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Middle East

[Negotiations with Afghanistan only for stability in entire region: Maleeha Lodhi](#)

Author/Source: Pak Tribune

“A negotiated peace in Afghanistan was the best and only hope for stability and prosperity for the country and the entire region, said Pakistan Ambassador to United Nations Maleeha Lodhi while speaking in the Security Council debate on Afghanistan...”

[UAE forms anti-drugs coalition with Afghanistan](#)

Author/Source: The National

“A new anti-drugs coalition has been formed between the UAE and Afghanistan on the sidelines of the International Exhibition for National Security and Resilience, held at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre...”

[Two Palestinians killed by Israeli security forces after stabbing a woman in the street](#)

Author/Source: Sara Malm, Daily Mail

“Two Palestinian men who reportedly seriously injured an Israeli woman in a stabbing on the northern West Bank has been killed by security forces, the army said today...”

[Security forces free village from IS militants in Iraq’s Anbar](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua

“Iraqi security forces on Thursday freed a village from Islamic State (IS) militants, as part of a major offensive to liberate nearby towns in Iraq’s western province of Anbar, a provincial security source said...”

[UN ‘very worried’ about thousands fleeing Iraq offensive](#)

Author/Source: Al-Arabiya

“The United Nations said Thursday it was concerned that many of the 35,000 people recently displaced by fighting in Iraq’s Anbar province were still very close to the front lines...”

[‘We felt Putin is loyal to Israel’s security’](#)

Author/Source: Hezki Ezra, Israel National News

“On the second day of his official visit to Moscow, President Reuven Rivlin on Thursday met with Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev and discussed the prospect of expanding bilateral ties between the two states...”

Central Asia

[UAE, Tajikistan boost cooperation](#)

Author/Source: Khaleej Times

“His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, received the Tajikistan President, Emomali Rahmon, at Zabeel Palace in Dubai on Thursday...”



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[Russia suspected behind outing of Azerbaijan's Sharifov as a 'triple agent' spy over gas pipeline dispute](#)

Author/Source: 7th Space

“The Russian government leaked intelligence information exposing Azerbaijan Minister of Finance Samir Sharifov as a "triple agent" to a Ukrainian newspaper on March 10 in retaliation for being excluded from a major gas pipeline deal, according to an Azerbaijani newspaper (Contact.az, March 10).”

South Asia

[U.S. military Personnel Punished for Kunduz Hospital Attack; Pakistani Police Kill IS Commander; Indian Court Overturns Bakery Death Sentence](#)

Author/Source: David Sterman, Shuja Malik, Foreign Policy

“More than a dozen U.S. military personnel face punishment for their role in the bombing of a Doctors Without Borders hospital in Kunduz that killed 42 people last year, according to a report by the Associated Press on Wednesday (AP, Pajhwok).”

[Pakistan Doubles Down on TAPI](#)

Author/Source: Catherine Putz, The Diplomat

“Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, the president of Turkmenistan, is on a two-day visit to Pakistan. As noted in several Pakistani news outlets, the highlight of his discussions in Islamabad with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has been, of course, the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-India-Pakistan (TAPI) pipeline...”

[G-B suicide bomber kills 2 soldiers, wife and daughter](#)

Author/Source: Shabbir Mir, The Express Tribune

“Two soldiers and two women were killed after a high-profile terrorist blew himself up to avoid arrest in the remote Darel Valley of Gilgit-Baltistan on Thursday...”

East Asia

[After shootout, China says Uighur militants a threat to Indonesia](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Ethnic Uighur militants from western China are increasing their presence in Indonesia, China's Foreign Ministry said on Thursday, after Indonesian security forces said they killed two Uighurs belonging to a militant network...”

[New Philippine fighter jets to join drills with US](#)

Author/Source: Turkish Weekly

“The Philippines is preparing to field supersonic fighter jets in its upcoming annual military exercises with the United State for the first time in 10 years, an official announced Thursday...”

[US hits North Korea with new sanctions](#)

Author/Source: Charles Clover, Financial Times

“Barack Obama has imposed new sanctions on North Korea's economy after January's test of a nuclear bomb, in a step that raises the pressure on China to follow suit...”



