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Middle East

[ISIL Claims Attack On Iraqi Embassy In Kabul](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group has claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing and a gun attack on the Iraqi embassy in Afghanistan's capital, Kabul...”

[Israel Arrests Five In East Jerusalem On Incitement Charges](#)

Author/Source: Nir Hasson, Haaretz

“Five residents of East Jerusalem were arrested Monday with incitement to terrorism and other crimes...”

[Qatar makes Legal Complaint To WTO Over Gulf Trade Boycott](#)

Author/Source: The Guardian

“Qatar has filed a wide-ranging legal complaint at the World Trade Organisation to challenge a trade boycott by Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and United Arab Emirates, Qatar’s WTO representative Ali Alwaleed al-Thani has told Reuters...”

[Saudi Arabia: Calls To ‘Internationalize’ Holy Sites ‘Declaration Of War’](#)

Author/Source: Times of India

“Saudi Arabia said Sunday that Doha was attempting to “internationalize” Muslim holy sites and politicize the hajj pilgrimage saying that the calls amounted to a “declaration of war...”

[Thousands Poised To Leave Lebanon-Syria Border Zone Under Deal](#)

Author/Source: Ellen Francis, Reuters

“Convoys of buses arrived on Monday to transfer thousands of Syrian militants and refugees from Lebanon's border region into rebel territory in Syria in exchange for Hezbollah prisoners...”

[Turkey Detains Soldiers Filmed Beating Syrians On Border](#)

Author/Source: Times of Israel

“Turkish authorities have detained a group of soldiers who were filmed allegedly beating up and verbally abusing four young Syrians who attempted to cross the border illegally, the army said in a statement...”

Central Asia

[WTO Urges Azerbaijan To Step Up Bilateral Talks With Members](#)

Author/Source: Amina Nazarli, AzerNews

“The World Trade Organization (WTO) has urged Azerbaijan to strengthen its work with member countries of the organization to ensure mutual access to markets for goods and services...”



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South Asia

Pakistan Ruling Party's Choice For Next PM, Others Seek Post

Author/Source: Washington Post

“Pakistan’s premier-designate and three opposition lawmakers have submitted their candidacies for the country’s next head of government...”

Drug-Smuggling Route Reveals Itself Again

Author/Source: The Hindu

“One of the world’s biggest drug smuggling routes, spread across Afghanistan, Pakistan and the Indian Ocean, with recipients spread in several countries, has revealed itself yet again with the seizure of 1,500 kg of heroin worth over ₹3,500 crore off Gujarat coast on Saturday...”

Southeast Asia

Philippine Police Say Crackdown To Target More Drug Lords

Author/Source: ABC News

“The Philippine national police chief warned Monday that law enforcers will be going after more drug lords following a raid that left 15 people dead, including a city mayor who was among politicians President Rodrigo Duterte had publicly linked to illegal drugs...”

Peter O’Neill Scrambles To Hold Power In PNG

Author/Source: Rowan Callick, The Australian

“Papua New Guinea’s incumbent coalition, led by Prime Minister Peter O’Neill, has attracted just enough newly elected MPs to its side in Alotau to form government when parliament meets for the first time on Friday...”

Myanmar Journalist Detained, Bailed Ahead Of Defamation Trial

Author/Source: Shoon Naing, Reuters

“One of Myanmar’s best known journalists was released on bail on Monday, his lawyer said, but is set to stand trial for allegedly defaming firebrand Buddhist monk Wirathu on social media...”

Airport Security Intensified Following Sydney Raid On Islamist-Inspired Terror Cell

Author/Source: Rachel Olding and David Wroe, Sydney Morning Herald

“The state of Australia’s airport security has been thrown into question following the dramatic arrest of an Islamist-inspired terrorist cell in Sydney whose members were allegedly plotting to blow up an aircraft...”

Philippine Security Forces Find Seven Headless Bodies On Southern Island

Author/Source: Manuel Mogato, Reuters

“Philippine security forces found seven headless bodies on Monday believed to be the victims of kidnappings in two towns on the southern island of Basilan, a stronghold of the pro-Islamic State Abu Sayyaf group, police said...”

East Asia

China Says Joint Efforts Of All Sides Needed To Resolve North Korean Issue

Author/Source: Ben Blanchard, Reuters

“Resolving the North Korean nuclear issue requires joint efforts from all sides, China’s



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Foreign Ministry said on Monday, after U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted he was "very disappointed" in China following Pyongyang's latest missile test..."

