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#### **Middle East**

##### [Aleppo: UN fears for 100,000 trapped civilians, missing men](#)

*Author/Source: Frederik Pleitgen and Laura Smith-Spark, CNN*

“Hundreds of men are allegedly missing after crossing from rebel-held eastern Aleppo in Syria to the government-controlled west, the United Nations said Friday, as it voiced fears for the fate of some 100,000 civilians still trapped in the east...”

##### [Group Rejects Saudi Strike of Yemen Hospital was Accident](#)

*Author/Source: Associated Press*

“Doctors Without Borders is rejecting a claim by the Saudi-led coalition fighting Shiite rebels in Yemen that a coalition airstrike on one of the aid group's hospitals in the war-torn country was an accident...”

##### [Syria war: IS edge closer to Palmyra again](#)

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Fighters with the Islamic State group (IS) have seized more territory close to the ancient Syrian city of Palmyra, a monitoring group says...”

##### [‘Talks begin’ with Baghdad over Kurdistan independence](#)

*Author/Source: The New Arab*

“The deputy prime minister of Iraqi Kurdistan government has claimed discussions have begun between Erbil and Baghdad over the possible secession of the territories from the Iraqi state...”

##### [Report: Turkey drops homicide case against Israeli officers](#)

*Author/Source: Mehmet Guzel and Ayse Wieting, Omaha World-Herald*

“A Turkish court on Friday dropped a case against Israeli military officials charged in the deaths of 10 Turkish activists who had sought to breach the naval blockade on Gaza in 2010, Turkey's state-run news agency reported...”

#### **Central Asia**

##### [Armenia again violates ceasefire with Azerbaijan](#)

*Author/Source: Trend*

“Over the past 24 hours, Armenia’s armed forces have 41 times violated the ceasefire along the line of contact between Azerbaijani and Armenian troops, said Azerbaijan’s Defense Ministry...”



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## **South Asia**

### **[Defense Secretary Carter makes surprise visit to Afghanistan](#)**

*Author/Source: Robert Burns, Washington Post*

“Defense Secretary Ash Carter said Friday that the United States will stick with Afghanistan for years to come...”

### **[AgustaWestland: India ex-air force boss arrested for bribery](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Police in India have arrested former air force chief SP Tyagi over allegations of corruption in a luxury helicopter deal with Anglo-Italian company AgustaWestland...”

## **Southeast Asia**

### **[Residents take to the hills as powerful quake hits Solomon Islands](#)**

*Author/Source: Tom Westbrook and Charlotte Greenfield*

“Residents of the remote Solomon Islands rushed into the hills after a powerful 7.8 earthquake struck early on Friday, with some reports of small tsunami waves as aftershocks rattled the South Pacific nation...”

### **[Rescue operations near end in Indonesia's quake-stricken Aceh](#)**

*Author/Source: Tommy Ardiansyah and Djohan Widjaya, Reuters*

“Indonesian officials said on Friday search and rescue operations were nearing an end three days after a powerful earthquake hit the northern province of Aceh, killing 100 people and leaving thousands homeless...”

## **East Asia**

### **[South Korean lawmakers vote to impeach President Park Geun-hye](#)**

*Author/Source: Fox News*

“South Korean lawmakers on Friday impeached President Park Geun-hye, a stunning and swift fall for the country's first female leader amid protests that drew millions into the streets in united fury...”

### **[Official warns N. Korea could launch nuke, but not likely control it](#)**

*Author/Source: CBS News*

“North Korea now has the capability to launch a nuclear weapon, a senior U.S. military official said Thursday, adding that while the U.S. believes Pyongyang can mount a warhead on a missile, it's not clear that it can hit a target...”

## **Africa**

### **[Bomb Blasts Kill 30 in Northeast Nigeria; Boko Haram Blamed](#)**

*Author/Source: New York Times*

“Two women suicide bombers blew themselves up at a bustling market in northeast Nigeria's Madagali town on Friday morning, killing at least 30 people and wounding 67, an army spokesman told The Associated Press...”



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### **[Egypt to open Rafah crossing for 3 days](#)**

*Author/Source: Middle East Monitor*

“The Rafah border crossing between Egypt and the besieged Gaza Strip will be opened for three days starting tomorrow, Egyptian authorities announced yesterday...”

### **[Egypt excludes Muslim Brotherhood prisoners from pardon list](#)**

*Author/Source: Middle East Monitor*

“The second list of pardoned prisoners in Egypt will not include members of the Muslim Brotherhood detained on “charges of committing acts of violence”, a member of an Egyptian committee tasked with reviewing potential prisoners for pardon has said...”

### **[Deadliest attack in months on Egypt's security forces](#)**

*Author/Source: CBS News*

“An explosion on a main Cairo thoroughfare killed six police and wounded another three on Friday, in what appeared to be the deadliest attack on security forces in several months...”

## **Europe**

### **[Dutch Detain Man With Rifle, Ammo, Image of IS Flag at Home](#)**

*Author/Source: ABC News*

“Prosecutors in the Netherlands say police have detained a 30-year-old man on suspicion of preparing a terrorist crime after finding a Kalashnikov rifle, two full ammunition clips and a painting featuring a flag used by the Islamic State group at his home...”

### **[World Anti-Doping Agency report details scope of massive Russian scheme](#)**

*Author/Source: Rick Maese and Matt Bonesteel, Washington Post*

“An investigative report Friday from the international agency that polices drugs in sport put the full scale of the Russian doping controversy into better focus, detailing one of the largest cheating scandals in history and implicating government employees and more than 1,000 Russian athletes who benefited from manipulations to conceal positive doping tests...”

### **[Anti-Islam Dutch politician Geert Wilders found guilty of discrimination](#)**

*Author/Source: Karla Adam, Washington Post*

“A Dutch court found anti-Islam politician Geert Wilders guilty Friday of insulting an ethnic group and inciting discrimination after he led chants against Moroccans, a conviction he promptly denounced as ‘madness...’”

### **[Spain: 400 Migrants Storm North African Border Fence](#)**

*Author/Source: New York Times*

“More than 400 migrants from Africa stormed across a border fence to enter Spain's North African enclave of Ceuta from Morocco on Friday in one of the biggest crossing attempts of recent years...”

### **[Germany: teens arrested over suspected extremist attack plan](#)**

*Author/Source: San Francisco Gate*

“Prosecutors say two teenagers have been arrested in Germany on suspicion that they were



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planning an Islamic extremist attack...”

**[Brexit talks to include plan for UK nationals to keep EU citizenship](#)**

*Author/Source: The Guardian*

“A plan to allow UK nationals to keep a form of EU citizenship after Brexit will be one of the options available in upcoming talks over Britain’s departure, the European parliament’s chief negotiator has said...”

**[World's oldest bank Monte dei Paschi in share price plunge](#)**

*Author/Source: Sky News*

“Trading in shares of the world's oldest bank was temporarily suspended by the Italian stock exchange after the price fell 11% following a news agency report that the European Central Bank had refused it a lifeline...”

**US & Canada**

**[Obama orders 'full review' of election-related hacking](#)**

*Author/Source: Josh Gerstein and Jennifer Scholtes, Politico*

“President Barack Obama has ordered a "full review" of hacking-relating activity aimed at disrupting last month's presidential election and he expects that report before he leaves office on Jan. 20, a top White House official said Friday...”

**South and Central America and the Caribbean**

**[Brazil's austerity package decried by UN as attack on poor people](#)**

*Author/Source: The Guardian*

“Brazil is poised to implement the most socially regressive austerity package in the world, a senior United Nations official has warned...”