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Middle East

[Iraq Retakes ISIS-Held Villages Outside Mosul](#)

Author/Source: Tim Arango, The New York Times

“The Iraqi military said Thursday that it had captured several villages in the northern Iraqi province of Nineveh, backed by American airstrikes, in an operation that it described as an early phase of the campaign to retake the city of Mosul from Islamic State extremists...”

[Turkey’s F-16 And F-4 2020 Fighter Jets Destroyed Several PKK Targets In Northern Iraq](#)

Author/Source: Suman Varandani, International Business Times

“Turkish warplanes struck a dozen targets of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) in northern Iraq, the military said Thursday. Turkey, which considers PKK as a terrorist organization, has carried out hundreds of raids on the group's bases on both sides of the Iraq-Turkey border...”

[Israel Soldiers Detained in Shooting of Palestinian](#)

Author/Source: Isabel Kershner, The New York Times

“The Israeli military said on Thursday that it had detained a soldier who shot a Palestinian assailant in the head as he lay motionless on the ground, an incident that drew outrage on social media networks and was condemned even by a military spokesman as “a grave breach” of the army’s values and standards...”

[UAE terror charges dropped for Libyan-American, Canadian](#)

Author/Source: Fox News

“A lawyer for a Libyan Canadian on trial in the United Arab Emirates says prosecutors have dropped terrorism charges in the case, which includes two Libyan Americans, and have instead charged them with the lesser offense of illegally raising funds...”

[Israel slams U.N. body’s call for ‘blacklist’ of settlement companies](#)

Author/Source: Ronen Zvulun, Reuters

“Israel on Thursday assailed the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for adopting a measure that calls for the establishment of a database of businesses "involved in activities" in the occupied West Bank...”

[DOJ indicts seven Iranians for hacking](#)

Author/Source: Cory Bennett and Katie Bo Williams, The Hill

“The Obama administration on Thursday indicted seven Iranians for a series of coordinated cyberattacks against the U.S. financial sector and for infiltrating a New York dam in 2013...”



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Central Asia

[Kyrgyz President Might Skip SCO Summit Over Borer Tensions](#)

Author/Source: Vatherin Putz, The Diplomat

“Central Asia’s inherited and pockmarked borders are again causing trouble. The flareup in border tensions between Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan which started shortly before Nowruz, looks to be the most significant in recent years...”

[Baku spreads misinformation, paves way for provocations: Karabakh](#)

Author/Source: PanARMENIAN

“Azerbaijani media outlets, citing the local Defense Ministry press office, reported Thursday, March 24 that the Armenian troops had allegedly used large caliber machine guns and mortars to open fire on the civilian population in border villages, thus escalating the situation on the contact line...”

South Asia

[Respect global law in region’s waters, Jusuf Kalla tells neighbors at forum](#)

Author/Source: Teo Cheng Wee and Wahyudi Soriaatmadja, The Straits Times

“Indonesia yesterday called on its neighbors to respect international law in the South China Sea for the sake of the region's security and economic well-being in a veiled dig at China amid simmering tensions over a fishing spat...”

[Australian-Indonesian Navies hone skills with Cassowary](#)

Author/Source: Joseph R. Fonseca, MarineLink.com

“The Australian Armidale Class Patrol Boat – HMAS Wollongong joined two Indonesian patrol boats, KRI Sampari and KRI Layang, for the four-day exercise that focused on maritime surveillance, security and interdiction operations from 21 – 24 March...”

East Asia

[Chinese president to visit Czech, attend nuclear security summit in U.S.](#)

Author/Source: Tian Shaohui, Xinhuanet.com

“China will work with the international community to ensure the success of the upcoming Nuclear Security Summit, Vice Foreign Minister Li Baodong said Thursday...”

[North Korea claim more progress in missile development](#)

Author/Source: Hyung-jin Kim, Business Insider

“North Korea said Thursday that it had successfully conducted a high-powered, solid-fuel rocket engine test, which if confirmed would be a major step forward in boosting its missile attack capability against South Korea and the United States...”

