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Middle East

[Islamic State Leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi 'Alive,' Says US Chief](#)

Author/Source: Greg Heffer, Sky News

“Donald Trump's defence chief believes Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi is still alive - despite recent reports he is dead...”

[Six Dead In Worst Israeli-Palestinian Bloodshed For Years](#)

Author/Source: Luke Baker and Ori Lewis, Reuters

“Six people were killed on Friday in the bloodiest spate of Israeli-Palestinian violence for years, prompted by new security Israeli measures at Jerusalem's holiest site...”

[UN, Aid Group: Cholera In Yemen to Worsen In Rainy Season](#)

Author/Source: ABC News

“The U.N. health agency and an international aid organization warned on Friday that Yemen's cholera epidemic, the world's worst since Haiti's 2010 outbreak, is likely to worsen in the rainy season...”

[Lebanese Army Targets Militants Trying To Reach Arsal: Source, Report](#)

Author/Source: Tom Perry, Reuters

“The Lebanese army targeted a group of militants trying to flee toward Arsal town in northeastern Lebanon from nearby areas on Friday, a Lebanese security source and the National News Agency said...”

Central Asia

[Meeting Of Presidents Of Russia And Azerbaijan Held In Sochi](#)

Author/Source: APA

“Russian President Vladimir Putin expects that his meeting with Azerbaijani President Illham Aliyev will help find a solution to the existing regional problems, APA's Moscow bureau reports...”

South Asia

[66-kg Narcotics Seized From LoC Truck](#)

Author/Source: Majid Jahangir, Tribune India

“The J&K Police today seized 66.5 kg of narcotic drugs in north Kashmir from a truck arriving from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) as part of the cross-LoC trade between India and Pakistan...”

[Several Afghan Troops Killed In Counter-Taliban Airstrike](#)

Author/Source: Ayaz Gul, Voice of America

“A counterinsurgency airstrike in southern Afghanistan is reported to have left at least 12 government forces dead, including senior officers, sources told VOA...”



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[American Airstrike Hits Afghan Security Forces](#)

Author/Source: Mujib Mashal and Taimoor Shah, New York Times

“An American airstrike in Afghanistan’s southern province of Helmand killed several members of the Afghan security forces, Afghan and American officials said Friday...”

Southeast Asia

[UN Envoy Complains Of State Surveillance In Myanmar](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Activists and journalists in Myanmar continue to be followed and questioned by state surveillance agents, a UN envoy said on Friday, at the conclusion of a visit she said was beset by official snooping and access restrictions...”

[Roses, Tears As Thai Ex-PM Yingluck Enters Final Stages Of Case](#)

Author/Source: AFP, Times of India

“Toppled Thai premier Yingluck Shinawatra was mobbed today by well-wishers, many bearing red roses, as she arrived for what could be the final hearing in a trial for criminal negligence that carries a 10-year jail term...”

East Asia

[Chinese Bombers Pass Through Taiwan Airspace](#)

Author/Source: Matthew Strong, Taiwan News

“Two Chinese bombers crossed through Taiwan’s Air Defense Identification Zone on the island’s east side, but were tailed by Taiwanese Indigenous Defense Fighter jets, according to pictures released by the Ministry of National Defense Friday...”

[Tepco Spots Possible Nuclear Fuel Debris At Another Fukushima Reactor: Kyodo](#)

Author/Source: Osamu Tsukimori, Reuters

“Tokyo Electric Power (Tepco), the operator of Japan’s wrecked Fukushima nuclear plant, may have found nuclear fuel debris below the damaged No. 3 reactor, one of three that had meltdowns in the 2011 disaster, Kyodo News reported on Friday...”

Africa

[Maritime Security: “Operation Tsare Teku” Extended Till January 2018](#)

Author/Source: Africa Independent Television

“The Nigerian navy has extended the duration of the ongoing anti-piracy operation, tagged ‘operation Tsare Teku’, till January 2018...”

[Militant Group Claims Attack On Policemen In Egypt](#)

Author/Source: ABC News

“An Egyptian militant group claimed responsibility on Friday for an attack on a three-car police convoy that killed one policeman and wounded three others the day before...”

[Acacia Warns Of Mine Closure Unless Tanzania Lifts Export Ban](#)

Author/Source: Neil Hume, Financial Times

“Acacia Mining, one of the largest gold producers in Africa, will be forced to close its flagship mine in Tanzania unless the government lifts an export ban that has seen the company chew through almost half its cash pile in the past six months...”



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Europe

Laptop Ban From Six Middle Eastern Countries Set To Be Lifted

Author/Source: Gordon Rayner, Telegraph

“A ban on passengers carrying laptops and iPads in hand luggage on flights to the UK from the Middle East is set to be lifted, The Daily Telegraph understands...”

