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Middle East

Hay'et Tahrir al-Sham take control of Syria's Idlib

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Fighters formerly linked to al-Qaeda took control of Idlib in Syria on Sunday after rival rebels withdrew, strengthening their grip on the northwestern city and its province, one of the last beyond regime control...”

German ISIL bride could face a trial in Iraq

Author/Source: Justin Huggler, Telegraph

“Linda Wenzel, the 16-year-old Islamic state bride captured in Mosul, could face trial in Iraq after it emerged her native Germany has yet to request her extradition...”

Iran and Iraq sign accord to boost military cooperation

Author/Source: Toby Chopra, Reuters

“Iran and Iraq signed an agreement on Sunday to step up military cooperation and the fight against "terrorism and extremism", Iranian media reported, an accord which is likely to raise concerns in Washington...”

Israel installs security cameras as Jerusalem tensions build

Author/Source: Oren Liebermann, Ian Lee, CNN

“Israel has installed security cameras near the entrance to one of the holiest sites in Jerusalem as tensions between Israelis and Palestinians edge higher after a violent week...”

Israel detains 42 Palestinians, including parliamentarian, in overnight raids

Author/Source: Ma'an News Agency

“Amid growing tension in the occupied Palestinian territory, with seven Palestinians and three Israelis killed in the past week, Israeli forces launched a massive detention campaign between Saturday night and early Sunday morning...”

Hezbollah kills 46 militants near Lebanese-Syrian border

Author/Source: The Economic Times

“Lebanon's Shiite Islamist movement Hezbollah on Sunday claimed it had killed 46 Sunni radicals during its offensive to liberate the northeastern region of Aarsal, next to the Syrian border...”

Diplomatic crisis with Jordan: Embassy guard who killed assailant prevented from returning to Israel

Author/Source: Barak Ravid, Jack Khoury, Gili Cohen, Haaretz

“Israeli Embassy guard shoots and kills a Jordanian teen who tried to stab him, and another man; Israel decides to pull out its diplomats but halts the evacuation when Jordan insists on interrogating him...”



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Syrian army, allies advance against Islamic State east of Raqqa

Author/Source: John Davison, Reuters

“Syrian government forces and their allies have recaptured territory from Islamic State in countryside southeast of its stronghold Raqqa after air strikes in the area, a pro-Damascus military media unit and war monitors reported...”

Erdogan visits Saudi Arabia over Gulf Crisis

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has embarked on a two-day trip to the Gulf in an effort to help resolve the dispute between Qatar and four other Arab states...”

Saudi Arabian oil refineries set on fire by long-range Yemeni missile

Author/Source: Chris Tomson, Al-Masdar News

“Late last night, Houthi-led forces launched a long-range ballistic missile towards the western coast of Saudi Arabia...”

Saudi Arabia foils major terrorist attack in Qatif

Author/Source: Daily Pakistan

“Security forces in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia this week prevented a major terrorist plot in the city of Saihat in the Qatif governorate, the Saudi Ministry of Interior has announced in a press release yesterday...”

Central Asia

Armenia breaks ceasefire with Azerbaijan 126 times in 24 hours

Author/Source: Trends Agency

“Over the past 24 hours, Armenia’s armed forces have 126 times violated the ceasefire along the line of contact between Azerbaijani and Armenian troops, the Azerbaijani Defense Ministry said July 23...”

South Asia

Taliban fighters attack police, capturing two districts

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Taliban fighters have overrun two district centres in northern and central Afghanistan, as Afghan forces fight to contain a growing rebellion across the country...”

Taliban suicide car bomber kills dozens in Afghan capital

Author/Source: Hamid Shalizi, James Mackenzie, Reuters

“A Taliban suicide attacker detonated a car bomb in the western part of Kabul on Monday, killing up to 35 people and wounding more than 40, government officials said, in one of the worst attacks in the Afghan capital in recent weeks...”

9 soldiers, 2 civilians killed in India-Pakistan LoC skirmishes in July

Author/Source: First Post

“Nine soldiers among 11 people were killed while 16 others injured in border skirmishes this month between India and Pakistan along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir...”



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New waterways to connect India with Bangladesh: Mansukh Madaviya

Author/Source: The Economic Times

“Bangladesh and India have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to connect the north-east and West Bengal with Bangladesh through new waterways, Union minister Mansukh Mandaviya has said...”

Southeast Asia

Indonesian leader: Shoot drug traffickers who resist arrest

Author/Source: The Washington Post

“Indonesian President Joko “Jokowi” Widodo says police should shoot drug traffickers who resist arrest because of a narcotics crisis facing the country...”

Philippines: 9 soldiers dead in Maute grenade attack

Author/Source: Hader Glang, Anadolu Agency

“At least nine soldiers have been killed and 49 wounded following a grenade attack by Daesh-linked terrorists in Marawi city on the southern island of Mindanao...”

Thailand: Trafficking convictions important step forward

Author/Source: Human Rights Watch

“A Thai criminal court’s sentencing of 62 people, including a military general, to long prison terms for their mistreatment of Rohingya migrants is a major step in combatting human trafficking in Thailand, Human Rights Watch said today...”

South China Sea: Vietnam halts drilling after ‘China threats’

Author/Source: Bill Hayton, BBC News

“Vietnam has reportedly terminated a gas-drilling expedition in a disputed area of the South China Sea, following strong threats from China...”

United Nations claims government had agreed to resettle some refugees in Australia under US deal

Author/Source: David Wroe, Sydney Morning Herald

“The United Nations refugee agency says it struck a “clear understanding” over several meetings - which included direct discussions with Immigration Minister Peter Dutton - that some refugees from Manus Island and Nauru would be resettled in Australia...”