Africa

[Algerian forces kill would-be suicide bomber east of Algiers: state media](#)

Author/Source: Yahoo!

“Algerian security forces shot dead an Islamist militant wearing a suicide bomb belt before he



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could detonate his explosives in a small town east of the capital Algiers, the state news agency APS said on Thursday...”

Nigeria terror leader Shekau reappears looking defeated: is the end near for Boko Haram?

Author/Source: Mail & Guardian Africa

“Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau appeared on video for the first time in more than a year on Thursday, rejecting rumours about his death but appearing to signal his time in charge of the Nigerian jihadist group may be coming to an end...”

Europe

Kurdish rebels attack police station in southeast

Author/Source: 12 News Now

“Kurdish rebels on Thursday detonated a car bomb near a gendarmerie police station in southeast Turkey, causing at least one fatality and wounding 12 others, Turkish media reports said...”

Isle of Man reinforces defences against money laundering and terrorist financing

Author/Source: Isle of Man

“The Isle of Man Government has updated its stance against money laundering and the financing of terrorism with a new national strategy published today (Thursday March 24, 2016)...”

The EU’s fight against terrorism so far

Author/Source: New Europe

“The EU Presidency aims to advance legislative proposals related to the fight against terrorism...”

EU enhance anti-terrorism cooperation after Brussels attacks

Author/Source: Xinhua Net

“The European Union (EU) pledged to enhance its collective ability to combat terrorism on Thursday in the wake of deadly Brussels attacks...”

Belgium searches soul after home-grown jihadis slipped through the net

Author/Source: Angelique Chrisafis, The Guardian

“The fact that home-grown suicide bombers known to the authorities were able to hit Brussels precisely at a time when the city was saturated with police and intelligence services hunting terrorists has led to soul-searching in Belgium...”

Frenchman arrested in ‘advanced stages’ of terror plot to attack country

Author/Source: Grover Murrell, Fox

“A Frenchman was arrested Thursday in the "advanced stages" of a plot to attack the country, Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said...”

One suspect remanded over Istanbul terror attack

Author/Source: Erol Esoy, News Videonews.us



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“One suspect has been remanded in custody over Saturday’s Istanbul terrorist attack while the suicide bomber’s two brothers were released on bail late Wednesday by an Istanbul court...”

US & Canada

Pentagon muscles out State Dept. of foreign aid

Author/Source: Bryan Bender, Politico

“Washington’s newest arms race pits the State Department against the Pentagon, which are feuding over who should make the decisions on supplying military aid to foreign nations...”

Qaeda terrorist pleads guilty to murdering US diplomat

Author/Source: Selim Algar, New York Post

“A Malian al Qaeda terrorist pleaded guilty in Brooklyn federal court Thursday to murdering an American diplomatic attache in 2000...”

C-51: Federal Agencies Use New Information-Sharing Powers In Anti-Terror Law

Author/Source: Jim Bronskill, Huffington Post

“At least four federal agencies have used controversial information-sharing powers in Canada’s new anti-terrorism law, internal government documents show...”

A New ISIS Recruitment Video Stars Donald Trump

Author/Source: Bryan Schatz, Mother Jones

“A new ISIS propaganda video released Thursday celebrates the attacks in Belgium and features Donald Trump...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

SRE building in Mexico City lit with colors of the Belgian flag

Author/Source: The Yucatan Times

“As a sign of solidarity with the people and the government of Belgium, the main facade of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE) in Mexico City was lit with the colors of the Belgian flag, following the attacks in Brussels...”

Cuba trip of Mass. Delegation’s long relationship with Latin American communists

Author/Source: Evan Lips, New Boston Post

“Overshadowed this week by President Barack Obama’s historic visit with Cuban leaders in Havana, another top American government official made some history of his own...”