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Middle East

[Trump and Putin Agree to Ceasefire in Southwest Syria](#)

Source: France 24

“The United States and Russia struck an agreement Friday on a cease-fire in southwest Syria, crowning President Donald Trump's first meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin...”

[U.N. Deputy Syria Envoy Hopeful for Southwest Ceasefire Deal](#)

Author/Source: Firas Makdesi, Reuters

“A ceasefire deal agreed for southwestern Syria is a positive development that could help prop up the political process aimed at ending the country's six-year war, the U.N. Deputy Special Envoy for Syria said on Saturday...”

[Iraqi Forces Are Just ‘Tens of Meters’ from Retaking Mosul](#)

Source: Arab News

“Iraqi commanders said Saturday their forces are “tens of meters” away from defeating Daesh in Mosul, a day after a major counterattack by the militants...”

[Palestinians Welcome UNESCO Decision on Hebron’s Old City](#)

Author/Source: Adam Rasgon, The Jerusalem Post

“The Palestinians on Friday overwhelmingly welcomed UNESCO’s decision to add Hebron’s Old City including the Tomb of Patriarchs, which Muslims call the Ibrahimi Mosque, to its list of world heritage sites...”

[Israel Vows to Build Jewish Museum in Hebron in Retaliation for UNESCO Decision](#)

Source: Xinhua

“Israel vowed on Friday to build a Jewish history museum in Hebron, just after UNESCO declared the Old City of Hebron an endangered world heritage site...”

[Gaza Again Hit by Power Shortages as PA Blocks Payment](#)

Source: The Times of Israel

“Power supplies have taken a fresh hit in the Hamas-run Gaza Strip, with authorities Saturday accusing the rival Palestinian Authority of blocking fuel payments to Egypt from going through banks...”

[Terrorism, Crime ‘Has No Religion’ as it Targets Whole World, Saudi Minister Tells G-20 Summit](#)

Source: Arab News

“Saudi Arabia has reaffirmed its stance against terrorism, telling the Group of 20 summit (G-20) on Saturday that it had no religion, but instead was a ‘crime that targeted the entire world’...”



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[Saudi Arabia to Host 2020 G20 Summit](#)

Author/Source: Siraj Wahab, Arab News

“Saudi Arabia will host the G-20 Summit in 2020, said an official statement issued on Saturday at the end of this year’s event in Hamburg, Germany...”

[Arab, Muslim Leaders Strongly Condemn Terror Attack in Qatif](#)

Source: Arab News

“Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, the UAE and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) condemned the terror attack on security personnel in Qatif, which left one dead and others injured...”

[Iran to Launch Direct Marine Route to Qatar](#)

Source: Xinhua

“Iran’s Valfajr Shipping Company is planning to establish a direct marine route from the Iranian port of Bushehr to Qatar in the next two weeks, Financial Tribune daily reported on Saturday...”

[At Least 2 Syrian Civilians Killed by Turkish Border Guard](#)

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“At least two civilians were shot dead and another person was wounded by Turkish border guard in the last hours, as they tried to cross from Syria into Turkish territory, a British-based war monitor reported on Saturday...”

Central Asia

[Armenia Breaks Ceasefire with Azerbaijan 129 Times in 24 Hours](#)

Source: Trend News Agency

“Over the past 24 hours, Armenia’s armed forces have 129 times violated the ceasefire along the line of contact between Azerbaijani and Armenian troops, the Azerbaijani Defense Ministry said July 8...”

South Asia

[Seven Killed in Kashmir Cross-Border Shelling](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Seven people have been killed in cross-border shelling in disputed Kashmir, with both Pakistani and Indian officials trading the blame...”

[Pakistan Army Praises Slain Kashmiri Insurgents Denounces 2 Civilian Deaths](#)

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“The Pakistani army praised on Saturday the “sacrifices” of pro-independence insurgent Burhan Wani on the anniversary of his death one year ago in India-administered Kashmir, a region disputed by India and Pakistan, and also denounced the death of two civilians by Indian gunfire at the Line of Control, the de-facto border separating the two nations...”

