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Middle East

The evacuation buses finally arrived – but Aleppo has descended back into violence

Author/Source: Nabih Bulos, Los Angeles Times

“The evacuation of Syrian rebels bunkered in their last remaining holdouts in the beleaguered city of Aleppo has been delayed, rebels and activists said, even as an 11th-hour cease-fire....”

Kuwait urges Security Council be responsible toward Aleppo

Author/Source: Kuwait Times

“The State of Kuwait yesterday called on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) to shoulder “its historic responsibility and stop the blood shedding” in the embattled Syrian....”

Aleppo ceasefire collapses as air strikes and clashes threaten evacuation plans

Author/Source: ABC

“A ceasefire deal between rebels and the Syrian Government in the city of Aleppo has effectively collapsed after fighter jets resumed deadly air raids....”

Bashar Assad Claims A Major Victory, But Syria’s War Isn’t Over

Author/Source: Greg Myre, NPR

“As President Bashar Assad’s army pushes into the last few neighborhoods controlled by rebels in Aleppo, the Syrian leader can claim a stronger position than at any point since the...”

Israeli police shoot, kill Palestinian

Author/Source: Middle East Monitor

“Israeli forces shot and killed a Palestinian after he carried out a stabbing attack that injured one Israeli officer and one civilian in the Old City of occupied East Jerusalem early this...”

Turkey, Russia and Iran to hold tripartite meeting on Aleppo, FM Çavuşoğlu says

Author/Source: Daily Sabah

“Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu announced on Wednesday that a tripartite meeting in Moscow regarding the ongoing attacks on civilians in Syria’s Aleppo was planned with the...”

‘We will work so US will recognize Israel’s rights to Golan’

Author/Source: Arutz Sheva

“Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz pledged that the Israeli government would work with the Trump Administration to achieve US recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the Golan...”

US journalist trapped in Aleppo feared he would be executed by Syrian army

Author/Source: Areeb Ullah, Middle East Eye

“Trapped US journalist Bilal Abdul Kareem has described how he feared execution by Syrian government forces as they advanced on his refuge in rebel-held eastern Aleppo...”



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[UN seeks protection for ancient Nimrud site wrecked by IS](#)

Author/Source: Lori Hinnant, ABC News

“Islamic State extremists have destroyed the ancient site of Nimrud almost beyond recognition, and left its ruins vulnerable to thieves and further damage, according to the...”

[IS’s organised arms industry exposed after Iraq losses](#)

Author/Source: The Hindu

“Factories churning out tens of thousands of munitions and an entire street turned into a conveyor belt for car bombs: advances by Iraqi forces around Mosul have laid bare the...”

Central Asia

[Israel ties not in favor of Azerbaijan Republic](#)

Author/Source: Mehr News Agency

“Benjamin Netanyahu’s recent visit to Baku has raised questions as to the status the small former Soviet republic would be given in ties with Israel...”

[Uzbekistan names new PM](#)

Author/Source: Demir Azizov, Trend News Agency

“The Uzbek Deputy Prime Minister Abdulla Aripov was appointed prime minister during a joint session of the Uzbek Parliament’s Senate and Legislative Chamber Dec. 14...”

South Asia

[Afghan VP accused of ordering kidnapping, rape of political rival](#)

Author/Source: Fox News

“A former Afghan governor on Tuesday claimed the country’s ex-warlord vice president ordered his kidnapping before a team of thugs raped him with a Kalashnikov rifle...”

[Shooting in Kabul airport leave a foreigner dead](#)

Author/Source: Khaama Press

“A foreigner was left dead and at least two others were wounded in a shooting incident in Kabul airport this afternoon, security sources said...”

[2 militants killed by own explosives in Kabul](#)

Author/Source: Pajhwok

“Two militants were killed after explosives they possessed went off on Wednesday in capital Kabul...”

[Taliban Suffers Heavy Casualties in Airstrike in Afghanistan’s Balkh Province](#)

Author/Source: Fars News Agency

“The Taliban militants suffered heavy casualties in an airstrike conducted in Northern Balkh province of Afghanistan, the country’s Ministry of Interior said Wednesday...”

[96 Rohingyas pushed back by BGB in Cox’s Bazar](#)

Author/Source: bdnews24.com



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“Bangladesh Border Guard (BGB) has sent back at least 96 Rohingyas while they were trying to enter Bangladesh to escape persecution in Myanmar’s Rakhine state...”

Top Lashkar commander killed in encounter near Sopore: Police

Author/Source: Mir Ehsan, The Indian Express

A TOP operative of the Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) and an engineering student from the Valley, who joined the militancy recently, were killed in two separate encounters in J&K by joint...”

Mehbooba Asks Police To Differentiate Between Militants & Their Families As Forces Kill Two More Militants

Author/Source: Naseer Ganai, Outlook India

“As the Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police intensified anti-insurgency operations across the valley killing two more militants today, Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti has sounded...”

146 terrorists killed in encounter in J-K this year: Govt

Author/Source: The New Indian Express

“A total of 146 terrorists have been killed in 97 incidents of encounter between militants and the Indian security force in Jammu and Kashmir this year...”

