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Middle East

[Sunni force pleads for Iraqi government help as Mosul fight looms](#)

Author/Source: Michael Georgy and Babak Dehghanpisheh, Reuters

“Abu Mahmoud, part of a 2,500-man predominantly Sunni Arab force pulled together to launch an offensive against Islamic State in the Iraqi city of Mosul, has heard from...”

[Ankara says Turkish troops to stay in Iraq despite Baghdad objections](#)

Author/Source: Al-Masdar News

“Turkey said Thursday that its troops will remain in Iraq despite Baghdad’s growing anger ahead of a planned operation to retake the Iraqi city of Mosul from Takfiri ISIL group...”

[New Israeli settlement plan risks peace, EU says](#)

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“Israel’s decision to build new settlements far inside the West Bank weakens prospects for peace with the Palestinians, the European Union’s diplomatic service said on Friday...”

[Israeli tanks fire on Gaza in response to rocket attack](#)

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“Israeli tanks shelled the Gaza Strip after a rocket from the Palestinian enclave hit an open field on Thursday, the second such exchange of fire in two days, officials said...”

[UN rights envoy urges Iran to free three dual nationals](#)

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“The United Nations human rights investigator for Iran called on Friday for the immediate release of three Iranians with dual nationality whose health is a matter of concern...”

[UN envoy eyes 72-hour truce for Yemen](#)

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“A 72-hour truce for conflict-riddled Yemen is expected to be announced soon, the UN envoy to the Arabian Peninsula country said Friday after talks with rebel representatives...”

[UN envoy warns east Aleppo faces total destruction](#)

Author/Source: Daily Nation

“The UN’s Syria envoy on Thursday warned east Aleppo faces total destruction, as government forces made their biggest gains in years against rebels inside the...”

[Seven fighters killed in Yemen clashes](#)

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“Seven fighters were killed in clashes between Houthi militias and loyalists of Ali Abudllah Saleh in southwest Yemen on Thursday, a loyalist officer said...”



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Central Asia

[Azerbaijan doesn't agree with Kerry's statement - top official](#)

Author/Source: Ramiz Mikayilglu, Azeri-Press Agency

“Secretary of State John Kerry about unreadiness of the leaders to resolve the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict surprises and upsets, Novruz Mammadov, deputy head of...”

[Ilham Aliyev: Blaming Azerbaijan for unwillingness to settle Karabakh conflict would be injustice](#)

Author/Source: Azeri-Press Agency

“Blaming Azerbaijan for unwillingness to settle the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict would be injustice, Azerbaijan’s President Ilham Aliyev said on Friday...”

[Karabakh Army vehicle damaged in Azeri firing](#)

Author/Source: Siranush Ghazanchyan, Public Radio of Armenia

“An NKR Defense Army vehicle has been damaged as a result of intensive firing from...”

South Asia

[Taliban can't advance even an inch in Helmand: Qahraman](#)

Author/Source: Zainullah Stanikzai, Pajhwok Afghan News

“The Taliban insurgents have achieved some gains in southern Helmand province as a result of pressures from Iran and Pakistan, a senior government official said on Friday...”

[Taliban, Afghan soldiers suffer casualties in army base attack in Kandahar](#)

Author/Source: Khaama Press

“The Taliban militants and the Afghan National Army (ANA) forces suffered casualties during an attack by the Taliban insurgents on an army base in southern Kandahar province...”

[At least three killed in south-western Pakistan train bombing: Minister](#)

Author/Source: The Straits Times

“A bomb killed at least three people on a train in Pakistan's restive Baluchistan province on Friday (Oct 7), the railways minister said, as media reported 16 people were wounded...”

[3 killed in attack on army base in Kashmir](#)

Author/Source: The Strait Times

“Indian soldiers yesterday killed three suspected militants who tried to attack an army base in Indian Kashmir, officers said. The latest incident further raises tensions with Pakistan...”

[Six dead as two blasts target Jaffar Express in Balochistan](#)

Author/Source: Syed Ali Shah, Dawn

“Two coordinated blasts targeting railway tracks hit near the Rawalpindi-bound Jaffar Express Friday, killing at least six people and leaving 18 others injured, railway officials said...”



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Southeast Asia

[Philippine's President Duterte dares US CIA to 'oust' him](#)

Author/Source: The Straits Times

“Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte on Friday (Oct 7) dared the United States' Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to try and oust him, as he branded Western critics of his...”

[Vietnam declares California-based group a terror organisation](#)

Author/Source: The Straits Times

“Vietnam has declared a United States-based activist group a terrorist organisation and warned that any Vietnamese found to be involved with the group would be regarded as...”