Southeast Asia

[Police Act Out Protests in Manila Ahead of Duterte Speech](#)

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Police in Manila took part in mock protests and clashes on Saturday in preparation for



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demonstrations expected later this month when the president of the Philippines gives his second State of the Nation Address...”

Big Southern Drug Suspect Caught in Pattaya

Author/Source: Chaiyot Pupattanapong, Bangkok Post

“A major drug suspect wanted on six arrest warrants in southern Thailand was arrested in Pattaya on Saturday after five years on the run...”

Australian PM to Inaugurate French Work in Lucrative DCNS Submarines Deal

Author/Source: Harry Pearl, Reuters

“Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull is due on Sunday to inaugurate at a French shipyard work on a new fleet of submarines that will form the centerpiece of Australia’s defense strategy for decades to come...”

‘Amaq Reports IS Fighters Killing 11 Philippine Soldiers in Marawi’s Lilod Madaya District

Source: SITE Intelligence Group

“The Islamic State’s (IS) ‘Amaq News Agency reported that the group killed 11 Philippine soldiers in a two-day period in Marawi’s Lilod Maday barangay (district)...”

East Asia

Crowds in Hong Kong Line Up to See China’s First Aircraft Carrier

Author/Source: Austin Ramzy, The New York Times

“Hundreds of people in Hong Kong lined up on Saturday to visit China’s first aircraft carrier, the Liaoning, which is making a five-day port call here to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the former British colony’s return to Chinese rule...”

Khaltmaa Battulga leading in Mongolia presidential poll

Source: Al Jazeera

“Mongolia's opposition candidate was leading the country's first-ever presidential runoff election early on Saturday with more than three-quarters of votes counted...”

US Bombers Join Jets from Japan, S. Korea for Training

Source: Bangkok Post

“Two US bombers flew to the Korean Peninsula to join fighter jets from South Korea and Japan for a practice bombing run as part of a training mission in response to North Korea's ballistic missile and nuclear programs, officials said Friday...”

Africa

Al Shabab Beheads 9 Civilians in Attack on Kenya Village

Author/Source: Tom Odula, Associated Press

“Al-Shabab extremists from neighboring Somalia beheaded nine civilians in an early-morning attack on a village in the southeast, Kenyan officials said Saturday, as concerns grew that the group had taken up a bloody new strategy...”



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Egypt: 26 Soldiers Killed in Sinai Suicide Attack

Source: Al Jazeera

“At least 26 Egyptian soldiers including a colonel were killed in a suicide bomb attack on an army checkpoint in northern Sinai, according to security sources...”

Egyptian Police Kill 16 Gunmen in Raids Targeting Militants

Source: Amina Ismail, Reuters

“Egyptian police officers have shot dead 16 gunmen in two shootouts, the country's Interior Ministry said on Saturday, adding that most of those killed were fugitive militants linked to recent attacks on security forces in Northern Sinai...”

35 Migrants Feared Drowned Off Libya: Coast Guard

Source: Arab News

“Thirty-five migrants, including seven children, were feared drowned after their inflatable boat sank on Saturday off the Libyan coast, the coast guard said...”

Gambian Gov't Under Active Threat from Jammeh Loyalists: ECOMIG Commander

Source: Africa News

“The Senegalese commander of a West African regional force deployed to The Gambia, has said that the Adama barrow government still faced security challenges from loyalists of former leader, Yahya Jammeh...”

IS' West Africa Province Claims Killing 12 Nigerian Soldiers in Attack in Yobe

Source: SITE Intelligence Group

“The Islamic State's (IS) West Africa Province, which is comprised of former “Boko Haram” fighters, claimed killing 12 Nigerian soldiers in an attack in Yobe...”

Europe

Violence Erupts at Hamburg Protests: ‘Everybody Went Totally Mad’

Authors/Source: Melissa Eddy and David Shimer, The New York Times

“Tens of thousands of people swarmed into the streets of Hamburg on Saturday for demonstrations against the Group of 20 summit meeting after two consecutive nights of clashes between the police and protesters...”

