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Middle East

[Qatar Agrees To Comply With New US Airline Security Measures](#)

Author/Source: Allison Lampert, The Wire

“Qatar will comply with enhanced security measures for flights to the United States designed to prevent expanding an in-cabin ban on laptops, the country’s minister of transport said on Friday...”

[Five Suicide Bombers Attack Lebanese Army, Aoun Calls For Vigilance](#)

Author/Source: Caroline Akoum, Asharq Al-Awsat

“Beirut- Five suicide bombers blew themselves up as Lebanese army forces raided on Friday Syrian refugee encampments in eastern Lebanon’s Aarsal area...”

[Iraqi Troops Retake More Districts In Kabul’s Old City](#)

Author/Source: Nehal Mostafa, Iraqi News

“More districts in western Mosul’s Old City have been liberated on Saturday from Islamic State militants, the Nineveh Operations Command declared...”

[IDF Strikes Syrian Targets After Two Projectiles Hit Israel Within An Hour](#)

Author/Source: Anna Ahronheim, The Jerusalem Post

“The IDF struck a canon belonging to Bashar Assad’s regime in Syria in retaliation for errant fire from the internal fighting in Syria that spilled over into Israeli territory twice on Saturday, the military confirmed...”

[Dahlan Confidant Says Abbas Pushing Hamas Toward War](#)

Author/Source: Adam Rasgon, The Jerusalem Post

“Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas is pushing Hamas toward a war with Israel, according to Sufian Abu Zaida, a close associate of self-exiled Fatah leader Muhammad Dahlan...”

[Yemen’s Cholera Death Toll Rises To 1,500: WHO](#)

Author/Source: Mohammed Mukhashaf and Sami Aboudi, Reuters

“The death toll from a major cholera outbreak in Yemen has risen to 1,500, Nevio Zagaria, the World Health Organization’s (WHO) representative in Yemen, said on Saturday, and appealed for more help to put an end to the epidemic...”

[Syrian Army Denies Using Chlorine Gas On Rebels Near Damascus](#)

Author/Source: IANS, The Indian Express

“The Syrian army on Saturday denied using chlorine gas during battles in eastern Damascus...”



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[Putin, Bahrain King Not Qatar Conflict Negatively Affecting Situation In Region](#)

Author/Source: AzerNews

“Russian President Vladimir Putin and Bahraini King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa discussed during Saturday's phone call the situation around Qatar, pointing out that the diplomatic row is negatively affecting the situation in the Middle Eastern region, the Kremlin said in a statement, Sputnik reported...”

[Lebanese Army Detains Militant At Palestinian Camps: Sources](#)

Author/Source: Tom Perry, Reuters

“A Palestinian Islamist militant wanted for planning bomb attacks in Lebanon was detained by the army on Saturday at a Palestinian refugee camp in southern Lebanon, Islamist sources in the camp and a security source said...”

Central Asia

[1,300 Criminal Groups Neutralized In Azerbaijan – Minister](#)

Author/Source: Trend, AzerNews

“Over the past five years, the crime detection rate stood at 83 percent in Azerbaijan, said the country's Minister of Internal Affairs Ramil Usubov in an interview with “Azerbaijan” newspaper...”

South Asia

[Pakistan Bans 26/11 Mastermind Hafiz Saeed's New Terror Front](#)

Author/Source: The Tribune

“Pakistan has quietly banned the Tehreek-e-Azaadi Jammu and Kashmir (TAJK), a new front for Hafiz Saeed's Jamaat-ud-Dawa, as international pressure on the country grew, including from a global watchdog, to combat terror and its funding...”

[Pentagon Weighs More Aggressive Role In Afghanistan](#)

Author/Source: Courtney Kube, NBC News

“The Pentagon is considering an expanded and more aggressive role in Afghanistan, one that would include the American military once again targeting both Taliban and Haqqani network fighters, according to four U.S. defense officials...”

[Afghanistan's All-Girl Robotics Team Banned From Entering US – But Their Robot Will Be Allowed In](#)

Author/Source: Greg Wilford, Independent

“Six teenage girls from Afghanistan have been denied visas to travel to the US for an international robotics competition, but they will be permitted to send their ball-sorting contraption to compete without them...”

[Kashmir Rebel Chief Rejects US Terror Sanctions](#)

Author/Source: Ekram Shinwari, Voice of America

“Saturday Salahuddin again called for the United Nations to implement its longstanding resolutions to allow Kashmiris to exercise their right to vote on independence or merging with Pakistan...”



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Plastic Bomb Kills Four In Pakistan

Author/Source: AFP, The New Indian Express

“Four people were killed including a soldier and two paramilitary troops when a bomb concealed in a plastic bag went off in Pakistan’s northwestern tribal area near the Afghan border, officials said Saturday....”

J-K Encounter: Lashkar Commander Involved In Killing 6 Cops Last Month Shot Dead

Author/Source: Toufiq Rashid, Hindustan Times

“Two Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militants, including commander Bashir Lashkari, were shot dead in an encounter with security forces at Brenti-Batpora village in Kashmir’s Anantnag district on Saturday...”

Southeast Asia

Philippine Top Cop Says Police Try To Save Lives Of Drugs War Victims

Author/Source: Martin Petty and Neil Jerome Morales, Reuters

“The Philippines’ police chief on Friday stood by anti-narcotics officers and rejected a Reuters investigation that pointed to a pattern of police sending corpses of drug suspects to hospitals to destroy crime scene evidence and hide executions...”

