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Middle East

[Al Qaeda-linked militants on brink of defeat along Lebanon-Syria border](#)

Author/Source: The National

“Hizbollah said on Monday it was close to routing Al Qaeda’s former Syria branch Jabhat Al Nusra from Lebanon’s border with Syria as its offensive in the area entered a fourth day...”

[Report: German runaway found in Iraq wants to go home](#)

Author/Source: Kirsten Grieshaber, ABC News

“A teenage German girl who ran away after converting to Islam and was found by Iraqi troops in Mosul says she wants to go home, a German newspaper and broadcaster reported Monday...”

[Iran, Iraq Vow To Boost Military Ties](#)

Author/Source: NDTV

“Iran and Iraq on Sunday signed deals aimed at boosting military cooperation during a visit by Baghdad's Defence Minister Irfan al-Hayali to Tehran...”

[No substantial evidence on 39 missing Indians, says Iraq](#)

Author/Source: The Economic Times

“Iraq today said it has no "substantial evidence" on whether the 39 Indians abducted in Mosul three years ago have been killed or are still alive but assured India that it is ‘making the best efforts’ to find out...”

[Israel and Jordan in diplomatic standoff after embassy deaths](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“Israel and Jordan are involved in a diplomatic standoff after an Israeli guard reportedly shot dead a Jordanian attacker near the embassy in Amman...”

[Palestinian stabs Arab-Israeli near Tel Aviv in apparent terror attack](#)

Author/Source: Times of Israel

“An Israeli Arab man was stabbed by a Palestinian assailant in Tel Aviv suburb Petah Tikva late Monday morning, in what police said was a terror attack and case of mistaken identity...”

[Israel Strikes Gaza After Missile Across Border: Army](#)

Author/Source: NDTV

“Israel struck a position of Islamist group Hamas in Gaza on Monday, the army said, hours after a missile was fired across the border from the Palestinian enclave...”

[Blast kills fighters after jihadists take control of Syria's Idlib](#)

Author/Source: Hillary Clarke, CNN



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“A car bomb in the Syrian city of Idlib has killed nine fighters from a former al Qaeda affiliate, hours after the group took control of the city and most of the region, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported on Twitter...”

Russia Deploys Military Police at ‘Safe Zone’ in Syria

Author/Source: U.S. News and World Report

“Russia has deployed military police to monitor the cease-fire in a safe zone in the eastern suburbs of Syria's Damascus, the chief of the Russian General Staff said on Monday...”

47,000 illegal Sudanese residents return from Saudi Arabia

Author/Source: Middle East Monitor

“Around 47,000 Sudanese citizens thought to be illegal residents in Saudi Arabia have been leaving various cities in the Kingdom and returning to Khartoum, the Organisation of Sudanese Expatriates Affairs (OSEA) has said...”

Iran top judge demands U.S. release assets, jailed Iranians

Author/Source: Reuters

“Iran's top judge called on the United States on Monday to release Iranians held in U.S. jails and billions of dollars in Iranian assets, days after Washington urged Tehran to free three U.S. citizens...”

Red Cross chief visits besieged city on Yemen's front lines

Author/Source: Maggie Michael, Miami Herald

“The chief of the international Red Cross made a rare visit to the front lines in Yemen Monday, taking a dirt road to reach the besieged western city of Taiz, devastated by more than two years of fighting...”

Central Asia

Foreign Ministers of Azerbaijan, Hungary mull cooperation issues

Author/Source: AZ

“Foreign Minister Elmar Mammadyarov met with Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó on one-by-one and with participation of delegations within the framework of his official visit to Hungary...”

Uzbek president discusses co-op with Central Asia neighbors

Author/Source: Elena Kosolapova, Trend News Agency

“President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev held phone talks with his counterparts from Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan, the presidential press-services of these countries said July 24...”

South Asia

Afghanistan: dozens dead in Kabul bombing targeting government workers

Author/Source: Sune Engel Rasmussen, The Guardian

“The Taliban have killed at least 38 people and wounded dozens more in a suicide bomb attack against a bus carrying government employees in the Afghan capital, Kabul, according



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to officials...”

Pakistan bomb blast kills more than two dozen people

Author/Source: Sophia Saifi, Adeel Raja and Joe Sterling

“At least 26 people have died in a bomb blast targeting police in Pakistan on Monday, officials told CNN...”

Terror funding case: NIA arrests 7 separatists, including Geelani’s son-in-law

Author/Source: Azaan Javid, Hindustan Times

“The National Investigation Agency has arrested seven Kashmiri separatists, including hardline Hurriyat leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani’s son-in-law Altaf Shah, in a terror funding case...”

China demands India pulls back troops in border dispute

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“China has demanded that India pull back its troops from a contested region high in the Himalayas, warning New Delhi not "to push your luck" amid a festering border dispute...”

Southeast Asia

Philippines' Duterte vows to continue his drug war

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has vowed that his campaign against illegal drugs will not ease despite mounting criticism over the rising death toll, calling on the nation to keep supporting him...”

