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Middle East

Two Turkish soldiers killed in northern Iraq: Turkish military

Author/Source: Ezgi Erkoyun, Reuters

“Two Turkish soldiers were killed and one was wounded on Thursday in northern Iraq’s Avasin Basyan region by Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) militants, Turkey’s military said...”

Female reporter with paramilitary forces killed in Iraq

Author/Source: Xinhua

“A female reporter working for paramilitary Hashd Shaabi brigade was killed on Thursday in Iraq’s western province of Anbar, the Iraqi military said...”

Hamis: Mossad Agents Carrying Bosnian Passports Behind Tunisia Drone Expert Assassination

Author/Source: Jack Khoury, Haaretz

“Hamis said on Thursday that Mossad agents carrying Bosnian passports were behind the assassination of Mohammed Zawahri, the Palestinian militant group’s drone expert, in Tunisia last year...”

Family of Israeli Held by Hamas in Gaza Asks U.S. Officials to Speed Up Release

Author/Source: Amir Tibon, Haaretz

“The family of Avera Mengistu, an Israeli citizen being held by Hamas in Gaza, met on Wednesday and Thursday with senior officials in the Trump administration and with prominent members of Congress, and asked them to increase international pressure on Hamas to release him...”

In U.N. Showdown, Russian Veto Kills Syria Chemical Arms Panel

Author/Source: Rick Gladstone, The New York Times

“Infuriating the United States and its allies, Russia on Thursday blocked an American-sponsored resolution at the Security Council to extend the life of a panel investigating who is using chemical weapons in the Syria conflict...”

Israel Claimed Iran Refused Its Offer for Humanitarian Aid. Red Cross Says Otherwise

Author/Source: Uri Blau, Haaretz

“Israel did not receive an ‘immediate refusal’ from Iran or Iraq following its offer to send humanitarian aid after last week’s earthquake, contrary to statements made by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s office...”

Saudi offer in corruption crackdown: ‘cough up the cash and go home’

Author/Source: Ian Cobain, The Guardian

“Authorities in Saudi Arabia are offering businessmen and members of the royal family detained on allegations of corruption an opportunity to pay for their freedom, according to media reports...”



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[Saudis must lift Yemen blockade or ‘untold’ thousands will die, UN agencies warn](#)

Author/Source: Patrick Wintour, The Guardian

“Untold thousands of innocent people will die in Yemen unless the Saudi-led military coalition unconditionally lifts its blockade of the country’s ports, the heads of three UN agencies have warned...”

[Israel 'willing to share' Iran intelligence with Saudis](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“A prominent Saudi website has published an unprecedented interview with Israel's army chief of staff, signalling closer cooperation between the two countries against regional rival, Iran...”

[Egypt's former security chief advising Saudi crackdown](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Egypt's feared former security chief is reportedly advising Saudi Arabia's crown prince amid mass arrests of the kingdom's elite and allegations of physical abuse during their detention...”

[French military says coalition opposed IS withdrawal from Raqqa](#)

Author/Source: Cyril Camu and Sophie Louet, Reuters

“France’s military said on Thursday the coalition battling Islamic State in Syria had opposed a deal allowing fighters of the militant group to withdraw from their former bastion of Raqqa...”

[Saad Hariri: Lebanon PM 'can go to France when he wants'](#)

Author/Source: BBC News

“The French foreign minister has said Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri can travel "when he wants" to France from Saudi Arabia, where officials in Beirut allege he is being detained...”

Central Asia

[Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan sign plan for military cooperation](#)

Author/Source: Azerbaijan Press Agency

“Azerbaijan’s Minister of Defense, Colonel General Zakir Hasanov met with a delegation led by Minister of Defense of Uzbekistan, Major General Abdusalom Azizov on November 16...”

Southeast Asia

['Death of democracy' in Cambodia as court dissolves opposition](#)

Author/Source: Oliver Holmes, The Guardian

“Cambodia’s top court has ruled to dissolve the country’s main opposition party, ensuring that the prime minister, Hun Sen, runs effectively uncontested in the 2018 election...”



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East Asia

[East Asia Summit leaders agree to counter terror propaganda, funding](#)

Author/Source: Audrey Morallo, Philippine Star

“Leaders who attended the East Asia Summit committed to join in efforts to address conditions that promote the spread of terrorism and violent extremism in the region and cut their funding support...”

