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Middle East

22 children killed in air raid on Syria school

Author/Source: The Manila Times

“Air strikes that hit a school in rebel-held Idlib province in northwest Syria killed 22 children and six teachers, the UN children’s agency UNICEF said Wednesday...”

Russia: No jets have flown over Aleppo for past 9 days

Author/Source: Press TV

“Moscow says Russian and Syrian aircraft have not carried out any sorties over Aleppo for nine days in line with their humanitarian pause...”

Russia or Syria was behind deadly Idlib school attack, says US

Author/Source: The Guardian

“The White House has directly accused either Syria or Russia of being behind airstrikes that destroyed a school complex on Wednesday...”

Saudi Arabia ready to join Raqqa battle: Assiri

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“Saudi Arabia is prepared to join a US-led international coalition preparing an operation to isolate ISIS militants in the Syrian city of Raqqa, Arab Coalition spokesman Maj Gen. Ahmed Al-Assiri told Alarabiya.net...”

First joint Gulf security exercises begin in Bahrain

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“The first joint Gulf-wide military exercises of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states has begun in Bahrain...”

Central Asia

Armenian Government to Allocate \$42,000 in Tuition Aid to Syrian-Armenian Students in Armenia

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“The first joint Gulf-wide military exercises of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states has begun in Bahrain...”

Azerbaijan: Choosing Between Repressing Dissent and Western Loans

Author/Source: Eurasia net

“Azerbaijan must make legislative changes within four months that expand rights for local civil society organizations, or risk losing billions of dollars in loans it needs to build a key gas pipeline...”



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South Asia

[India-New Zealand can be partners in security, stability: President Pranab Mukherjee](#)

Author/Source: India Express

“President Pranab Mukherjee has said India and New Zealand can become partners for promoting security, stability and prosperity in their regions and beyond, as he welcomed visiting Kiwi Prime Minister John Key...”

[Australia's biggest data breach sees 1.3m records leaked](#)

Author/Source: iTnews

“More than one million personal and medical records of Australian citizens donating blood to the Red Cross Blood Service have been exposed online in the country’s biggest and most damaging data breach to date...”

[Indonesia, Australia discuss counter-terrorism](#)

Author/Source: ANTARA

“Indonesian Minister for Politics, Law and Security Affairs Wiranto and Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop met here on Wednesday to discuss counter-terrorism and ways to boost national security...”

[Indonesia, Australia to strengthen military ties](#)

Author/Source: The Jakarta Post

“Defense Minister Ryamizard Ryacudu has said Indonesia and Australia are set to discuss efforts on strengthening military ties in an upcoming meeting involving foreign and defense ministers of each respective country...”

[Indian Ocean nations set guidelines on maritime security](#)

Author/Source: Fedina S. Sundaryani, The Jakarta Post

“Twenty-one nations bordering the Indian Ocean, comprising African, Asian and Oceanic states as part of an international organization, now have guidelines for maritime safety and security and five other priorities...”

East Asia

[China slams Japan for scrambling jets and locking radars on to Chinese military aircraft](#)

Author/Source: International Business Times

“China has strongly reacted to the Japanese air force scrambling jets and locking radars on to Chinese military aircraft...”

[Report: Chinese Spies Stole Pentagon Secrets](#)

Author/Source: Washington Free Beacon

“Chinese spies repeatedly infiltrated U.S. national security agencies, including official email accounts, and stole U.S. secrets on Pentagon war plans for a future conflict with China, according to a forthcoming congressional commission report...”



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Army chief witnesses Pak-China military exercise

Author/Source: Tribune

“Army chief General Raheel Sharif has said that the Pakistan military shares its experiences in training camps for the benefit of humanity and ridding it of terrorism...”

Indonesia to Host Interpol General Assembly, Addressed by Top Cop, Susi

Author/Source: Jakarta Post

“Indonesia will host the 85th Interpol General Assembly in Nusa Dua, Bali, on Nov.7, featuring keynote addresses from National Police chief Gen. Tito Karnavian and Maritime and Fisheries Minister Susi Pudjiastuti...”

Africa

Isis in Somalia: The Islamic State's fight to establish a foothold in East Africa

Author/Source: International Business Times

“Yesterday (26 October), Somali militants affiliated to the Islamic State (Isis) terror group seized the town of Qandala in the autonomous region of Puntland, marking the first time IS has captured territories in East Africa...”