Interpol Circulates List of 173 Suspected Members Of ISIS Suicide Brigade

Author/Source: Lorenzo Tondo, Patrick Wintour, Piero Messina, The Guardian

“Interpol has circulated a list of 173 Islamic State fighters it believes could have been trained to mount suicide attacks in Europe in revenge for the group’s military defeats in the Middle East...”

Human Rights Groups Become New Target Of Ankara’s Crackdown

Author/Source: Ali Bayramoglu, Al-Monitor

“The Turkish government’s massive crackdown since last year’s attempted coup has targeted not only the putschists, but also the media, Kurdish politicians, as well as leftist, liberal and conservative oppositionists...”

Polish Parliament Expected To Approve Measure Stripping Supreme Court Of Independence

Author/Source: Isaac Stanley-Becker, The Washington Post

“The Polish Parliament was expected Friday to approve a controversial bill tightening political control of the judiciary, threatening a showdown with the European Union over a directive that Brussels has condemned as an assault on democracy and the rule of law...”

U.S. General Urges More German Spending To Ease Military Transit

Author/Source: Andrea Shalal, Reuters

“Citing lessons learned from recent big military exercises, the U.S. Army's top general in Europe urged Germany to spend more on transportation and missile defense to help it meet its NATO target of 2 percent of economic output...”

Boris Johnson: Britain 'Shoulder To Shoulder' With Japan Over North Korea Missile Tests

Author/Source: Sky News

“Britain stands "shoulder to shoulder" with Japan in efforts to end North Korea's "reckless" missile programme, Boris Johnson has said...”

Free Movement Of People To Continue For At Least Two Years After Brexit: Media

Author/Source: Costas Pitas, Reuters

“The free movement of European Union citizens to Britain will continue for at least two years after Brexit as part of a transitional deal, British media reported on Friday...”

US & Canada

North Korea Tourism: US To Ban Americans From Visiting

Author/Source: BBC News

“The US is to ban its citizens from travelling to North Korea...”



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[U.S. Withholds Pakistan Reimbursement Over Haqqani Network: Pentagon](#)

Author/Source: Idrees Ali and Phil Stewart, Reuters

“The United States will withhold \$50 million remaining in military reimbursements to Pakistan for fiscal year 2016 because Defense Secretary Jim Mattis believes that Islamabad has not done enough to blunt the Islamist militant Haqqani network, a U.S. official said on Friday...”

[Rex Tillerson Says Qatar’s Gulf Neighbours Should Lift Blockade](#)

Author/Source: Patrick Wintour, The Guardian

“The US secretary of state, Rex Tillerson, has tried to push Qatar’s Gulf neighbours back to the negotiating table, saying it was time for them to take some positive action by lifting their economic blockade on the oil-rich state...”

[Trump Assigns White House Team To Target Iran Nuclear Deal, Sidelining State Department](#)

Author/Source: Jana Winter, Robbie Gramer, and Dan De Luce, Foreign Policy

“After a contentious meeting with Secretary of State Rex Tillerson this week, President Donald Trump instructed a group of trusted White House staffers to make the potential case for withholding certification of Iran at the next 90-day review of the nuclear deal...”

[Terror Suspect Brought To U.S. For Trial, Breaking From Trump Rhetoric](#)

Author/Source: Rebecca R. Ruiz, Adam Goldman, and Matt Apuzzo, New York Times

“The Trump administration has brought a man suspected of belonging to Al Qaeda to the United States to face trial in federal court, backing off its hard-line position that terrorism suspects should be sent to the naval prison in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, rather than to civilian courtrooms...”

[‘Closely And Carefully’ Following India-China Standoff: US](#)

Author/Source: PTI, The Economic Times

“The US is "closely and carefully" following the border standoff between India and China, the Trump administration said today, urging the two Asian countries to engage in direct dialogue to reduce the tension...”

[South and Central America and the Caribbean](#)

[Miners Call Off Strike In Peru After Deal With Government](#)

Author/Source: Marco Aquino, Reuters

“Striking mining workers in Peru agreed to return to work by Monday after the government of President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski promised to name a task force to discuss labor laws with them, the Labor Ministry said on Friday...”

[Venezuela Strike: Clashes In Caracas, Cracks In Unity At UN](#)

Author/Source: Natalie Gallon and Susannah Cuillane, CNN

“Opponents of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro barricaded the streets in Caracas for a 24-hour strike as clashes intensified, the death toll from months of unrest neared 100 and cracks appeared in the government’s public face abroad...”