East Asia

China warns India not to harbor illusions in border stand-off

Author/Source: Ben Blanchard, Reuters

“China’s defense ministry on Monday warned India not to harbor any illusions about the Chinese military’s ability to defend its territory, amid a festering border dispute...”

China’s Guangzhou halts construction projects after deadly accident

Author/Source: Hallie Gu, Elias Glenn, Reuters

“The southern China city of Guangzhou on Sunday suspended all construction projects after a crane at a construction site collapsed on Saturday killing seven people...”



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Japan PM Abe denies favors for friend amid falling support

Author/Source: Linda Sieg, Elaine Lies, Reuters

“Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, his ratings sinking over a suspected cronyism scandal, on Monday said he had never instructed officials to give preferential treatment to a long-time friend, adding that the latter had never sought favors...”

Africa

Somalia warns money transfer firms of funding terror

Author/Source: Xinhua

“Somalia has warned telecommunication and money remittance companies against facilitating transfer of money to fund terror activities in the Horn of Africa nation...”

114 Somali prisoners freed by Ethiopia arrive in Mogadishu

Author/Source: Abdur Rahman Alfa Shaban, Africa News

“Over 110 Somali prisoners freed by neighbouring Ethiopia based on a diplomatic arrangement arrived in Mogadishu on Saturday...”

French president tries to mediate Libyan civil war

Author/Source: John Pearson, The National

“French president Emmanuel Macron is hosting peace talks between Libya’s UN-backed prime minister and its most powerful military commander on Tuesday in the hope of ending the country’s civil war...”

ISIL fighters executed by Haftar’s forces in Libya

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“A group of 20 suspected fighters of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, also known as ISIS) group have been executed by the forces of General Khalifa Haftar in Libya, according to a video posted online...”

UN: Moroccan peacekeeper killed, three wounded in CAR

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“An ambush killed a Moroccan peacekeeper and wounded three others on Sunday in the Central African Republic, the United Nations said, blaming pro-Christian armed groups for the violence...”

Egypt forces kill eight militants at camp in south: ministry

Author/Source: Mostafa Hashem, Reuters

“Egyptian security forces have killed eight suspected Islamist militants belonging to the Hasm movement in what officials said was a training camp in a southern desert region, the interior ministry said on Sunday...”

Nigeria: Army begins de-radicalisation of 43 repentant Boko Haram members

Author/Source: All Africa

“The Nigerian Army on Sunday said it had begun the de-radicalisation of 43 Boko Haram insurgents who recently surrendered in Borno...”



Europe

[Germany must act now to stop re-run of refugee crisis, Merkel rival says](#)

Author/Source: Michelle Martin, Reuters

“Germany needs to take action now to prevent a re-run of 2015, when some 890,000 migrants arrived in the country, Chancellor Angela Merkel’s Social Democrat challenger for a September election told Reuters on Sunday...”

[Russia to blame for ‘hot war’ in Ukraine: U.S. special envoy](#)

Author/Source: Natalia Zinets, Matthias Williams, Reuters

“Russian aggression is to blame for violence in eastern Ukraine, where people are dying in what should be seen as a "hot war" rather than a "frozen conflict", the U.S. special envoy to the Ukraine peace talks said on a visit to Ukraine on Sunday...”

[German justice minister open for EU sanctions against Poland](#)

Author/Source: ABC News

“Germany’s justice minister is welcoming possible European Union sanctions against Poland because of that country’s controversial judicial reforms...”

US & Canada

[US lawmakers reach agreement on sanctions against Russia sanctions bill, creating limits for Trump](#)

Author/Source: Lesley Wroughton, David Shepardson, Reuters

“U.S. Republicans and Democrats have reached agreement on legislation that allows new sanctions against Russia, Iran and North Korea, leading congressional Democrats said on Saturday, in a bill that would limit any potential effort by President Donald Trump to try to lift sanctions against Moscow...”

[Trump chides Republicans for doing “very little” to protect him](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Times

“President Donald Trump accused Republican lawmakers on Sunday of doing “very little” to protect him, and he once again criticized the investigation into alleged Russian meddling in the 2016 election campaign...”

[As U.S. weighs Afghan strategy, hopes set on fledgling Air Force](#)

Author/Source: James Mackenzie, Reuters

“As the U.S. administration prepares its new strategy for Afghanistan, the Kabul government and its Western allies are working hard to develop an air force that gives government forces the advantage in their war against Taliban militants...”

[California man accused of trying to support terrorist group](#)

Author/Source: Seattle Times

“A 22-year-old California man has been charged with attempting to support terrorism by allegedly using social media to promote the Islamic State group and offering to join the organization, according to court documents...”



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[Trump administration transfers foreign terror suspect to US for trial in federal court](#)

Author/Source: Laura Jarrett, Dylan Stafford, Kevin Bohn, CNN Politics

“The Trump administration has transferred an Algerian terror suspect from Spain to the United States to be tried in federal court rather than at the Guantánamo Bay naval prison...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Marches in support of new judges in Venezuela end in violence](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Times

“Marches in Venezuela on Saturday in support of the 33 judges appointed by the opposition-led National Assembly sparked another day of clashes, as demonstrators faced off with police and military personnel...”

[Judge gives Mexican prosecutors go-ahead to try former governor](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Times

“A federal judge has given prosecutors authorization to try former Veracruz Gov. Javier Duarte on organized crime and money laundering charges, the Mexican Attorney General’s Office said...”