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Middle East

[ISIS, squeezed out of Iraq and Syria, now 'regrouping' in Libya, analysts say](#)

Author/Source: Hollie McKay, Fox News

“As the Islamic State terror network loses territory across Iraq and Syria, analysts and experts assert that the terrorist outfit is increasingly capitalizing on the chaos of Libya, positioning the country as its point of resurgence...”

[Inherent Resolve Strikes Target ISIS in Syria, Iraq](#)

Source: Department of Defense

“U.S. and coalition military forces continued to attack the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria yesterday, conducting 18 strikes consisting of 28 engagements, Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve officials reported today...”

[IDF seizes cars bought with payouts to Hamas killer's family](#)

Author/Source: Stuart Winer, The Times of Israel

“During an overnight raid, Israeli security forces seized from the family of a Palestinian terrorist who carried out a deadly 2015 shooting attack vehicles paid for with Hamas compensation, the army said Sunday...”

[Communications Minister Ayoub Kara Starts Working on Al-Jazeera Shutdown](#)

Author/Source: Lahav Harkov, The Jerusalem Post

“Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s call to shut Qatari media company Al Jazeera’s office in Jerusalem has been translated into action, Communications Minister Ayoub Kara announced...”

[Iran's missile programme to continue 'with full power'](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Iran has vowed to press ahead with its missile programme, denouncing new US sanctions as “an effort to weaken the nuclear deal”...”

[Houthis claim attack on UAE ship off Yemen's west coast](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Yemen's Houthi rebels have said they targeted a military ship belonging to the United Arab Emirates, part of the Saudi-led coalition fighting them in the country...”

[8,000 to leave Syria-Lebanon border zone as ceasefire deal advances](#)

Author/Source: Keith Weir and Robin Pomeroy, Reuters

“About 8,000 people have registered to leave the Lebanese border region near Arsal for a rebel-held area of Syria as part of a local ceasefire between Hezbollah and the Nusra Front, a security source in Lebanon said on Sunday...”



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Saudi Arabia calls for holistic approach to counter terrorism

Source: Arab News

“Saudi Arabia has called for a holistic and comprehensive approach to deal with the threat of terrorism...”

Four Arab countries say they are ready for Qatar dialogue with conditions

Author/Source: Jane Merriman and Peter Cooney, Reuters

“The four Arab countries that have cut ties with Qatar said on Sunday they were ready for talks to tackle the dispute if Doha showed willingness to deal with their demands...”

Four killed in Daesh suicide attack in northern Syria

Author/Source: Ahmet Sait Akcay, Andalou Agency

“Four people were killed in a Daesh suicide attack targeting a meeting between two armed Syrian opposition groups south of Aleppo on Sunday, opposition spokesmen told Anadolu Agency...”

Central Asia

Armenian provocation leaves one dead, Azerbaijan says

Source: Azernews

“At night of July 30 and in the morning, the villages of Bala Jafarli, Gushchu Ayrim of the Gazakh district, the village of Kokhnegishlag of the Agstafa district and the village of Garalar of the Tovuz district were subjected to intensive shelling from the large-caliber weapons by the Armenian armed forces, the Azerbaijani Defense Ministry said in a message July 30...”

South Asia

Official says Taliban assault kills 12 police

Source: ABC News

“An Afghan official says the Taliban has laid siege to police outposts in southern Helmand province killing at least 12 police, several of whom were members of Afghanistan's local police...”

Pakistan's Northwest Region Continues its Struggle Against Terror Financing

Author/Source: Madeeha Anwar, VOA

“Pakistan’s restive northwest province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has issued directives to its administrative and security departments to make serious efforts to cut off the money supply of banned terror groups...”

India seizes ship with 1,500 kg of heroin off Gujarat coast

Author/Source: Sudarshan Varadhan, Reuters

“India's navy seized a ship carrying about 1,500 kg of heroin worth 35 billion rupees (\$545 million) on Sunday in what it said was its biggest ever drugs haul...”

Southeast Asia

Philippine mayor linked to drugs, 14 others killed in raids

Source: The Washington Post

“Police in the southern Philippines said they fatally shot 15 people Sunday, including a city mayor who was among the politicians President Rodrigo Duterte publicly linked to illegal



drugs, in the bloodiest assault so far in Duterte's anti-drug crackdown..."

East Asia

[Japan PM Abe, Trump agree on need to take further North Korea action](#)

Author/Source: Paul Tait, Reuters

"Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Monday he spoke with U.S. President Donald Trump by phone and that they agreed on the need to take further action on North Korea in the wake of its most recent missile launch..."