Chinese spy ship in Australian waters ‘just the beginning’

Author/Source: Rowan Callick, The Australian

“The Chinese spy ship observing joint naval exercises off Australia’s northeast coast is “just a beginning of China’s future operations”, China’s *Global Times* warned yesterday...”

East Asia

Japan almost finished with probe into US Navy ship collision

Author/Source: Mari Yamaguchi, Seattle Times

“Japanese authorities said Monday that they were almost finished with their investigation into last month’s collision between a Philippine freighter and a U.S. naval destroyer that left seven Navy sailors dead, but still haven’t been given access to data from the U.S. side...”

China says it wants to 'maintain stability' in disputed South China Sea

Author/Source: Panu Wongcha-um, Reuters

“Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said on Monday Beijing wanted to maintain stability in the South China Sea as it seeks alliances in the region amid tensions in the disputed waters...”

US, Japan talk cooperation against ‘large-scale’ cyberattacks

Author/Source: Morgan Chalfant, The Hill

“The United States and Japan said they recognize the need to cooperate against “large-scale”



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cyber threats, particularly those posed by botnets, at a recent bilateral meeting on cybersecurity...”

Chinese fighter jet performed 'unsafe' intercept of US Navy plane

Author/Source: Ryan Browne and Barbara Starr, CNN

“A Chinese J-10 fighter jet performed an "unsafe" intercept of a US Navy aircraft on Sunday while it was flying in international airspace over the East China Sea, Pentagon spokesman and Marine Corps Lt. Col. Chris Logan told CNN...”

Africa

Somalia: Security Forces Foil Landmine Attacks Along Mogadishu Afgoye Highway

Author/Source: Somali Update

“Somali security forces on Monday morning dismantled landmines buried on road side along Mogadishu-Afgoye highway following tips off by the public...”

Somalis warned against paying al Shabaab taxes or face sanctions

Author/Source: Ismail Akwei, Africa News

“The Somali government has for the first time warned businesses from paying taxes to al Shabaab after recent reports of the practice...”

At Least 8 Dead After Suicide Bombers Hit Camps in Nigeria

Author/Source: Haruna Umar, Bloomberg

“At least eight people are dead after female suicide bombers attacked two displaced persons camps in northeastern Nigeria's main city, a civilian self-defense group said Monday...”

Ahead of October elections, UN Council urges Liberia to plan for safe, credible polls

Author/Source: UN News Centre

“With Liberian officials responsible for security in the country, the United Nations Security Council today encouraged the Government to put in place an election security plan for the October polls...”

Europe

Trump open to signing Russia sanctions legislation: official

Author/Source: Idrees Ali, Reuters

“The White House said on Sunday that U.S. President Donald Trump was open to signing legislation toughening sanctions on Russia after Senate and House leaders reached agreement on a bill late last week...”

Russia, Not North Korea, Greatest Threat to U.S., Says Pentagon's Top Military Officer

Author/Source: Sofia Lotto Persio

“Russia, not North Korea, is the greatest threat to the United States, the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff has said...”



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[Polish FM tells Germany not to ‘interfere’ over legal changes](#)

Author/Source: Radio Poland

“Polish Foreign Minister Witold Waszczykowski has told politicians in Berlin “not to interfere” after Germany’s justice minister warned Warsaw could face political isolation over controversial court reforms...”

[UK government wants to give 6,000 teenagers cyber security training](#)

Author/Source: Karl Finders, Computer Weekly

“Government launches £20m Cyber Schools Programme aimed at students aged between 14 and 18...”

US & Canada

[‘I Did Not Collude,’ Kushner Says in Prepared Remarks to Senators](#)

Author/Source: Matt Apuzzo and Maggie Haberman, The New York Times

“President Trump’s son-in-law, Jared Kushner, said on Monday that he had been unaware that a June 2016 meeting he attended at Trump Tower was set up in the hope that a Russian lawyer would provide the Trump campaign with damaging information about Hillary Clinton...”

[U.S. charges driver after dead discovered in stifling truck in Texas](#)

Author/Source: Jim Forsyth, Reuters

“A truck driver was charged on Monday in Texas with illegally transporting dozens of illegal immigrants in his tractor-trailer in sweltering heat that led to the deaths of 10 people.”

[Hawaii Tests Nuclear Warning System in Response to North Korean Missile Threat](#)

Author/Source: Nathaniel Artosilla, The Christian Post

“The state of Hawaii will begin monthly tests of attack warning sirens starting this November...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Mexican cartel responsible for decapitations and torture planning to flood Britain with cocaine](#)

Author/Source: Rozina Sabur, Telegraph

“A brutal Mexican drug cartel responsible for decapitations and torture is planning to flood Britain’s drug market with huge quantities of cocaine...”

[Colombia’s key rebel group FARC to launch political party](#)

Author/Source: Press TV

“Colombia’s leftist FARC rebels announced Monday they will launch as a political party on September 1, a major step as the group transitions into civilian life as part of a historic peace agreement...”