahead of his arrival in India Sunday for a three-day visit...”

Italians rally for gay civil unions ahead of battle in parliament

Author/Source: Hanna Rantala, Reuters

“Thousands of Italians took to the streets on Saturday in support of gay civil unions as the battle over legal recognition for homosexual couples heats up ahead of a bill to be debated in parliament...”

Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Amsterdam (The Netherlands), Demonstrations on January 23-24

Author/Source: Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC)

“Amsterdam Police have notified the Consulate General that a demonstration is scheduled on Saturday, January 23, from 2:00–5:00pm to highlight the problems with “violence against women.” The demonstration is in response to the recent attacks on women on New Year’s Eve in several German cities...”

Former spy seeks to show UK knew of Guantanamo torture: Sunday Times

Author/Source: Kylie MacLellan and Mark Heinrich, Reuters

“A former senior British intelligence officer wants to give evidence that the country's security services knew about the torture of inmates at the U.S. prison camp in Guantanamo Bay, a newspaper reported...”

US & Canada

U.S. says following events in Poland 'very closely' after EU probe launched

Author/Source: Wiktor Szary and Mark Heinrich, Reuters

“The United States is scrutinizing developments in Poland, the U.S. trade czar said on Sunday when asked if Washington was concerned about the European Union's rule of law inquiry into Poland and Standard and Poor's cut to Warsaw's credit rating...”



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Kerry says US-Saudi friendship stronger than ever

Author/Source: Fox News

“Secretary of State John Kerry says the U.S. friendship with Saudi Arabia is stronger than ever and that the two will work together to try to end wars in Syria and Yemen...”

Biden says US, Turkey prepared for military solution against ISIS in Syria

Author Source: Fox News

“Vice President Joe Biden said Saturday the U.S. and Turkey are prepared for a military solution against ISIS in Syria should the Syrian government and rebel-opposition forces fail to reach a peace agreement during its upcoming meeting in Geneva...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

U.N. council set to approve mission to verify Colombia peace deal

Author/Source: Mike Segar, Reuters

“The U.N. Security Council is expected to approve a draft resolution on Monday that calls for establishing a U.N. mission to oversee disarmament should Colombia's government and leftist FARC rebels reach a final peace deal, diplomats said...”

Venezuela Loses Voting Rights in United Nations as Dues Go Unpaid

Author/Source: Latin America Herald Tribune

“The United Nations General Assembly has identified Venezuela among nine countries that are not allowed to vote in the current 70th Session because of arrears in paying their dues...”

No Pressure from U.S. to Extradite Drug Lord, Mexican Official Says

Author/Source: Latin America Herald Tribune

“Mexico is not being pressured by the United States to extradite drug lord Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman, but the process has been speeded up, Government Secretary Miguel Angel Osorio Chong said...”

Ex-Haiti coup leader says to fight 'anarchists' as unrest spreads

Author/Source: Andres Martinez Casares, Paul Simao, and Sandra Maler, Reuters

“A former Haitian coup leader wanted by the United States for smuggling cocaine called on his supporters on Sunday to resist "anarchists" who forced a presidential election to be canceled, in a sign of deep polarization that could lead to more unrest...”