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Middle East

[Yemeni court sentences 4 Saudis to death for belonging to al-Qaida](#)

Source: Xinhua

“A Yemeni security court has sentenced to death four Saudi nationals convicted of belonging to terrorist al-Qaida organization and beheading 14 Yemeni soldiers in an attack in southeast of the country in 2014, the rebel Houthi-run al-Masirah television channel reported...”

[266 days after launching offensive, Iraq declares liberation of Mosul](#)

Source: Arab News

“Iraq declared victory against Daesh in Mosul on Sunday after a grueling months-long campaign, dealing the biggest defeat yet to the terrorist group...”

[Losing Mosul, IS prepare for military parade in Hawija, recruits minors](#)

Author/Source: Mohamed Mostafa, Iraqi News

“Having lost Mosul, its main stronghold in Iraq, Islamic State is preparing for a military parade in Kirkuk’s Hawija, another bastion it has held since 2014, according to intelligence sources...”

[Palestinian baby dies from tear gas inhalation: PA](#)

Author/Source: Laurin-Whitney Gottbrath, Al Jazeera

“An 18-month-old Palestinian baby has died after inhaling tear gas during clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinians nearly three months ago, according to Palestinian health officials...”

[Israeli military trial begins for prominent Palestinian activist Amro](#)

Source: Middle East Eye

“Prominent Palestinian activist Issa Amro went on trial in an Israeli military court on Sunday on accusations of inciting violence, charges that rights groups say is a bid to silence him...”

[Syria talks resume in Geneva after ceasefire deal](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Syria's government and opposition will meet on Monday for a seventh round of UN-sponsored peace talks with little expectation of a breakthrough to end the six-year conflict...”

[Israeli Nuclear Secret-Leaker Sentenced for Contact with Foreigners](#)

Author/Source: Yonah Jeremy Bob, The Jerusalem Post

“The Jerusalem Magistrate’s Court gave Israeli nuclear-secrets leaker Mordechai Vanunu a two-month suspended jail sentence on Monday for violating the conditions of his previous release, having met with foreigners in recent years...”



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Syrian army, militias attack rebels in southeast desert

Author/Source: Suleiman Al-Khalidi, Reuters

“Syrian troops and Iranian-backed militias launched an assault on Bedouin villages in southeast Syria on Monday to consolidate control of a swathe of desert stretching to the Iraqi border, Western-backed rebels said...”

Saudi Arabia executes 6 for drug trafficking, homicide

Source: Times of Israel

“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...”

Central Asia

Armenia continues violating ceasefire with Azerbaijan

Source: APA

“Over the past 24 hours, Armenia’s armed forces have 111 times violated the ceasefire along the line of contact between Azerbaijani and Armenian troops, the Azerbaijani Defense Ministry told APA on July 10...”

South Asia

Afghan military kills 69 insurgents within day: gov't

Source: Xinhua

“At least 69 armed militants were killed and 39 others injured amid operations launched by Afghan security forces within the last 24 hours, said the Defense Ministry on Monday...”

With Eye on China, India, U.S. and Japan Conduct Naval Drills

Author/Source: Anjana Pasricha, VOA News

“In a signal of deepening military cooperation between India, the United States and Japan, the three countries have deployed some of their largest warships and submarines in the Indian Ocean for an annual naval exercise that is conducted with an eye on China...”

Suspected Suicide Blast Kills District Police Chief in Pakistan

Author/Source: Ayaz Gul, VOA News

“A suspected suicide blast in southwestern Pakistan Monday killed a district police chief along with his security guard and a civilian passerby...”

Qatari institutions’ involvement in supporting terrorism in India

Source: Al Arabiya

“Indian Express newspaper reported on a series of investigations carried out by Indian authorities in the northern state of Kerala, following doubts about Doha’s involvement in financing extremist groups in relation to al-Qaeda and ISIS...”

Southeast Asia

Islamic boarding schools to counter radicalism through digital program

Source: The Jakarta Post

“The East Java branch of the Indonesian Pesantren Association (IPI) is going to build a digital pesantren (Islamic boarding school) in order to counter the spread of Islamic radicalism throughout the internet and on social media...”



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Myanmar warns of 'imminent terrorist attack' in Shan State

Author/Source: Ye Mon, The Bangkok Post

“Myanmar government forces have distributed leaflets in the Shan State city of Lashio, warning residents of an imminent attack by the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA), with the army on "high alert" ...”

East Asia

Russia submits North Korea missile data to U.N.

Author/Source: Elizabeth Shim, United Press International

“Russia has submitted documents proving the North Korea projectile launched last week was an intermediate-range missile...”