G20 Nations Vow Terror Funding Crackdown

Source: The Jakarta Post

“The G20 group of major economies agreed Friday to redouble efforts to tackle the financing of extremist groups, in a rare point of agreement during a fractious summit in Germany...”

Putin Denies Election Hacking After Trump Pressed Him, Tillerson Says

Authors/Source: David Filipov, Damian Paletta, Abby Phillip, The Washington Post

“Eight months after an American election that U.S. intelligence agencies believe Russia tried to sway, President Trump and President Vladimir Putin sat for their first face-to-face talks Friday, a friendly encounter that ended in confusion over whether Trump had agreed to absolve the Kremlin of any wrongdoing...”



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Muslim Leaders Begin European Tour to Protest Against Terror

Author/Source: Johnny Cotton, Reuters

“Dozens of religious leaders boarded a bus on the Champs Elysees in Paris on Saturday to kick off a European tour of the sites of recent Islamist attacks to remember the victims and condemn violence...”

French Police Charge Suspect Linked to 2015 Kosher Supermarket Attack

Source: The Times of Israel

“French police have charged a 42-year-old man in connection with the January 2015 terror attack on a kosher supermarket in Paris, a judicial source said Saturday...”

Police Evict Thousands of Migrants from North Paris Sidewalks

Source: Africa News

“French police on Friday evicted thousands of migrants living on sidewalks in an area of northern Paris as dawn broke...”

Hungarian Hard Right Launches New Anti-Liberal, Racist Movement

Author/Source: Marton Dunal, Reuters

“Hundreds of Hungarian right-wing militants gathered in a Budapest suburb on Saturday to launch a new political movement they hope will run in next year’s parliamentary elections on a ticket that includes open racism...”

Pro-IS al-Battar Media Releases English-Subtitled Version of Video Inciting Lone-Wolf Attacks in Europe

Source: SITE Intelligence Group

“The pro-Islamic State (IS) al-Battar Media Foundation released an English-subtitled version of its video in which it acknowledged that lone-wolf attacks in Europe are “greater to the hearts of Muslims” than bombings in IS fighting arenas...”

US & Canada

Trump Says He Had a ‘Tremendous Meeting’ With Putin

Authors/Source: Ken Thomas and Darlene Superville, The Times of Israel

“Fresh from his lengthy head-to-head encounter with Russian President Vladimir Putin, US President Donald Trump on Saturday was meeting with a long list of world leaders, including British Prime Minister Theresa May and President Xi Jinping of China, as he wraps up his second trip abroad....”

G20 Leaders Reaffirm Free Trade but Break with US on Climate Change

Source: France 24

“A final statement from the leaders of the world’s top economic powers Saturday reaffirmed their support for free trade but exposed a divide between the US and other G20 members on climate change...”

Trump Team Met with Lawyer Linked to Kremlin During Campaign

Authors/Source: Jo Becker, Matt Apuzzo, and Adam Goldman, The New York Times

“Two weeks after Donald J. Trump clinched the Republican presidential nomination last year, his eldest son arranged a meeting at Trump Tower in Manhattan with a Russian lawyer who



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has connections to the Kremlin, according to confidential government records described to The New York Times...”

FBI: Flight Attendant Broke Wine Bottle Over Man’s Head

Source: Bangkok Post

“A flight attendant broke a wine bottle over the head of a man who lunged for an exit door and fought with other passengers during a Delta Air Lines flight from Seattle to Beijing, but it didn't faze him, an FBI agent wrote in charging papers filed Friday...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

Venezuelan AG’s Office Calls for Review of Ledezma, Ceballos, Saleh Arrests

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“The Venezuelan Attorney General’s Office called on Saturday for a review of the procedures undertaken to jail Caracas Mayor Antonio Ledezma, former Mayor Daniel Ceballos and opposition activist Lorent Saleh...”

Chile’s Ex-Army Chief Criticizes Possible Closure of Prison for Human Rights Offenders

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Chile’s former army commander, Oscar Izurieta Ferrer, criticized on Saturday President Michelle Bachelet’s promise to close the controversial Punta Peuco prison, where almost 100 people are serving sentences for human rights violations...”