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Middle East

Iraq: Mosul operation going quicker than expected

Author/Source: Kim Hielmggaard/USA Today

“Iraq's prime minister struck an upbeat tone Thursday, saying the operation to recapture the city of Mosul from Islamic State fighters was moving ahead faster than anticipated...”

Mosul fighting forces 5,640 Iraqis to flee their homes: IOM

Author/Source: Tom Miles/Reuters

“The fighting around the Iraqi city of Mosul has forced 5,640 people to flee their homes in the last three days, the International Organization for Migration said on Thursday, most of them in the last 24 hours...”

U.S. military: American soldier killed in northern Iraq

Author/Source: CBS News

“An American soldier died on Thursday from wounds sustained in a bombing in northern Iraq, the U.S. military said...”

Israeli troops kill Palestinian teenager for 'rock-throwing' in Hebron

Author/Source: Daily Sabah

“Israeli troops shot dead a Palestinian teenager whom they suspected had thrown rocks at them as they patrolled the occupied West Bank road on Thursday, the military said...”

Turkish in deadly raids on US-backed Syrian Kurd fighters

Author/Source: The Daily Star

“Turkish warplanes have carried out deadly strikes on U.S.-backed militias in northern Syria, including Syrian Kurdish fighters, activists said Thursday, action that is likely to raise tensions between the NATO allies...”

U.N. chief pushes for rare General Assembly session on Syria

Author/Source: Michelle Nichols/Reuters

“United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon pushed on Thursday for the 193-member General Assembly to hold a rare emergency special session on Syria since a deadlocked Security Council has failed to take action to end the nearly six-year war...”

Exclusive: Iran steps up weapons supply to Yemen's Houthis via Oman – officials

Author/Source: Yara Bayoumy, Phil Stewart/Reuters

“Iran has stepped up weapons transfers to the Houthis, the militia fighting the Saudi-backed government in Yemen, U.S., Western and Iranian officials tell Reuters, a development that threatens to prolong and intensify the 19-month-old war...”



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[Saudi Arabia, US sanction several individuals with links to Hezbollah](#)

Author/Source: Arab News

“Saudi Arabia has slapped sanctions on two individuals and a company with links to Iranian-backed Hezbollah, according to Saudi Press Agency on Thursday...”

[Syrian military says will 'bring down' any Turkish war planes in its air space](#)

Author/Source: Jerusalem Post

“The Syrian military said on Thursday that it would bring down any Turkish war planes entering Syrian air space, a response to air strikes carried out by Turkey overnight in northern Syria...”

[U.S. urges Houthis to keep ceasefire, discusses JASTA with Saudi](#)

Author/Source: Arshad Mohammed/Reuters

“U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Thursday urged Yemen's Houthis to respect a ceasefire and said Saudi Arabia had a right to be free from rocket attacks like one that he said killed two Saudi civilians...”

Central Asia

[In Karachay-Cherkessia, six persons detained on suspicion of involvement in IS](#)

Author/Source: The Caucasian Knot

“Detainees were members of a grouping under the control of militants from of the terrorist organization "Islamic State" (IS), banned in Russia...”

South Asia

[NATO trains Afghan troops to make air strikes more accurate](#)

Author/Source: Josh Smith/Reuters

“NATO forces have begun a new program to train Afghan soldiers to pinpoint ground targets for aircraft flying overhead, hoping that it will help stem militant advances in recent months and reverse a sharp rise in civilian casualties...”

[Pakistan to block Indian content on TV, radio as tension simmers](#)

Author/Source: United News of India

“Pakistan will ban all Indian content on television and radio channels from tomorrow, its media regulator said, stepping up tit-for-tat bans that followed a spike in tension between the neighbours...”

Southeast Asia

[Indonesia police say investigating suspected pipe bomb](#)

Author/Source: Jerusalem Post

“Indonesia police said the perpetrator in a stabbing incident near Jakarta may have been carrying a pipe bomb, along with sharp instruments used in an attack that injured two police on Thursday...”



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[Philippine President Duterte announces separation from U.S.](#)

Author/Source: Politico

“Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte declared Thursday that he’s breaking from the United States, saying that he is strengthening ties with China and that America ‘lost.’...”

East Asia

[In major breakthrough, China-Philippines agree to resume South China Sea talks](#)

Author/Source: Asian Correspondent

“China and the Philippines appear to have struck a friendly compromise on the thorny South China Sea dispute, according to a senior Chinese diplomat Thursday...”

[Refocus of China's anti-graft campaign means almost anyone a target](#)

Author/Source: Ben Blanchard/Reuters

“As the number of high-profile "tigers" caught in China's crackdown on corruption falls, the ruling Communist Party has turned its fight to its most junior officials, meaning almost anyone is now a target...”