Obama Urges End To Division In Childhood Home Indonesia

Author/Source: Fransiska Nangove and Eveline Danubrata, Reuters

“Former U.S. President Barack Obama urged Indonesians on Saturday to resist divisive politics based on race and religion, saying the world’s most populous Muslim nation has a long history of tolerance that should be preserved...”

Indonesians Urged To Boycott Starbucks Over Its Pro-LGBT Stance

Author/Source: Nilufar Rizki and Jessica Damiana, Independent

“A leader of Indonesia’s second-largest Muslim organization has called for a boycott of Starbucks, saying that the international coffee chain’s pro-gay stance risks ruining the “religious and cultured” core of the Southeast Asian nation...”

U.S., Philippines Hold Naval Patrol To Deter Islamist Militants

Author/Source: Manuel Mogato and Stephen Coates, Reuters

“The United States and Philippine navies held a joint naval patrol on Saturday in dangerous southern Philippine waters, amid rising international concern about Islamist militancy and piracy in the region...”

East Asia

Xi Delivers Tough Speech On Hong Kong, As Protests Mark Handover Anniversary

Author/Source: Austin Ramzy, New York Times

“President Xi Jinping of China delivered a tough speech Saturday at the end of a three-day visit to the semiautonomous Chinese city of Hong Kong, warning against politicizing disputes or challenging the authority of the central government...”



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Trump Calls For Firm Response To North Korea, Targets Seoul On Trade

Author/Source: David Brunnstrom and Lisa Lambert, Reuters

“U.S. President Donald Trump called for a determined response to North Korea after talks with South Korea's President Moon Jae-in on Friday where he stressed the importance of their alliance but took aim at Seoul over trade and sharing the cost of defense...”

Africa

Al-Qaeda In Mali Releases Video Showing 6 Foreign Hostages Alive: SITE

Author/Source: AFP, Yahoo News UK

“Al-Qaeda's Mali branch has released a proof-of-life video of six foreign hostages, including elderly Australian surgeon Arthur Kenneth Elliott and Frenchwoman Sophie Petronin, US-based monitoring group SITE said...”

Congo Declares End To Ebola Outbreak After 4 Deaths

Author/Source: The Associated Press, ABC News

“Congo’s health minister has declared an end to the country’s Ebola outbreak...”

Africa Population Growth Key At AU Summit

Author/Source: Deutsche Welle

““The goal is not to limit birth rates,” said Minister Kaffa Rékiatou Christian Jackou...”

Malawi Opens Drone Testing Corridor For Humanitarian Efforts

Author/Source: Jessica Suerth, CNN

“Malawi has launched Africa's first air corridor to test the use of drones to deliver aid and other services in the region, according to UNICEF officials...”

Macron To Meet West African Leaders On New Anti-Terror Force

Author/Source: News24

“France’s president meets on Sunday in Mali with heads of state from five nations across Africa’s vast Sahel region to support a new 5 000-strong multinational force meant to counter a growing threat from extremists who have targeted tourist resorts and other high-profile areas...”

Europe

U.N. Boss Strikes Upbeat Note As Cyprus Talks Continue

Author/Source: Stephanie Nebehay, Reuters

“A ‘clear understanding’ has been reached at talks between Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot leaders and their backers on what is needed to reach a comprehensive agreement to reunite the island, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said on Saturday...”

Germany Gears Up To Defend Against Possible G20 Cyber Attacks

Author/Source: Andrea Shalal and Thorsten Severin, Reuters

“Germany is girding itself for possible cyber attacks on next week’s summit in Hamburg, by hacker groups or cells linked to foreign governments, its top cyber official told Reuters...”



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Northern Irish Power-Sharing Agreement Faces Delays, Warn Sinn Féin

Author/Source: Henry McDonald, The Guardian

“Gerry Adams has warned that an agreement designed to bring back power-sharing, cross-community government in Northern Ireland is unlikely to happen by Monday...”

Poland Did Not Invite Refugees, Has Right To Say ‘No’: Kaczynski

Author/Source: Agnieszka Barteczko and Pawel Sobczak, Reuters

“Poland has a moral right to say 'no' to refugees, the country's most powerful politician said on Saturday...”

Ukraine: Russian Security Services Were Behind Cyberattack

Author/Source: Howard Amos, ABC News

“Ukraine accused the Russian security services Saturday of planning and launching a cyberattack that locked up computers around the world earlier this week...”

US & Canada

U.S. Trade Group Says No Nuclear Power Plants Have Been Hacked

Author/Source: Jim Finkle, Reuters

“No U.S. nuclear power plant has been penetrated in a cyber attack, an industry spokesman said on Saturday, when asked to comment on a U.S. government warning last week about a hacking campaign targeting the sector...”

Indigenous Groups Launch Protests To Resist Canada Day

Author/Source: Laurin-Whitney Gottbrath

“Indigenous people across Canada are holding ceremonies, events and protests, saying there is nothing to celebrate as the country marks its 150th anniversary...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

Mexico Police Kill 19 Gunmen In Big Sinaloa Shootout

Author/Source: BBC News

“Mexican police say they have killed 19 gunmen in a shootout in the northern state of Sinaloa...”



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Philippines, US Hold Naval Patrols In Sulu Sea

Author/Source: Janvic Mateo, Philippine Star

“The navies of the Philippines and the United States yesterday held a joint naval patrol in the Sulu Sea amid rising international concern about Islamist militancy and piracy in the region...”

Nationwide Protests Disrupt Brazil; Workers Strike Against Labour, Pension Reforms

Author/Source: The Associated Press, Financial Express

“A general strike disrupted major cities across Brazil on Friday as union workers protested President Michel Temer’s proposal to loosen labor rules and trim pension benefits...”