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China reveals newest Spy Plane

Author/Source: Macedonia Online

“China’s latest spy plane has been revealed by a science blog. The “special mission” 1.7-ton plane can intercept intelligence on enemies’ electronic activity and spot their vulnerabilities from the sky...”

Africa

Al-Qaeda chief’s brother released from Egypt jail

Author/Source: First Post

“The brother of Al-Qaeda chief Ayman al-Zawahiri, under investigation for allegedly calling for the creation of a "terrorist group", was released on Thursday from an Egyptian prison, his son and security officials said...”

Cameroon: 89 Boko Haram fighters sentenced to death as 1,000 others await trial

Author/Source: International Business Times

“A military court in Cameroon has sentenced 89 members of Islamist militant outfit Boko Haram to death after they were found guilty of terrorism...”

Niger security forces attacked near border: defense ministry

Author/Source: Reuters

“Three gendarmes were killed in one of two attacks against security and defense forces near Niger's borders with Nigeria, Burkina Faso and Mali, the ministry of defense said in a statement on public television on Thursday...”

Breaking the law for Bashir

Author/Source: Petr Fabricius, Institute for Security Studies

“The Supreme Court of Appeal (SCA) delivered a damaging body blow to the South African government’s legal (and political) credibility this week by upholding the Gauteng Division of the High Court’s judgment that Pretoria acted unlawfully in allowing Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir to escape South Africa last June...”

Europe

‘Terrorist propaganda’: Turkey deports British scholar over Kurdish New Year invitations

Author/Source: RT

“A British scholar has been deported from Turkey after 25 years of residency, with the government accusing him of spreading “terrorist propaganda” by handing out Kurdish leaflets...”

Militant Kurds claim Ankara bomb, German missions shut in Turkey

Author/Source: Atla Jean Yackley, Tina Bellon, Reuters

“Kurdish militants on Thursday claimed a suicide bombing in Ankara that killed 37 people this week and warned of further attacks, while Germany shut down its diplomatic missions and schools in Turkey...”



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[Testing security at Euro 2016 with fake chemical attacks](#)

Author/Source: AS

“More than 700 security personnel and 1,200 police cadets took part this Thursday in a simulated chemical attack on a football match as part of security preparations ahead of the 2016 Euros which takes place in France in June and July...”

US & Canada

[Pentagon must be transparent on aid programs](#)

Author/Source: Colby Goodman, William Hartung, Las Vegas Times

“Providing military and police aid to the security forces of other nations — also referred to as security assistance — has become a centerpiece of the Obama administration’s foreign policy...”

[Cybercom to Congress: We Need a Bigger Budget](#)

Author/Source: Aliya Sternstein, Nextgo.com

“A Republican challenged the head of U.S. Cyber Command to explain why the force’s proposed budget would rise next year, with trillion-dollar deficits coming back...”

[Carter Outlines Security Challenges, Warns Against Sequestration](#)

Author/Source: Defense-Aerospace

“The United States is facing five global strategic challenges, while at home sequestration poses a great risk to the funding of critical investments, Defense Secretary Ash Carter told lawmakers here today...”

[Bank theft exposes weak spot in system](#)

Author/Source: Straits Times

“It is a financial whodunit for the digital era: US\$81 million (S\$110 million) of Bangladesh's money vanished last month after it was electronically transferred out of the country's account at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York...”

[March Terror Threats Snapshot: 147 Homegrown Terror Cases Since 9/11](#)

Author/Source: Glen Cosker, In Homeland Security

“U.S. Representative Michael McCaul (R-Texas) released his Terror Threat Snapshot for March 2016 on Wednesday...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Mexican governor makes waves by touting legal opium poppies](#)

Author/Source: Maria Verza, The Washington Post

“The governor of one of Mexico’s most violent states is making waves by proposing that impoverished farmers be allowed to grow opium poppies for legal medical use...”



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[Cybersecurity Experts, Government Officials Gather in St. Lucia to Tackle Caribbean Cybercrime](#)

Author/Source: Jasmine Nelson, Atlanta Black Star

“Commonwealth ministers, policymakers and cyber security experts are currently gathering in St. Lucia for a three-day meeting, March 16-18, to tackle rising cybercrime in the Caribbean...”