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Middle East

Hezbollah launches attack on Al-Qaeda's last positions in Aarsal

Author/Source: Leith Fadel, Al Masadar News

“Hezbollah has begun their assault on Hay’at Tahrir Al-Sham’s last positions in the ‘Aarsal Barrens tonight, following several hours of nonstop shelling and airstrikes...”

Iraq: US-Trained Forces Linked to Mosul War Crimes

Source: Human Rights Watch

“An Iraqi army division trained by the United States government allegedly executed several dozen prisoners in Mosul’s Old City, Human Rights Watch said today...”

Erdoğan: Israel is harming Jerusalem’s Islamic character

Author/Source: Peter Beaumont, The Guardian

“The Turkish president, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, has intervened in the continuing crisis surrounding the Jerusalem holy sites by accusing Israel of undermining the city’s “Islamic character”, in comments likely to further inflame regional tensions...”

Exclusive: U.N. report accuses Saudi coalition of deadly migrant boat attack off Yemen

Author/Source: Michelle Nichols, Reuters

“U.N. investigators accused a Saudi Arabia-led military coalition of carrying out a deadly March attack on a Somali migrant boat off Yemen and said the alliance had become a cover for some states to avoid individual blame, according to a confidential report seen by Reuters on Wednesday...”

Air attacks, shelling kill civilians in Syria's Raqqa

Source: Al Jazeera

“International coalition air attacks and shelling by US-backed forces have killed at least 18 civilians in Syria's Raqqa, said a local activist group...”

Central Asia

Blogger jailed in Azerbaijan seeks extradition to Israel

Source: Times of Israel

“The lawyer for a Russian blogger jailed in Azerbaijan for traveling to a separatist-controlled region of the former Soviet republic says his client has petitioned to be extradited to Israel...”

South Asia

Afghanistan: 26 soldiers killed, 13 others injured in Taliban attack on Kandahar base

Source: First Post

“At least 26 Afghan soldiers have been killed and 13 wounded in a Taliban attack on a military base in southern Kandahar province, the defence ministry said Wednesday, the latest blow to the country's struggling security forces...”



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Radd-ul-Fasaad: 21 suspects held in Lahore raids

Source: The Tribune

“Security forces detained on Wednesday at least 21 suspects, including members of the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan in raids across Lahore...”

Southeast Asia

Duterte’s threat to bomb ‘communist’ schools bewilders indigenous groups

Source: RT

“Indigenous tribes have responded to Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte’s threat to bomb their schools because he believes they’re teaching ‘subversion and communism’...”

‘Philippines not giving up territory to China’

Author/Source: Pia Lee-Brago, Philstar

“The Philippines will not lose even a “single inch” of territory to China if ever it proceeds with its joint exploration deal with the Asian giant, which is claiming almost the entire South China Sea...”

East Asia

Australia 'very conscious' of China's behaviour as spy ship navigates near Queensland

Author/Source: Stephen Dziedzic, ABC News

“Defence Minister Marise Payne said Australia was monitoring a Chinese spy ship "very carefully" as the vessel observed military exercises between Australia and the United States earlier this month...”

North Korea threatens U.S. with ‘nuclear hammer’ after CIA chief appears to hint at regime change

Author/Source: Jesse Johnson, Japan Times

“North Korea vowed Tuesday to strike the U.S. with a “powerful nuclear hammer” after CIA chief Mike Pompeo hinted last week that Washington was open to the possibility of regime change...”

China Blasts US Over Surveillance Flights After Midair Confrontation

Source: VOA

“China is defending last weekend's encounter between two of its fighter jets and a U.S. military surveillance plane over the East China Sea...”

Africa

Two German U.N. Peacekeepers Have Been Killed in a Helicopter Crash in Mali

Source: Time

“A U.N. peacekeeping helicopter crashed Wednesday in the desert in northern Mali and two German peacekeepers were killed, U.N. officials said...”

Trump is stupid and destroying America, says Al-Qaeda affiliate in Somalia

Author/Source: Conor Gaffey, Newsweek

“For every person lauding President Donald Trump's efforts to "Make America Great Again," another soul is staring into the depths of despair...”



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Europe

[Teenage girl accused in court of plotting terror attack in UK](#)

Author/Source: Vikram Dodd, The Guardian

“A teenage girl is alleged to have married an Islamic State fighter in Syria via Skype and became so indoctrinated that she tried to get a gun and grenade to stage a terrorist attack against Britain...”

[Catholic priest killed by ISIS remembered in memorial marking year since attack](#)

Source: Fox News

“An emotionally-charged mass Wednesday -- attended by French President Emmanuel Macron -- marked one year since the brutal murder of a Catholic priest whose throat was slit by two 19-year-old ISIS terrorists...”

[Italy's UniCredit reveals data attack involving 400,000 clients](#)

Author/Source: Paola Arosio and Gianluca Semararo, Reuters

“Suspected hackers have accessed client data of Italy's biggest lender, UniCredit (CRDI.MI), in two attacks in the past 10 months and affected about 400,000 Italian customers, the most serious data breach ever reported by a major Italian lender...”

US & Canada

[Trump Says Transgender People Will Not Be Allowed in the Military](#)

Author/Source: Julie Hirschfeld Davis and Helene Cooper, New York Times

“President Trump abruptly announced a ban on transgender people serving in the military on Wednesday, blindsiding his defense secretary and Republican congressional leaders with a snap decision that reversed a year-old policy reviled by social conservatives...”

[Electromagnetic railgun set for high-energy field trials](#)

Source: The Engineer

“According to the US Office of Naval Research (ONR), field demonstrations will take place at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division’s new railgun Rep-Rate Test Site...”

[Trump shifts criticism in latest Sessions attack](#)

Author/Source: Jordan Fabian, The Hill

“President Trump on Wednesday opened a new line of attack against Jeff Sessions, questioning why his embattled attorney general didn’t fire the acting FBI director over his ties to the Clintons...”