"Red Notice" Fugitive Returns To China

Author/Source: Yang Yi, Xinhuanet

"Huang Hong, one of China's most wanted fugitives, has returned to China and turned herself in to the police, the anti-corruption authority said Monday..."

Second Typhoon Batters Taiwan In 24 Hours

Author/Source: Channel News Asia

"The second storm to hit Taiwan in 24 hours battered southern and central parts of the island on Monday (Jul 31) after Typhoon Nesat injured more than 100 people and shut businesses at the weekend..."

Africa

War In Somalia: Al-Qaeda Affiliate Al-Shabab Kills 24 In Ambush As African Peacekeepers Battle Jihadis

Author/Source: Newsweek

"Fighting between Al-Shabab fighters and Somali government troops and African Union peacekeepers killed 24 people on Sunday, a regional official said, with the Islamist militants putting the death toll higher..."

Six Armed Islamists Killed In Algeria

Author/Source: Middle East Online

"The Algerian army on Monday killed six armed Islamists during an ongoing security operation west of Algiers, the defence ministry said..."

Kenya Election Official Tortured, Murdered Before Vote: Officials

Author/Source: Katharine Houreld, Reuters

"A senior Kenyan election official was found murdered on Monday three days after going missing, poll officials said, stirring fears of turmoil before next week's national vote..."

Nigerian Military Ordered To Boost Response To Boko Haram

Author/Source: News24

"Nigeria's military has been ordered to strengthen its response to Boko Haram after 69 people were killed in an ambush earlier last week, the government said on Sunday..."

Europe

Royal Marine Who Made Bombs For Dissident Irish Republicans Jailed For 18 Years

Author/Source: The Telegraph

"A terrorist who infiltrated the British military has been jailed for 18 years for supplying bombs to dissident Irish Republicans..."

Iraq War: Bid To Prosecute Tony Blair Rejected By High Court

Author/Source: BBC News

"The High Court has blocked an attempt to bring a private prosecution against Tony Blair over the Iraq War..."



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[Top French Court Just Ordered The Government To Provide Water To The Hundreds Of Migrants In Calais](#)

Author/Source: Richard Lough, Business Insider

“France's highest administrative court on Monday ruled President Emmanuel Macron's government and the Calais region must provide hundreds of migrants with drinking water, showers and toilets...”

[Brexit: Theresa May Says Free Movement To End In March 2019](#)

Author/Source: David Wilkinson and Hilary Clarke, CNN

“Downing Street has quashed suggestions that EU citizens will still be able to come to Britain to live and work after Brexit takes effect in March 2019...”

US & Canada

[American Embassy In Russia May Cut U.S. Diplomats Or Locals: Kremlin](#)

Author/Source: Alan Kaytukov and Eoghan Macguire, NBC News

“Washington may cut local employees as well as diplomats in Russia, according to a Kremlin spokesman, diluting the impact of a Russian ultimatum that the U.S. cut its staff in the country by 755...”

[Vice President Mike Pence: Russian ‘Aggression’ Makes NATO Necessary](#)

Author/Source: Eoghan Macguire, NBC News

“The "specter of aggression" from Russia makes a strong and united NATO more important now than at any time since the Soviet Union's collapse, Vice President Mike Pence said Monday...”

[Lockheed Receives Contract For 50 F-35s For Foreign Military Sales](#)

Author/Source: Stephen Carlson, UPI

“Lockheed Martin Aeronautics is being awarded a \$3.7 billion modification to an existing contract for the low-rate production of Lot 11 F-35 Lightning II aircraft...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Treasury Sanctions Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro](#)

Author/Source: Christine Wang, CNBC

“The Treasury Department slapped sanctions on Nicolas Maduro on Monday, alleging that Venezuela's president has attempted to undermine democracy and the rule of law in his country...”

[Virulent Salmonella Strain Spotted In Brazil](#)

Author/Source: SciDevNet

“An invasive and virulent strain of *Salmonella Typhimurium* which emerged in Sub-Saharan Africa has been identified elsewhere for the first time, scientists have reported...”

[Venezuela’s Maduro Celebrates New Assembly, Mocks U.S. Criticism](#)

Author/Source: Brian Ellsworth, Reuters

“Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro on Monday celebrated the election of a new legislative superbody that is expected to give the ruling Socialist Party sweeping powers and mocked U.S. criticism that the vote was an affront to democracy...”