[China shows off newest weapons in huge military parade](#)

Author/Source: Steven Jiang, CNN

"Chinese leader Xi Jinping presided over a major military parade Sunday, hours after US President Donald Trump renewed his criticism over Beijing's failure to rein in North Korea..."

Africa

[Al-Shabab Ambush Kills 18 AU Troops in Somalia](#)

Author/Source: Harun Maruf, VOA

"At least 18 African Union troops were killed in a deadly ambush in the Lower Shabelle region by al-Shabab militants, officials and security sources told VOA Somali..."

[Boko Haram ambush death toll hits 69](#)

Source: News24

"At least 69 people are known to have died in a Boko Haram ambush of an oil exploration team in northeast Nigeria, as three men kidnapped by the jihadists made a video appeal..."

[Kenya police kill gunman at Deputy President Ruto's home](#)

Source: BBC

"Kenyan police say they have shot dead an attacker who forced his way into the rural home of Kenya's Deputy President William Ruto, ending a siege that lasted several hours..."

[Egyptian in Red Sea knife attack supported Islamic State, sources say](#)

Author/Source: Patrick Markey, Reuters

"An Egyptian man who stabbed three foreign tourists to death and wounded three more earlier this month at a Red Sea resort had tried to join Islamic State, according to a police investigation, two security sources said on Sunday..."

Europe

[German nightclub shooting: Two dead in Konstanz](#)

Source: BBC

"A gunman has been shot dead by German police after opening fire at a nightclub in the city of Konstanz..."

[Vladimir Putin boots 755 U.S. diplomats from missions](#)

Author/Source: Allen Cone, United Press International

"Russian President Vladimir Putin on Sunday said that the United States must reduce its diplomatic personnel by 755 after the U.S. Congress approved additional sanctions on his country..."



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Thousands rally in Istanbul against Israel's Al-Aqsa mosque measures

Author/Source: Murad Sezer and Mehmet Emin Caliskan, Reuters

“Thousands of people rallied in Turkey's largest city on Sunday against security measures Israel has imposed at the Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem, shortly after Israel removed other measures that led to two weeks of violent Palestinian protests...”

Turkey finalises deal to purchase S-400 air defence systems from Russia

Source: Pravda

“Russia and Turkey have coordinated nearly all details for the shipment of S-400 air defence systems to Ankara, press secretary of the President of Turkey, Ibrahim Kalyn, said in an interview with a Turkish television channel...”

US & Canada

US Confirms Killing of Additional IS Leaders in July 11 Airstrike

Author/Source: Ayaz Gul, VOA

“U.S. military officials have confirmed the death of four additional senior Islamic State leaders in a July 11 airstrike in northeastern Afghanistan that also killed the top leader of the terrorist group...”

Amazon under federal investigation for possibly violating Iran sanctions

Author/Source: Ray Downs, United Press International

“Amazon told investors it is under federal investigation after the web-based retailer admitted to selling products to at least one Iranian on the U.S. government's blacklist of people allegedly associated with terrorism, a violation of sanctions against Iran...”

Ballistic Missile Defense System Test Successful

Source: Department of Defense

“The Missile Defense Agency and soldiers of the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade from Fort Bliss, Texas, conducted a successful missile defense test today using the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system, according to a Missile Defense Agency news release...”

No point in U.N. Security Council emergency session with no results: U.S Ambassador to U.N.

Author/Source: Michelle Nichols and Phil Berlowitz, Reuters

“There is no point in having an emergency session of the United Nations Security Council if it produces nothing of consequence, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley said in a statement on Sunday...”

Ditching WhatsApp encryption will help terrorists: Facebook's Sheryl Sandberg

Source: The Indian Express

“Responding to a call that Facebook should do away with the encryption that prevents police from accessing WhatsApp data, the company's top executive has said such a move would make it difficult to track terrorists if government gets such access...”



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South and Central America and the Caribbean

[178 migrants found abandoned in trailer in Mexico](#)

Author/Source: Fidel Gutierrez and Nicole Chavez, CNN

“Mexican authorities rescued 178 Central American migrants found abandoned in a trailer in Veracruz state, the country's National Institute for Migration said...”

[Venezuela votes on constituent assembly amid protests](#)

Source: BBC

“Voting is under way in Venezuela to elect a new assembly with powers to rewrite the constitution...”

[Venezuelan Government Calls Attack on Police Terrorist Act](#)

Source: Latin American Herald Times

“Venezuela’s Minister of Interior Nestor Reverol described on Sunday the explosives attack that injured eight Bolivarian National Police (PNB) agents during an anti-government protest in eastern Caracas as a “terrorist act...”