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Middle East

[Clashes in Yemen's besieged city of Taiz kill more than 50](#)

Author/Source: Daily Star

"Clashes intensified Friday between Shiite rebels and local fighters in the besieged city of Taiz, killing at least 45 fighters on both sides and six civilians over the past 24 hours..."

[US targets Islamic State in Iraq, Syria with 14 strikes](#)

Author/Source: Thaier Al- Sudani, Reuters

"The U.S.-led coalition conducted 14 strikes against Islamic State in Iraq and Syria on Thursday in its latest round of daily attacks on the militant group, the Combined Joint Task Force said in a statement..."

[ISIS accused of chemical attack on Iraq village](#)

Author/Source: Mugdha Variyar, International Business Times

"The Islamic State group allegedly used a chemical substance to attack civilians in Iraq's Kirkuk region this week, and social media posts by local journalists Friday suggested a child had died in the attack..."

[Iraq's Abadi asks political blocs to nominate technocrats for cabinet](#)

Author/Source: Maher Chmaytelli, Reuters

"Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi asked political blocs in parliament and "influential social figures" to nominate technocrats as candidates for ministerial positions in a new cabinet..."

[Police Launch Crackdown on Palestinians Working Illegally in Israel](#)

Author/Source: Yaniv Kubovich, Haaretz

"Police have been making increased efforts in recent days to locate Palestinians who are in Israel illegally..."

[Israeli wounded in stabbing attack near Jerusalem's Dung Gate](#)

Author/Source: Jerusalem Post

"An Israeli was lightly wounded in a stabbing attack near Jerusalem's Dung Gate on Friday Afternoon..."

[French jihadi's mother learns missing son is Isil "suicide bomb" recruit via leaked files](#)

Author/Source: Henry Samuel and Raf Sanchez, The Telegraph

"The mother of a former French student and vineyard worker who disappeared three years ago learned only on Friday that he had become a willing "suicide bomber" in Syria after his name appeared on a list of Isil recruits leaked to the Telegraph..."



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Central Asia

[Armenia considers downing of Russian jet by Turkey and Armenian helicopter by Azerbaijan as crimes](#)

Author/Source: Armenpress

“Armenia shares the position of its strategic partner Russia on issues over struggle against terrorism...”

South Asia

[Gunmen kill Pakistan army officer in northwest](#)

Author/Source: Washington Post

“A Pakistani police officer says gunmen riding on a motorcycle have shot and killed an army officer in the northwestern city of Peshawar...”

[Pakistan clears team to travel to India for World T20](#)

Author/Source: Barbara Starr, Reuters

“The North Korean regime lost contact with one of its submarines earlier this week, three U.S. officials familiar with the latest information told CNN...”

[Taliban commander killed in Kapisa, Afghanistan](#)

Author/Source: Albawaba

“A Taliban local commander was killed and his two fighters wounded as a result of a clash with Afghan Local Police (ALP) in central Kapisa province, an official said on Friday...”

[Peace talks with Taliban delicately poised](#)

Author/Source: Rahumulla Yusufzai, Gulf News

“The Afghan Taliban statement on March 5, rejecting peace talks with the Afghan government, didn’t come as a surprise because the militant group had already listed four pre-conditions for creating the right atmosphere...”

[Scores of Taliban killed in infighting in western Afghanistan](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua

“Infighting between Taliban rival groups in the western Herat province has claimed scores of lives over the past couple of days, local officials and sources close to the Taliban said Friday...”

East Asia

[China-Russia Talks Focus on North Korea](#)

Author/Source: Bai Hua, Voice of America

“Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's two-day visit to Moscow this week has largely focused on North Korea's increasing nuclear threats...”

[China to begin civilian flights to disputed South China Sea Island](#)

Author/Source: The Guardian

“China will begin civilian flights to and from a disputed South China Sea island within a year, state media reported on Friday, as the government expands infrastructure on islands and reefs also claimed by other countries in the region...”



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Africa

[UN votes to send home peacekeepers accused of sexual abuse](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“The UN Security Council has adopted a resolution calling for the repatriation of peacekeeping units whose soldiers face allegations of sexual abuse. The resolution is the first passed by the Security Council to tackle sex abuse claims against peacekeepers...”

[Nigeria soldiers nab wanted Boko Haram commander; intercept insurgent’s fuel supply](#)

Author/Source: Ola Adu, Premium Times

“A suspected notorious leader of the Boko Haram sect on the wanted list of the Nigeria Army was arrested Thursday by Nigerian troops while leading a gang of gunmen to ferry fuel through border communities in Borno State, army officials have said...”

[Mozambique to prove allegations of abuses by security forces](#)

Author/Source: News24

“The government in Mozambique has said it will investigate allegations that security forces carried out abuses that are blamed for the flight of thousands of Mozambicans to neighboring Malawi...”