Fighting Boko Haram: administrative and security officials review strategies

Author/Source: Cameroon Radio Television

“The meeting was attended amongst others by two top military officials, General Bouba Dobeke, Commander of the first sector of the Joint Multinational task force and Brigadier General Jacob Kodji, Commander of the fourth military region...”

Divisions in oil-rich Delta undermine Nigeria's bid to end insurgency

Author/Source: Daily Mail

“An angry crowd blocks access to a Chevron facility in Nigeria's oil-producing south to demand jobs and housing, a common refrain from poor communities in the Niger Delta swamps...”

Boko Haram Attacks Signal Resilience of ISIS and Its Branches

Author/Source: New York Times

“The military convoy was rumbling across a river near the border last month when soldiers suddenly realized they were surrounded...”

12-hour curfew in Mandera after al Shabaab ambush

Author/Source: The Star

“The government has issued a 12-hour curfew in Mandera following the al Shabaab attack at Bishaare lodgings that left 12 dead. Interior CS Joseph Nkaissery gazetted a notice on Wednesday...”

Somalia's al-Shabab in comeback, as Ethiopia pulls troops

Author/Source: Fox News

“Somalia's Islamic extremist rebels, al-Shabab, are making a comeback, having recently seized four towns and attacked a guesthouse in neighboring Kenya, killing 12...”



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[US Embassy Nairobi Terror Attack? Al-Shabab Suspected As Man With Knife Killed Trying To Stab Officer](#)

Author/Source: International Business Times

“A man wielding a knife in an apparent attack on the United States embassy in Nairobi, Kenya was reportedly shot and killed after he tried to stab a guard near one of the entrances Thursday...”

Europe

[Turkey calls for end to NATO's migrant mission in Aegean](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Turkey is seeking an end to NATO's counter-migration mission in the Aegean Sea and it is telling the U.S.-led alliance that the sharp drop in refugees trying to get to Greece means there is no longer a need for warships to patrol its coast...”

[Migrants stranded in Calais Jungle as demolition ramps up](#)

Author/Source: Sun Daily

“Dozens of migrants stranded in the Calais "Jungle", some of them children, desperately sought a way out Thursday as diggers begin tearing down the last remaining shelters in the burnt-out camp in northern France...”

[Italy-Saudi Arabia ties 'solid'](#)

Author/Source: ANSA News

“Relations between Italy and Saudi Arabia are very solid but there is room for improvement, Saudi Ambassador to Italy Khalid A. Krimly told an ANSA forum on Thursday...”

[UK deploys hundreds of troops and aircraft to eastern Europe amid Russia tensions](#)

Author/Source: Independent

“The UK is deploying hundreds of troops to eastern Europe as part of Nato’s largest military build-up on Russia's borders since the Cold War. RAF Typhoon aircraft, deployed from RAF Cinciningsby...”

[Belgian politicians drop opposition to EU-Canada trade deal](#)

Author/Source: The Guardian

“European Union leaders have expressed hope of signing a trade deal with Canada after Belgian politicians overcame differences that had been blocking the treaty...”

US & Canada

[Canada introduces Bill to celebrate October as 'Hindu Heritage Month'](#)

Author/Source: Indian Express

“A bill to proclaim October as Hindu Heritage Month annually in Canada's Ontario province has been introduced in the provincial assembly here...”

[US Diplomat Insists Efforts Against N. Korea’s Nuclear Program Not a ‘Lost Cause’](#)

Author/Source: Voice of America

“U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Thursday refuted the assessment made



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this week by the U.S. Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, in which he said that trying to persuade North Korea...”

[Congress: Cuba to Share Critical U.S. Intel With Iranian Spies](#)

Author/Source: Adam Kredo, The Washington Free Beacon

“Obama administration efforts to bolster the sharing of critical intelligence data with Cuba is likely to benefit Iran, which has been quietly bolstering its foothold in the country with the communist government’s approval, according to conversations with members of Congress and other sources familiar with the matter...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[FARC vows to verify fate of 500 missing kidnap victims amid negotiations on new peace deal](#)

Author/Source: Adriaan Alsema, Colombia Reports

“Colombia’s largest rebel group, the FARC, on Wednesday vowed to internally investigate the fate of some 500 people who were kidnapped by the guerrillas but are now unaccounted for...”