[Suspects in Davao market bombing arrested](#)

Author/Source: Frances Mangosing, Inquirer.net

“The suspected terrorists involved in the Davao night market bombing last month have been arrested last Tuesday...”

[Filipinos give President Duterte ‘excellent’ rating for his deadly war on drugs](#)

Author/Source: Dhaka Tribune

“Filipinos gave President Rodrigo Duterte an “excellent” rating for his war on drugs, an opinion poll showed on Friday, but there was clear unease over the deadly campaign as...”

[Ahok denies he insulted the Quran](#)

Author/Source: The Jakarta Post

“Jakarta Governor Basuki "Ahok" Tjahaja Purnama denies that he insulted verses in the Quran last month and says that his words were taken out of context. Ahok’s claim follows...”

East Asia

[7 out of 10 Americans support U.S. troop presence in S. Korea](#)

Author/Source: The Korea Times

“Seven out of 10 Americans support the U.S. troop presence in South Korea, an all-time high that shows they don’t buy Donald Trump’s argument that the U.S. should pull out of the...”

[Satellite images show activity at North Korea nuclear test site](#)

Author/Source: UNIAN

An increase in activity at North Korea's nuclear test site could signal preparations for a new test or a collection of data from its last one, a U.S.-based monitoring group said on Friday...”

[Tokyo watches for North Korea nuclear test ahead of Workers’ Party anniversary](#)

Author/Source: Ayako Mie, The Japan Times

“As Tokyo keeps watch for another nuclear test by Kim Jong Un’s defiant regime, activity has been detected near North Korea’s nuclear test site ahead of the anniversary of its Workers’...”



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Africa

[U.S. embassy in Congo says family can return after evacuation](#)

Author/Source: Investing.com

“Family members of U.S. personnel in Democratic Republic of Congo can return to the country, the U.S. embassy said late on Friday, one week after ordering them to leave...”

[Al-Qaeda-Linked Al-Shabab Terror Group Killing Christians in Kenya](#)

Author/Source: Edwin Mora, Breitbart

“Jihadists from the al-Qaeda affiliate al-Shabab have reportedly executed six Christians in a Kenyan town that borders Somalia, marking the latest in a wave of attacks targeting...”

[Niger: Attackers kill 22 soldiers near refugee camp](#)

Author/Source: StarTribune

“Niger's government says attackers who killed at least 22 soldiers at a Malian refugee camp likely came from Mali...”

[UN authorizes EU to stop migrant-smuggling vessels off Libya](#)

Author/Source: The Jakarta Post

“The UN Security Council has adopted a resolution authorizing the European Union and individual countries to seize migrant-smuggling vessels on the high seas off Libya for...”

Europe

[Report: Russia moves nuclear-capable equipment to Kaliningrad](#)

Author/Source: Nikita Vladimirov, The Hill

“U.S. officials on Friday confirmed that Russia was moving its missiles with nuclear capabilities into Kaliningrad, according to a report by Reuters...”

[Russia under pressure to stop devastating Aleppo bombardment](#)

Author/Source: Jack Stubbs and John Davison, Reuters

“Russia said on Friday a draft U.N. resolution demanding an end to air strikes and military flights over the Syrian city of Aleppo was unacceptable, as Moscow faced growing...”

[Russian warship passes through Bosphorus to join Syria mission](#)

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“Russian warship “Mirage” on Friday passed through Istanbul’s Bosphorus strait, heading to the Mediterranean to back up Russia’s bombing campaign in Syria, AFP journalists...”

[Dutch to cut role in U.N. peace mission in Mali](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“The Dutch government said on Friday it would continue its peacekeeping mission in Mali in 2017 but will withdraw its helicopter contingent at the start of the year, leaving the...”

[France says vigilant on Central African Republic violence as pullout nears](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“France said on Friday it was keeping an eye on the worsening security situation in Central



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African Republic, but that there was no change in the timeframe to withdraw the bulk of...”

[Russia says it may reopen Soviet-era military bases in Cuba and Vietnam](#)

Author/Source: David Lawler, The Telegraph

“Russia is considering restoring military bases in Vietnam and Cuba, Cold War flashpoints and lasting symbols of the enmity between the US and Soviet Union...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Colombia’s Santos wins Nobel Peace Prize in boost for troubled talks](#)

Author/Source: Stine Jacobsen and Helen Murphy, Reuters

“Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos won the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for his efforts to end a 52-year-old war with Marxist guerrillas, a surprise choice and a show of...”

[Negotiators for Colombian Government, FARC to Press On after Setback](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Negotiators from the Colombian government and the FARC rebels said on Friday that they will seek to address the concerns of those who voted “no” in last weekend’s referendum...”