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Middle East

Iraqi Kurds Face More Sanctions after Calling Elections

Author/Source: Maher Chmaytelli, Reuters

“Iraq’s autonomous Kurdistan region announced on Tuesday it was calling presidential and parliamentary elections for Nov. 1 as the Kurdish leadership moved to capitalize on a referendum that delivered huge support for independence...”

Daesh Claims Deadly Suicide Attack in Syrian Capital

Source: Arab News

“Daesh on Tuesday claimed responsibility for a pair of suicide bombings in the Syrian capital that killed 17 civilians and policemen the previous day...”

Palestinian Cabinet Convenes in Gaza in move to Reconcile with Hamas

Author/Source: Nidal al-Mughrabi, Reuters

“Prime Minister Rami al-Hamdallah chaired the first meeting of the Palestinian cabinet in the Gaza Strip for three years on Tuesday, in a move toward reconciliation between the mainstream Fatah party and Islamist group Hamas...”

Israel Destroys Bedouin Village for the 119th Time

Author/Source: Farah Najjar, Al Jazeera

“Israeli forces have destroyed a village in the country’s southern Negev region for the 119th time...”

Draft U.N. Blacklist name Saudi Coalition for Killing Children in Yemen

Author/Source: Michelle Nichols, Reuters

“A confidential draft United Nations blacklist seen by Reuters on Tuesday names a Saudi Arabia-led military coalition for killing and maiming children in Yemen, though it notes that the alliance has put in place measures to improve child protection...”

Islamic State Releases Video it says Shows Two Russians Captured in Syria

Author/Source: Omar Fahmy, Reuters

“Islamic State released a video on Tuesday that it said showed two Russian soldiers captured by its fighters in the Syrian city of Deir al-Zor, where Russia has been backing the Syrian military against militants...”

Turkey’s Erdogan says will Impose Further Sanctions against Northern Iraq

Source: Arab News

“Turkey will impose further sanctions on northern Iraq over its independence referendum, President Tayyip Erdogan said on Tuesday...”

Turkey Seeks to Isolate Syria Idlib Jihadists Opposing Truce

Author/Source: Ezgi Erkoyun and Tom Perry, Reuters

“Turkey is luring militants away from the jihadist alliance that controls Syria’s northwestern



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Idlib province as a step toward implementing a deal to reduce violence there, Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said on Tuesday...”

Central Asia

India Mulling Import of Uranium from Uzbekistan

Source: Pakistan Today

“India is working hard to deepen its strategic partnership with landlocked but resource-rich Uzbekistan as it is keen to import uranium, a dense grey radioactive metal used as a fuel in nuclear reactors...”

Kazakhstan to Start Exporting Gas to China on Oct. 15

Source: Latin America Herald Tribune

“Kazakhstan has signed a trade agreement with China covering exports of 5 billion cubic meters of natural gas to the Asian giant for a year, a deal that is expected to generate \$1 billion in earnings for the Central Asian country, JSC KazTransGas said on Tuesday...”

South Asia

India Summons Pakistan Envoy After Killing of Three Children in Ceasefire Violation

Source: The Times of India

“India on Tuesday summoned Pakistan's deputy high commissioner Syed Haider Shah and issued a demarche over the recent upsurge in ceasefire violations by Pakistani forces in Jammu and Kashmir, which have resulted in several deaths and numerous casualties...”

Southeast Asia

10,000 Rohingya at Border as Exodus Swells Again

Source: Arab News

“More than 10,000 Rohingya have massed near a crossing point with Bangladesh, Myanmar media said Tuesday, as an exodus continues to swell with food supplies low and hostility toward them surging...”

Australia Seeks Small Diameter Bombs from US

Source: United Press International

“Australia has received U.S. State Department approval to purchase GBU-53/B Small Diameter Bomb Increment II weapons from the United States...”

East Asia

Japan Accepts 3 Refugees in First Half of 2017, despite Record Asylum Seekers

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Source: Reuters

“Japan accepted just three refugees in the first half of 2017 despite receiving a record 8,561 fresh asylum applications, the government said on Tuesday, highlighting the nation’s reluctance to accept foreigners...”



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Africa

[Grenades Thrown at Homes of Ugandan MPs opposed to Extending President's Rule](#)

Author/Source: Elias Biryabarema, Reuters

“Grenades were thrown overnight at the homes of two Ugandan legislators opposed to scrapping the presidential age limit and thereby extending President Yoweri Museveni’s more than 31 years in power...”

[South Africa's weak growth threatens government spending plan](#)

Source: Reuters

“Weaker-than-expected growth is threatening the South African government’s spending plans, the National Treasury told parliament on Tuesday...”

Europe

[French Parliament Advances a Sweeping Counterterrorism Bill](#)

Author/Source: Alissa J. Rubin and Elian Peltier, New York Times

“The French government on Tuesday moved a significant step closer to making permanent some of the emergency measures put in place after the terrorist attacks of 2015, expanding the powers of the security forces to combat terrorism in ways that critics say may also curtail civil liberties...”

[Puigdemont says Catalonia to Declare Independence in ‘Matter of Days’](#)

Source: Reuters

“Catalonia will declare independence “in a matter of days”, the region’s secessionist leader Carles Puigdemont was quoted as telling the BBC, a move that would defy Madrid and attempt to implement the directive of Sunday’s banned independence referendum...”

US & Canada

[Defense Secretary Mattis Suggests Sticking with Iran Nuclear Deal](#)

Author/Source: Idress Ali and Phil Stewart, Reuters

“U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said on Tuesday the United States should consider staying in the Iran nuclear deal unless it were proven that Tehran was not abiding by the agreement or that it was not in the U.S. national interest to do so...”

[Russia Threatens Retaliation over U.S. ‘Break-in’ at Consulate](#)

Source: Reuters

“The Russian Foreign Ministry said U.S. officials had broken into residences at Russia’s consulate in San Francisco, and threatened retaliation over what it called an illegal act...”

[Justice Department Names New Acting Head of Drug Enforcement Agency](#)

Author/Source: Sarah N. Lynch, Reuters

“The U.S. Justice Department said on Tuesday it tapped Robert Patterson, a career investigator, to temporarily lead the Drug Enforcement Administration, after the drug office’s previous acting chief stepped down...”

[US Navy Hospital Ship Reaches Puerto Rico](#)

Source: Latin America Herald Tribune

“The US Navy hospital ship USNS Comfort arrived on Tuesday to provide support for Puerto



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Rico's health care system after Hurricane Maria knocked out power across the island..."

South and Central America and the Caribbean

Cuba Says Politics behind US Expulsion of Diplomats

Source: Latin America Herald Tribune

"Cuba said on Tuesday that the US decision to expel 15 Cuban diplomats after sharply reducing the staff of Washington's embassy in response to purported "acoustic attacks" on American personnel in Havana was both unfounded and politically motivated..."

Ecuador's Vice President is Jailed in Bribery Investigation

Author/Source: Nicolas Casey, New York Times

"A scandal involving a Brazilian construction giant has widened with the jailing of Ecuador's vice president as part of an investigation into accusations of bribery..."