U.S. aims for U.N. vote on North Korea sanctions within weeks: diplomats

Author/Source: Michelle Nichols, Reuters

“United States Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley aims to put to a vote within weeks a U.N. Security Council resolution to impose stronger sanctions on North Korea over its long-range ballistic missile test, said several senior U.N. diplomats...”

Africa

CNN Exclusive: Somali pirate kings are under investigation for helping ISIS and al-Shabaab

Author/Source: Robyn Kriel and Briana Duggan, CNN

“In the vital transport corridors of the troubled Gulf of Aden, an old but dangerous adversary has returned to the seas -- pirates...”

Kenya: 90-day curfew imposed in three counties after al Shabaab attacks

Source: Africa News

“Kenya’s acting Interior minister Dr. Fred Matiangi has declared a dusk-to-dawn curfew in response to a barrage Al Shabaab attacks in parts of Lamu, Garissa and Tana River counties...”

Shoukry asserts Egypt’s support for Iraq in countering terrorism

Source: Daily News Egypt

“Minister of Foreign Affairs Sameh Shoukry asserted on Sunday Egypt’s commitment to support Iraq’s battle against terrorism during a telephone conversation with his Iraqi counterpart, Ibrahim Al-Gaafari, according to a statement...”

Security forces kill six suspected militants in shootout in southern Egypt

Author/Source: Eric Knecht, Reuters

“Egyptian security forces have killed six suspected militants sympathetic to Islamic State in a shootout in the southern province of Assiut, an Interior Ministry said on Monday...”

Europe

UK arms sales to Saudi Arabia ruled lawful

Source: BBC

“UK government arms sales to Saudi Arabia are lawful, the High Court has ruled, after seeing secret evidence...”



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[Birmingham pub bombings: IRA suspect Hayes issues apology](#)

Author/Source: Kevin Magee, BBC

“A self-confessed IRA bomb maker who has said he was part of the group responsible for the Birmingham pub bombings has issued an apology...”

[Suspects remanded in Israel-Germany submarine deal probe](#)

Author/Source: Gareth Jones and Bill Trott, Reuters

“Three suspects were remanded in custody and a fourth ordered held under house arrest on Monday after Israeli police questioned six people on suspicion of corruption in a \$2 billion deal to buy submarines and patrol craft from Germany...”

US & Canada

[Trump team met with Russian lawyer during campaign](#)

Author/Source: Matt Korade and Kevin Bohn, CNN

“President Donald Trump's eldest son says he met with an individual he had been told "might have information helpful to the campaign" in June 2016...”

[Trump appears to back away from cybersecurity effort with Putin](#)

Author/Source: Karl de Vries, CNN

“President Donald Trump appeared to back away Sunday night from an earlier tweet about "forming an impenetrable Cyber Security unit" with Russian President Vladimir Putin...”

[Tillerson flies to Gulf for talks on Qatar crisis](#)

Author/Source: Jonathan Landay, Reuters

“U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson arrived in Kuwait on Monday for talks aimed at resolving the crisis triggered by the cutoff of links with Qatar by Saudi Arabia and Arab allies...”

[Overnight U.S. drone strikes hit al-Qaida-held sites in Yemen](#)

Source: Xinhua

“Overnight airstrikes launched by a U.S. drone hit a number of al-Qaida-held sites in Yemen's turbulent southern province of Abyan, causing huge blasts, a military official told Xinhua Monday...”

[Lockheed awarded \\$5.6 billion contract for 74 F-35 Lightning II aircraft](#)

Author/Source: Stephen Carlson, United Press International

“Lockheed Martin has been awarded a \$5.6 billion contract modification to an existing contract for Lot 11 low-rate acquisition of the F-35 Lightning II fighter...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Spyware Sold to Mexican Government Targeted International Officials](#)

Author/Source: Azam Ahmed, The New York Times

“A team of international investigators brought to Mexico to unravel one of the nation's gravest human rights atrocities was targeted with sophisticated surveillance technology sold to the Mexican government to spy on criminals and terrorists...”



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[New UN mission in Colombia to focus on reintegrating FARC](#)

Author/Source: Edith M. Lederer, The Washington Post

“The Security Council unanimously approved a resolution Monday authorizing a new U.N. political mission in Colombia to focus on reintegrating leftist rebels into society after more than 50 years of war — a task the United Nations calls the most urgent challenge following the rebels’ handover of their last weapons...”

[Russian, Venezuelan leaders discuss cooperation, energy projects: Kremlin](#)

Author/Source: Polina Devitt and Alison Williams, Reuters

“Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Venezuelan counterpart Nicolas Maduro discussed by telephone cooperation between the two countries, including implementation of projects in the energy sector, the Kremlin said in a statement on Monday...”