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Middle East

[Saudi Arabia promises 'severe penalties' for sympathizers or financiers of Hezbollah](#)

Author/Source: Jerusalem Post

“Saudi Arabia said on Sunday it would punish anyone who belongs to Lebanon's Iran-backed Shi'ite Islamist group Hezbollah, sympathizes with it, supports it financially or harbors any of its members...”

[Israel Demands World Powers Punish Iran for Missile Tests](#)

Author/Source: ABC News

“Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday called on world powers to punish Iran after the country test-fired two ballistic missiles emblazoned with the phrase "Israel must be wiped out" in Hebrew...”

[Helicopters kill 17 as Yemen government moves against Aden militants](#)

Author/Source: Mohammed Mukhashaf, Reuters

“Saudi-led helicopters attacked al Qaeda militants in Aden overnight in an effort to dislodge them from a stronghold in the southern port city, killing at least 18 people, medics and a security official said on Sunday...”

[U.S., allies launch 18 air strikes against Islamic State in Syria, Iraq: statement](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“The United States and its allies carried out more than a dozen air strikes on Islamic State forces in Iraq and Syria on Saturday, the Command Joint Task Force said in a statement...”

[Machine-gun toting woman shot by Saudi forces hunting bombing suspect](#)

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“A woman armed with a machine gun was shot dead by Saudi security forces during a raid to arrest a man suspected of involvement with an attack against Shiite Muslims in the kingdom, state news agency SPA reported on Sunday...”

[Syrian jet shot down by rebels ahead of peace talks](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Rebels shot down a Syrian warplane in the west of the country, fighters and a military source said, as the government and opposition groups traded barbs ahead of fragile peace talks in Geneva on Monday...”



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Central Asia

[Skirmish on Iranian-Azerbaijani border, five dead](#)

Author/Source: Trend

“An attempt to violate the state border of Iran from Azerbaijan has been prevented, said the message of the State Border Service of Azerbaijan...”

[Tehran, Baku swap prisoners](#)

Author/Source: Trend

“Iran has swapped five inmates serving prison sentences in the Republic of Azerbaijan for six Azerbaijani prisoners serving their sentences in the Islamic Republic...”

[Central Asia strongman regimes challenged by stuttering economies](#)

Author/Source: Anton Lomov, Yahoo News

“Pensioner Anna Kovalyova, 63, would struggle to make ends meet on her pension worth \$250 if it was not for the subsidies from the authorities in Turkmenistan that make water, gas and electricity almost free...”

South Asia

[Bangladesh arrests Islamist militants over bomb plot, seizes explosives](#)

Author/Source: Channel News Asia

“Officials of Bangladesh’s anti-terrorism unit on Monday detained five suspected members of a banned Islamist militant group for planning attacks during celebrations of the Bengali New Year next month, a spokesman said...”

[5 militants killed in Nankana Sahib by Pakistan security forces](#)

Author/Source: India Today

“Five militants of Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) were killed today in Nankana Sahib in Pakistan after a gun battle with the security forces...”

[India successfully test-fires nuclear-capable Agni-I ballistic missile](#)

Author/Source: Daily Pakistan

“India on Monday successfully test-fired Agni-I ballistic missile in an experiment conducted at strategic test range off Odisha coast...”

[Vietnam protesters denounce China on anniversary of South China Sea navy battle](#)

Author/Source: Japan Times

“Demonstrators marched in Vietnam’s capital Monday to mark the 28th anniversary of a bloody naval battle with China and to denounce Beijing’s growing assertiveness in the hotly contested waters of the South China Sea...”

[Indonesia detains 14 people allegedly heading to Syria](#)

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“Indonesia has detained 14 people, including several children, as they allegedly tried to travel to Syria, police said, where hundreds of their countrymen have joined extremist groups like ISIS...”



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US announces possible Indonesia AMRAAM deal

Author/Source: Flight Global

“If completed, the \$95 million package will include the missiles, support equipment, spare parts, services, and training, says the US Defense Security Cooperation Agency in a statement...”

Indonesia anti-terror squad probed after suspect's death

Author/Source: Anadolu Agency

“Indonesia's human rights commission is calling for an inquiry into the death of a suspected terrorist while he was being held by the country's Special Forces counterterrorism squad...”