Former Chief Minister Pillayan further remanded over Tamil MP’s murder

Author/Source: ColomboPage

“A Sri Lankan court today extended the remand of the former Eastern Province Chief Minister Sivanesathurai Chandrakanthan alias Pillayan, who was arrested by the Criminal...”

Southeast Asia

Myanmar: Evidence suggests army did burn Rohingya homes

Author/Source: Kyaw Ye Lynn, Anadolu Ajansi

“An international rights group claimed Tuesday that new satellite imagery and interviews with refugees show the military was responsible for the mass destruction of Rohingya villages...”

Myanmar’s Rohingya insurgency has links to Saudi, Pakistan – report

Author/Source: Simon Lewis, First Post

“A group of Rohingya Muslims that attacked Myanmar border guards in October is headed by people with links to Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, the International Crisis Group (ICG) said...”

Iran, Indonesia determined to improve ties

Author/Source: Iran Daily

“The visiting Indonesian President Joko Widodo in separate meetings with the Leader of Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei and his Iranian counterpart President Hassan Rouhani Wednesday expressed the determination of his country to improve...”

Two recently foiled IED attacks in Indonesia indicate Islamist terrorists’ improved capacity to stage more destructive attacks

Author/Source: IHS Jane’s 360

“Indonesian counter-terrorism police arrested three men and a woman in Bekasi, east of Jakarta, on 10 December, whom they alleged were plotting to detonate an improvised...”



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Philippine President Under Fire For Claims He ‘Personally’ Killed Criminals

Author/Source: Corky Siemaszko, NBC News

“Tough-talking Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte came under criticism Wednesday after boasting that he “personally” killed suspected criminals when he served as mayor of Davao...”

East Asia

China’s Muslim website shuttered after Xi petition

Author/Source: The Gulf Today

“One of China’s most popular online community for Muslims has been shuttered after posting a petition asking Chinese President Xi Jinping to stop his “brutal suppression” of activists...”

North Korean YouTube channel banned due to U.S. sanctions

Author/Source: Digital Journal

“YouTube has decided to block the channel of North Korean state television as a consequence of U.S. sanctions on the country. The ban will not only be a blow to the propaganda efforts...”

NATO body to meet on North Korean nuclear, ballistic missile programs

Author/Source: Hamish Macdonald

“The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)’s policy body is set to conduct a special meeting to discuss the issue of North Korea’s nuclear and ballistic missile programs this...”

Africa

UN warns of ‘all-out ethnic civil war’ in South Sudan, calls for action

Author/Source: South Sudan News Agency

“The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) has held a special session on South Sudan today addressing human rights situation and escalation of the raging civil war...”

Islamic State claims Cairo cathedral bombing

Author/Source: Antara News

“Islamic State claimed responsibility on Tuesday for a suicide bombing at Cairo’s main Coptic cathedral on Sunday that killed at least 25 people...”

PDP crisis: Sheriff calls for renegotiation with Makarfi faction

Author/Source: Daily Post

“The factional Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party, Sen. Ali Modu-Sheriff has declared his readiness to return to negotiating table with Sen. Ahmed Makarfi-led faction...”

Europe

Afghan tied to murder of student in Germany had fled Greece

Author/Source: ekathimerini.com

“A 19-year-old Afghan migrant accused of murdering a 19-year-old medical student in Freiburg, Germany, in October, had been sentenced to 10 years behind bars by a Greek...”



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[Bomber in Saturday's Istanbul attack came from Syria - Turkish foreign minister](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“One of the bombers in an attack on an Istanbul soccer stadium last weekend had come from Syria, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said on Wednesday...”

[Syrian Refugees Protest at Russian Consulate in Greek City](#)

Author/Source: VOA

“About 40 Syrian refugees from camps near Thessaloniki have protested peacefully outside the Russian consulate in the northern Greek port city against Russia's bombardment of...”

[EU determined to maintain refugee pact with Turkey, Juncker says](#)

Author/Source: EBL News

“The European Union is determined to maintain its refugee pact with Turkey despite tensions with the country's leadership, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said...”

US & Canada

[Homeland Security Adviser Suggests U.S. May Respond To Russian Cyberactivity](#)

Author/Source: Mary Louise Kelly, NPR

“In an interview with President Obama's Homeland Security and counterterrorism adviser, Lisa Monaco, she says the Obama administration may yet respond more forcefully to...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[A coup attempt is underway in Mercosur, Venezuela denounces](#)

Author/Source: PL

“Venezuela's Foreign Minister, Delcy Rodriguez, condemned here today that a coup d'Etat is underway within the South American Common Market (Mercosur) against her country that continues to hold -she insisted- the block's pro tempore Presidency...”

[Sophisticated drug cartel tunnel from San Diego to Mexico found](#)

Author/Source: John Bacon, USA Today

“A sophisticated tunnel linked to a major drug cartel has been discovered between San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico, authorities in Mexico say...”

[Tijuana's record body count is a sign that cartel warfare is returning to Mexico](#)

Author/Source: Christopher Woody, Business Insider

“Tijuana, pressed up against the US border, shares with San Diego one of the most heavily trafficked land borders in the world...”