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Middle East

Saudi Arabia Executes Pakistani For Drug Trafficking

Author/Source: Newsweek Pakistan

“Six people convicted of drug trafficking and homicide were executed in Saudi Arabia on Monday, the government said, the highest number of executions in a single day this year...”

21 Yemeni Prisoners Released, Links To Al-Qaeda

Author/Source: Middle East Monitor

“Twenty-one prisoners who supported Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula were released from a Hadarmout prison yesterday, *Gulf News* reported...”

Islamic State Tightens Grip On Village Near Mosul After Defeat

Author/Source: Ghazwan Hassan, Reuters

“Islamic State has captured most of a village south of Mosul despite losing control of its stronghold in the city, an Iraqi army officer and residents said, deploying guerilla-style tactics as its self-proclaimed caliphate crumbles...”

Gaza 'Unliveable' Ten Years After Hamas Seized Power: U.N.

Author/Source: Luke Baker, Reuters

“A decade after the Islamist group Hamas seized Gaza, the Palestinian enclave is effectively unliveable for its 2 million people, with declining incomes, healthcare, education, electricity and fresh water, the United Nations said...”

Israel Arrests Netanyahu Allies Over German Submarine Deal

Author/Source: Deutsche Welle

“Israeli police arrested seven public officials and private business people in an investigation involving the purchase of German watercraft...”

Syria: Rebels Claim To Shoot Down Assad Warplane Near Russia And U.S. Ceasefire Zone

Author/Source: Callum Paton, Newsweek

“Syrian rebels claim to they have downed a Syrian government aircraft in the country’s south, near the ceasefire zone agreed Sunday between Russia and the United States...”

Qatar Agrees To Curb Terrorism Financing Under Deal With U.S.

Author/Source: Carol Morella, Chicago Tribune

“The United States and Qatar signed a memo of understanding Tuesday on steps the tiny Persian Gulf nation will take to stop the funding of terrorism, U.S. officials said Tuesday...”

Syrian Observatory Says Has 'Confirmed Information' That Islamic State Chief Killed

Author/Source: Lisa Barrington and Ellen Francis, Reuters

“The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights told Reuters on Tuesday that it had “confirmed information” that Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi has been killed...”



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Central Asia

[Armenian MFA Nalbandian Calls Out Azerbaijan At Eastern Partnership Meeting](#)

Author/Source: Armenian Weekly

“On July 10, in Chisinau, Armenia’s Minister of Foreign Affairs of Armenia Edward Nalbandian participated in the informal meeting of Foreign Ministers of the Eastern Partnership countries, attended by the European Commissioner for Neighborhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Johannes Hahn, and Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service Jean-Christophe Belliard...”

South Asia

[US: Fair Probe Into Afghanistan’s Dostum Key To Upholding Rule Of Law](#)

Author/Source: Ayaz Gul, Voice of America

“The United States has stressed that a ‘fair and transparent’ probe into allegations of rape and assault against Afghanistan’s controversial first vice president and ‘possible follow-up legal actions’ are key to upholding the rule of law and combating impunity in the country...”

[Pakistan Opposition Parties Urge PM To Quit Amid Allegations](#)

Author/Source: Associated Press, The Washington Post

“Pakistani opposition parties have urged the country’s Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to step down after a Supreme Court probe into corruption allegations against his family members found “significant disparity” between their declared wealth and known sources of income...”

Southeast Asia

[Eight Killed In Thailand In Rare Mass Shooting: Police](#)

Author/Source: NBC News

“Gunmen shot dead eight people, including at least one child, in a house in Thailand after holding them hostage, police said on Tuesday, a rare incident in a country where although guns are common, such mass shootings are rare...”

[Philippines Military: Death Toll In Marawi Tops 500](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“The death toll in a protracted battle between fighters linked to an ISIL-linked group and government troops in the southern Philippine city of Marawi has topped 500, the military said...”

East Asia

[North Korea Missile Lacks Re-Entry Capability, South Korea Says](#)

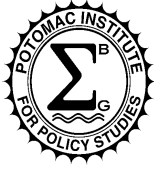
Author/Source: Joshua Berlinger, CNN

“Despite its long range, the North Korean missile fired on July 4 is not capable of a key process that would allow a nuclear weapon atop the projectile to hit its target, South Korea’s intelligence service told lawmakers Tuesday...”

[China Says ‘China Responsibility Theory’ On North Korea Has To Stop](#)

Author/Source: Ben Blanchard, Reuters

“China hit back on Tuesday in unusually strong terms at repeated calls from the United States to put more pressure on North Korea, urging a halt to what it called the “China responsibility theory”, and saying all parties needed to pull their weight...”