[Images suggest North Korea 'aggressive' work on ballistic missile submarine: institute](#)

Author/Sources: Reuters

“Satellite images taken this month of a North Korean naval shipyard indicate Pyongyang is pursuing an ‘aggressive schedule’ to build its first operational ballistic missile submarine, a U.S. institute reported on Thursday...”

[China says 'dual suspension' proposal still best for North Korea](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“China said on Thursday a ‘dual suspension’ proposal to handle North Korea was still the best option, after U.S. President Donald Trump said he and Chinese President Xi Jinping had rejected a ‘freeze for freeze’ agreement...”

[Japan returns 3 N. Korean fishermen home after rescue from sunken boat](#)

Author/Source: Kyodo News

“Japan handed over three North Korean fishermen Thursday to a fishing vessel from their home country a day after they were rescued from a capsized boat in the Sea of Japan, the Japan Coast Guard said...”

[Taiwan Says Its Ties with Dominican Republic Are Stable](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Taiwan’s diplomatic ties with the Dominican Republic are now stable following a series of visits by top officials last month, the Taiwanese foreign minister said on Thursday...”

Africa

[Zimbabwe, With Mugabe in Custody, Ventures Into Uncharted Territory](#)

Author/Source: Jeffrey Moyo and Alan Cowell, The New York Times

“A day after the Zimbabwean Army detained President Robert Mugabe, representatives of South Africa and the Roman Catholic Church on Thursday sought to defuse the crisis in closed-door negotiations aimed at producing some kind of transitional settlement...”

[Nigeria: Four suicide bombers kill 18 in Maiduguri](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“At least 18 people have been killed and 29 others wounded in northeast Nigeria after four suicide bombers carried out separate attacks, state police said...”



Europe

[U.S. issues Europe travel alert over terrorist attack concern](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua

“The United States issued a Europe travel alert on Thursday, warning its citizens of the “heightened risk of terrorist attacks” throughout the region...”

[UAE remarks on control of mosques in Europe condemned](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“A human rights group has condemned comments by a top United Arab Emirates (UAE) government official who urged Germany and other European countries to exert greater control over its mosques in order to prevent ‘terrorist’ attacks...”

[Respect for human rights can prevent 'vicious cycle' of terrorism, says UN chief](#)

Author/Source: Patrick Wintour, The Guardian

“The world faces an unprecedented terrorist threat which finds its best breeding ground in countries that suppress human rights, the UN secretary general, António Guterres, has said in a major speech designed to put countering terrorism at the heart of the UN’s agenda...”

US & Canada

[U.S. Is Open to Removing Sudan From Terrorism List, Diplomat Says](#)

Author/Source: Jina Moore, The New York Times

“A month after the Trump administration formally lifted decades-old sanctions against Sudan, a top official said on Thursday that the United States would consider removing Sudan from its list of state sponsors of terrorism, a designation that has been in place since 1993...”

[Senate sends \\$700 billion defense bill to Trump, funding uncertain](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“The U.S. Senate passed a \$700 billion defense policy bill on Thursday, backing President Donald Trump’s call for a bigger, stronger military, but leaving unsettled how to fund the massive spending increase amid a Republican-led push to cut taxes...”

[Readout of Deputy Secretary of Defense Shanahan's Meeting with Ugandan Minister of Defense Adolf Mwesige](#)

Author/Source: Department of Defense

“Deputy Secretary of Defense spokesperson Cmdr. Sarah Higgins provided the following readout: Deputy Secretary of Defense Pat Shanahan met with Ugandan Minister of Defense Adolf Mwesige in Vancouver, Canada at the 2017 U.N. Peacekeeping Defense Ministerial yesterday...”

[Far-right accounts lose Twitter verified tick](#)

Author/Source: BBC News

“Twitter has stripped several far-right accounts of their ‘verified’ badge, after changing its policy...”



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[Canada open to Mexico five-year NAFTA review proposal: sources](#)

Author/Source: David Ljunggren and Anthony Esposito, Reuters

“Canada is open to a Mexican proposal to review the North American Free Trade Agreement every five years instead of terminating the deal automatically if it is not renegotiated, as the United States has demanded, two government sources said on Thursday...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Guatemalans March to Demand President Step Down](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Thousands of Guatemalans poured into the streets of this capital on Thursday to demand the resignations of President Jimmy Morales and more than two-thirds of the members of Congress...”

[Mexico enacts law to help find thousands missing in gang violence](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Mexico on Thursday undertook to focus more resources on the search for missing people, the number of which has grown dramatically in recent years as gang violence has claimed tens of thousands of lives...”