[Chinese Warships to Dock in Vietnam](#)

Author/Source: Vu Trong Khanh/Wall Street Journal

“Three Chinese warships will dock Saturday at Vietnam’s strategic naval base at Cam Ranh Bay, three weeks after two U.S. naval vessels docked there for the first time since former wartime foes Hanoi and Washington normalized relations 21 years ago...”

Africa

[With people in southern Madagascar 'living on the brink,' UN scales up efforts to avert food crisis](#)

Author/Source: UN News Centre

“Following a report that more than half of the population in southern Madagascar – 840,000 people – is experiencing alarming rates of food insecurity, United Nations agencies are responding to the most severe cases of malnutrition and acute hunger to prevent a catastrophe...”

[Libya forces free five foreign captives from Islamic State in Sirte, official says](#)

Author/Source: Patrick Markey/Business Insider

“Libyan pro-government forces have freed five foreign nationals held by Islamic State in Sirte after heavy fighting to capture the final district of the city, a local official said on Thursday...”

Europe

[Germany police shooting: Officer dies after being shot three times by far-right 'Reichsbürger' in Georgensgmünd](#)

Author/Source: Lizzie Dearden/The Independent

“A police officer has died of his injuries after being shot by an anti-government extremist in Germany in what officials condemned as a ‘brutal crime’...”



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[Russia 'regrets' U.S. plan for quick missile deployment to South Korea](#)

Author/Source: Christian Lowe/Reuters

“Russia's foreign ministry said on Thursday it viewed with regret an announcement by Washington that it would deploy an anti-missile system in South Korea as quickly as possible, Interfax news agency reported...”

[Hungarian man suspected of Budapest blast detained](#)

Author/Source: Malta Today

“A Hungarian man has been arrested on suspicion of carrying out a bomb attack in central Budapest last month in which two police officers were injured, chief prosecutor Tibor Keresztes told a news conference on Thursday...”

[Kremlin says Berlin talks on Ukraine crisis were positive](#)

Author/Source: Maria Tsvetkova, Christian Lowe/Reuters

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Thursday talks on the Ukraine crisis in Berlin were ‘as a whole, positive’...”

[France's Hollande under pressure over crime as police protest snowballs](#)

Author/Source: Brian Love/Reuters

“French police staged protests in Paris and other cities for a third night, with political opponents seizing on the unease to accuse Francois Hollande's government of failing on security just months before a presidential election...”

[Russia wants to weaken the EU, EU leaders say](#)

Author/Source: Jan Strupczewski, Alastair Macdonald/Reuters

“Russia is trying to weaken the European Union, EU leaders agreed on Thursday, noting they needed to stay the course and remain united in policies towards Moscow...”

[Russia IDs Suspected Hacker, Protests Planned Extradition](#)

Author/Source: VOA News

“The Russian national who was accused by American officials of hacking U.S. targets and arrested earlier this month in the Czech capital is 29-year-old Moscow resident Yevgeny Nikulin...”

[Turkey detains 40 soldiers, issues warrants for 47 more in coup probe](#)

Author/Source: Jerusalem Post

“Turkey detained 40 soldiers from an air base in the central Anatolian city of Konya as part of investigations into July's failed military coup, Turkish media outlets said on Thursday...”

[Czech Republic claims propaganda war by Russia and sets up counter-effort](#)

Author/Source: The Guardian

“The Czech government has accused Russia of conducting a propaganda war on its soil and is setting up a unit to counter what it says are networks of pro-Moscow puppet groups...”



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US & Canada

[Russia's Lavrov, U.S. Kerry discuss Syria by phone: statement](#)

Author/Source: Jack Stubbs/Reuters

“Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry discussed the Syria crisis by phone on Thursday, the Russian foreign ministry said in a statement...”

[U.S. to seek explanation of Duterte's comment on 'separation'](#)

Author/Source: Arshad Mohammed, David Alexander/Reuters

“The United States will seek an explanation from the Philippines for President Rodrigo Duterte's announcement of a "separation" from Washington, the State Department said on Thursday, calling the remarks baffling and at odds with the two countries' close relationship...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Brazil's Cunha arrested on graft charges](#)

Author/Source: Buenos Aires Herald

“Eduardo Cunha, the former head of Brazil's Lower House of Congress who led the impeachment drive against former president Dilma Rousseff, was arrested yesterday on corruption charges...”

[Honduras passes law to stop drug cash entering political campaigns](#)

Author/Source: Gustavo Palencia/Reuters

“Honduras' Congress on Thursday approved a law to prevent drug trafficking money being used to finance political campaigns in the poor Central American nation blighted by gang violence...”