[Security Council Press Statement on attack on UNAMID Peacekeepers, Darfur](#)

Author/Source: StarAfrica

“The members of the Security Council condemned in the strongest terms the attack on African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) peacekeepers while accompanying a humanitarian convoy travelling from Kutum to Djarido, North Darfur, by a group of unidentified armed men on 9 March 2016...”

Europe

[Europe moves closer to imposing Libya sanctions: diplomats](#)

Author/Source: Robin Emmott and Francesco Guarascio, Reuters

“European Union foreign ministers are considering sanctions on three Libyans they see as blocking efforts by the United Nations to form a government of national unity and may go ahead even if a government is agreed, diplomats said...”

[European Parliament on freedom speech in Kazakhstan, Giulio Regeni and DRC](#)

Author/Source: New Europe

“In three resolutions voted on March 10, the European Parliament condemned the deteriorating climate for the media and free speech in Kazakhstan, as well as the torture and assassination under suspicious circumstances of EU citizen Giulio Regeni in Egypt, and the worsening security and human rights situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo...”

[Moscow says NATO engaged in propaganda accusing Russia of migrant crisis in Europe](#)

Author/Source: Tass Russian News

“The statements of NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg who alleged that Moscow is responsible for the migration crisis in Europe are aimed at justifying Russia’s containment and are propaganda, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Friday...”



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[Macedonia slams EU for ‘failing security’ in unprecedented refugee crisis](#)

Author/Source: Russian Times

“President of Macedonia Gjorge Ivanov has lambasted the EU for “completely losing sight” of security concerns as an unprecedented flood of refugees from war-torn Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries sweeps through Europe...”

US & Canada

[U.S. general sought greater powers in Afghanistan before exit](#)

Author/Source: Phil Stewart, Reuters

“The U.S. general who until last week commanded the NATO-led coalition in Afghanistan said on Friday he recommended broader scope for U.S. military activity as the country fends off a resilient Taliban insurgency....”

[Congress to vote on labeling Christian persecution in the Middle East ‘genocide’, as pressure on Obama grows](#)

Author/Source: Christian Times

““The US Congress will on Monday decide whether to recognize atrocities committed against Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East as genocide...””

[U.S. Seeks Coalition to Checkmate Islamic State in Africa](#)

Author/Source: Breitbart

“U.S. officials admitted to Voice of America News on Wednesday they are deeply concerned about the Islamic State’s growing strength in Africa, emanating from their stronghold in Libya, but could offer only disturbingly vague talk of assembling an anti-ISIS “coalition” to address the problem...”

[Canadian held hostage 6 months in Philippines begs for Justin Trudeau’s help](#)

Author/Source: Danielle Nerman, CBC

“A former Calgarian who has been held hostage in the Philippines for nearly six months with a second Canadian and two others is pleading for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to do what's needed in order to secure their release...”

[Obama blames Britain, France for debacle in Libya](#)

Author/Source: Kellan Howell, The Washington Times

“President Obama criticized British Prime Minister David Cameron and other European allies for the “shit show” in Libya after the 2011 international intervention...”

[Man Accused in Anti-Islam Cartoon Attack Awaits Verdict](#)

Author/Source: Fernanda Santos, New York Times

“Jurors on Friday began deliberating the fate of a Muslim convert accused of financing, training and motivating the two men who tried to attack an exhibit of anti-Islam cartoons last year in Texas...”



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[U.S. Navy Likely to Increase Fleet Size Target](#)

Author/Source: Maritime Executive

“The U.S. Navy will likely increase its requirement for a 308-ship fleet given the rapidly changing world security situation, including the U.S. battle against Islamic State, Chief of Naval Operations Admiral John Richardson said on Thursday...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Sao Paulo Flooding Leaves 21 Dead, Latin America’s Largest City Paralyzed](#)

Author/Source: Cedar Attanasio, Latin Times

“At least 15 were confirmed dead in the Brazil’s financial capital and largest city, São Paulo, according to Reuters. Half a dozen people died as a result of the flooding elsewhere in São Paulo state after 24 hours of steady rain...”

[Brazil prosecutors want to detain ex-president Lula](#)

Author/Source: Michael Pearson, CNN

“Brazilian authorities are coming after former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva again -- this time on money laundering charges, according to state news service Agencia Brasil...”

[Emirates Puts Latin America Hub on Hold Until 13 Nations Sign Up](#)

Author/Source: Andrea Rothman, Bloomberg

“Emirates, the world’s biggest long-haul airline, put its plan to establish a hub in Panama connecting cities across Latin America with Asia on hold because government accords permitting cooperation with a key local carrier took too long to put in place...”