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Africa

11 Killed In Maiduguri Suicide Attacks

Author/Source: The Cable

“As many as 11 persons were killed while three sustained injuries in separate suicide attacks in Maiduguri, capital of Borno state...”

US Threatens Sanctions On Anyone Delaying DR Congo Vote

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“The United States on Tuesday threatened to impose further targeted unilateral sanctions on anyone who hinders Democratic Republic of Congo's already delayed preparations for an election to replace President Joseph Kabila...”

Zambia Parliament Approves 90-Day State Of Emergency

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Zambia's parliament has approved a 90-day state of emergency decreed by President Edgar Lungu in a move critics say is an effort to tighten his grip on power...”

Electronics Ban On Egypt-U.S. Flights To Be Lifted Wednesday

Author/Source: Reuters

“A three-month-old ban on taking electronic devices such as laptops into aircraft cabins on flights from Egypt to the United States will be lifted on Wednesday, EgyptAir [EGY.UL] Chairman Safwat Musallam said on Tuesday...”

Trump Delays Decisions On Sudan Sanctions

Author/Source: Katrina Manson, Financial Times

“Donald Trump has given himself an additional three months to permanently revoke sweeping economic sanctions on Sudan, ducking a decision at a time when there is loud opposition and a dearth of Africa appointments in key US departments...”

East Congo Militia Violence Forces 80,000 To Flee Home, U.N. Says

Author/Source: Aaron Ross, Reuters

“About 80,000 people have fled fighting between the Democratic Republic of Congo army and a new rebel coalition, the United Nations said on Tuesday, joining the millions already uprooted in Africa's worst displacement crisis...”

Europe

EU Naval Force ‘Sophia’ Fails To Stop Migrant Smuggling: Report

Author/Source: Lin Taylor, Reuters

“The European Union's Mediterranean naval force has failed to stop migrants from making the perilous sea journey to Europe and should not continue operating in its current form, British lawmakers said on Wednesday...”

UK Brexit Chief Sees EU-UK trade Talks Starting This Fall

Author/Source: Jill Lawless, The Washington Post

“U.K. and European Union negotiators should be able to move from talks about Britain's divorce terms to negotiating future relations before the end of the year, the top U.K. Brexit official said Tuesday...”



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Moscow Steps Up War Of Words In Diplomatic Row With U.S

Author/Source: Dmitry Solovyov and Maria Kiselyova, Reuters

“Moscow on Tuesday toughened its rhetoric in its row with Washington, saying it was considering ways to retaliate for the seizure of some of its diplomatic premises in the United States and expulsions of diplomats...”

Greek Police Arrest Ninth Suspect Over Killing Of U.S Tourist

Author/Source: Renee Maltezou, Reuters

“Greek police arrested a 33-year old Serb on Tuesday over the murder of a young American tourist on the Greek island of Zakynthos last week, bringing the number of people detained in the case to nine...”

OSCE Close To Ending Deadlock On Candidates For Top Jobs

Author/Source: George Jahn, U.S. News & World Report

“The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe appeared poised Tuesday to end months of crippling deadlock, with participants at an OSCE foreign ministers' meeting saying member nations now agree in principle on who should fill key leadership positions...”

US & Canada

Trump Administration Considering Governmentwide Ban On Popular Russian Software

Author/Source: Mike Levine, ABC News

“The Trump administration is on the verge of deciding whether to block all federal agencies from using products developed by a popular Russian cybersecurity firm, which is under increasing scrutiny for alleged ties to Russian intelligence services, government sources familiar with the matter told ABC News...”

US Military Plane Crash Kills 16 In Mississippi

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“At least 16 people have been killed after a US Marine Corps plane crashed in the US state of Mississippi, officials said...”

Donald Trump Jr Was Told Of Russian Efforts To Help Campaign – Report

Author/Source: David Smith, Ben Jacobs, Jon Swaine, and Shaun Walker, The Guardian

“Donald Trump Jr was informed in an email ahead of a meeting with a Russian lawyer that damaging information about Hillary Clinton to be handed over was part of an effort by the Russian government to help the Trump campaign, the New York Times has reported...”

US, India And Japan Begin Naval Exercises, As China Looks On

Author/Source: Steve George and Huizhong Wu, CNN

“A rising Chinese presence in the Indian Ocean has prompted the largest naval exercise the region has seen in more than two decades...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

Brazil's Senate Passes Unpopular Labour Reforms

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“The Senate passed an unpopular overhaul of Brazil's labour laws on Tuesday night, a move that was crucial for embattled President Michel Temer to show he has political support while



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trying to survive damaging corruption allegations...”

[UN Mission To Help Colombian Rebels Reintegrate](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“The UN Security Council on Monday decided to establish a new mission in Colombia to help FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia) rebels reintegrate into society as the peace deal moves to a challenging phase after the laying down of weapons...”