East Asia

North Korea denies cyber attacks on South Korea officials

Author/Source: Reuters

“North Korea on Sunday denied that it conducted cyber attacks against officials from rival South Korea, calling the South's accusation that it did so a "fabrication". South Korea's spy agency told lawmakers...”

Amid sea disputes, China to set up maritime ‘judicial center’

Author/Source: Asia Times

“China plans to set up an “international maritime judicial center” to help protect the country’s sovereignty and rights at sea, its top judge said on Sunday...”

Africa

Senegal: The Linchpin of Security in West Africa

Author/Source: The National Interest

“Senegalese military personnel are voting in a national referendum on March 13...”

Al Shabaab gun runner nabbed in Dadaab refugee camp

Author/Source: The Star

“A key al Shabaab operative was on Friday arrested in one of the refugee camps in Dadaab...”

Somalia: KDF Launches Airstrike On Al Shabaab Base in Gedo

Author/Source: All Africa

“A top Somali army official says Kenyan air-force jets have carried out an airborne attack against Al shabaab stronghold in the country's south-western Gedo region on Saturday...”

Ivory Coast gunmen who killed 16 had sights set on Obama official, source says

Author/Source: Fox News

“A deadly attack on a popular Ivory Coast beach resort Sunday that killed at least 16 most likely targeted a U.S. delegation led by the assistant commerce secretary, who was visiting the country, a diplomatic source in the region told Fox News...”



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Europe

[Voters deliver a message for Germany's Angela Merkel: No more migrants](#)

Author/Source: The Washington Post

“German voters on Sunday appeared to send a message to Chancellor Angela Merkel: Close the door on migrants...”

[Russia claims Turkish troops entrenched in Syria](#)

Author/Source: CBS News

“Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov says Russia has information that Turkey's military is entrenched a few hundred yards inside Syrian territory to prevent Kurdish groups from strengthening their positions...”

[PKK or affiliates behind Ankara bombing, initial findings suggest: official](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Initial findings suggest the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) or an affiliated group was responsible for a car bombing in the Turkish capital Ankara on Sunday that killed 27 people and wounded 75 more, a security official said...”

[Russia's navy wants to buy five dolphins with perfect teeth for US\\$24,000 — but won't say why](#)

Author/Source: Washington Post

“Russia's military is looking for a few good dolphins to join its navy — five, to be exact, with perfect teeth, average length and a willingness to “display motor activity.” That's according to a defense ministry tender that was published online last week and that offered about US\$24,000...”

US & Canada

[US, Colombian Militaries Eye a Post-Conflict Future](#)

Author/Source: Defense News

“Now that a historic peace accord with leftist FARC guerrillas could be signed within weeks, Colombia's government is eager to ensure ties to the US military endure in a post-conflict future...”

[How new border security changes could affect Canadians visiting the U.S.](#)

Author/Source: CVT News

“Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale says a series of border security changes that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and U.S. President Barack Obama agreed upon this week are designed to make cross-border travel “smoother...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Small plane crashes into market in Bolivia, killing at least 7](#)

Author/Source: BNO News

“The accident happened just after 12 p.m. on Sunday when the plane crashed into a building at the central market of Santa Ana del Yacuma, which is a town in Beni province, about 365



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miles (590 km) north of the capital Sucre...”

Colombian Police Arrest Man Suspected of Rights Violations in Argentina

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“An Argentine citizen who allegedly committed human rights violations in Argentina during the 1976-1983 military dictatorship was arrested by the National Police in Medellin, the capital of the northwestern Colombian province of Antioquia, officials said...”

Mexican Navy Training Ship Sets Sail for 14 Countries

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“The Mexican navy’s training ship, Cuauhtemoc, set sail from the Pacific port of Acapulco on a cruise that will take it to 18 ports in 14 countries, the Navy Secretariat said...”

Old Allies Guatemala and Taiwan to Strengthen Relationship

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Guatemala and Taiwan, old allies whose diplomatic relations date back 81 years, have agreed to strengthen bonds of "friendship" and cooperation between the two nations...”