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Middle East

[Iraq to probe voting irregularities in May 12 elections](#)

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Author/Source: Associated Press/Washington Post

“Iraq’s prime minister has ordered the creation of a high-powered commission to look into alleged irregularities in the parliamentary elections held May 12, the first sign that authorities are taking seriously complaints about the vote...”

[Twin explosions target Iraq communist party HQ in Baghdad: spokesman](#)

May 25 2018

Author/Source: Arab news

“Two bombs exploded Friday close to the Baghdad headquarters of the Iraqi Communist Party, said a spokesman for the political alliance which alongside populist cleric Moqtada Sadr triumphed in elections earlier this month...”

[Israel calls on EU to stop funding groups promoting ‘anti-Israel’ boycotts](#)

25 May 2018

Author/Source: Reuters/ The Jerusalem Post

“Israel accused European Union institutions on Friday of funding non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that promote "anti-Israel boycotts" and called for the support to end...”

[Security forces foil suicide attack, northwest of Iraq’s Baghdad](#)

25 May 2018

Author/Source: Nehal Mostafa/Iraqi News

“Iraqi troops have foiled a suicide attack, northwest of the capital Baghdad, a security source was quoted saying on Friday...”

[Israeli top court 'gives green light' to use of live fire in Gaza](#)

25 May 2018

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Israel's Supreme Court has unanimously rejected two petitions brought by human rights groups demanding Israel's army to stop using snipers and live ammunition against unarmed Palestinian protests in the Gaza Strip...”

Central Asia

[New Strategic Master Plan to Coordinate Remediation of Uranium Legacy Sites in Central Asia](#)

May 25 2018

Author/Source Mariam Arghamanyan/IAEA

“A Strategic Master Plan published last week is set to help accelerate remediation efforts at former uranium mines in Central Asia. With the necessary funding, the highest-priority sites



can be remediated in just a few years...”

South Asia

[Senior Taliban Commander Killed in Eastern Afghanistan](#)

25 May 2018

Author/Source: Zabiullah Ghazi/ Voice of America News

“A senior Afghan Taliban commander — who served as a shadow governor for more than a dozen districts in Afghanistan's eastern Nangarhar province — has been killed by Afghan security forces, provincial officials told VOA...”

Source: Voice of America News

Southeast Asia

[Indonesian military to have direct involvement in counter-terrorism after new laws pass](#)

25 May 2018

Author/Source David Lipson/ABC

“The Indonesian Parliament has passed controversial new anti-terrorism laws, handing the military direct involvement in counter-terrorism operations approved by the President...”

[Netherlands, Australia officially blame Russia for MH17 disaster](#)

25 May 2018

Author/Source: CBS News

“The Netherlands and Australia are holding Russia legally responsible for the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, which was shot down over war-ravaged eastern Ukraine nearly four years ago, killing all 298 people on board...”

East Asia

[Chinese Official: Destroy Terrorism 'Breeding Ground'](#)

25 May 2018

Author/Source: The Associated Press/The New York Times

“China's top anti-terrorism official has called for closer international cooperation to "destroy the breeding ground of terrorism," along with a ramping-up of already overwhelming counterterrorism measures at home...”

[Collapse of Trump-Kim summit threatens to deepen US-China rift](#)

25 May 2018

Author/Source: Reuters/Channel News Asia

“US President Donald Trump's cancellation of a summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un threatens further strain on US-China ties amid a trade dispute that had been intertwined with Beijing's pressure on isolated Pyongyang...”

Africa

[Militia kills five in attack on Banro Corp's east Congo gold mine](#)



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Author/Source: Fiston Mahamba/Reuters

“A Mai Mai militia attacked Banro Corp’s east Congo Namoya gold mine with rifle and artillery fire on Thursday, a Banro geologist at the mine said, killing five people and wounding several others in the second attack on the mine in less than a year...”

South Africa investigates \$80 million bitcoin scam

25 May 2018

Author/Source: Reuters

“South African authorities are investigating an alleged cryptocurrency scam that defrauded investors of 1 billion rand (\$80 million) with promises of huge returns that never materialized, police said on Friday...”

Libya: Car bombing near hotel in Benghazi kills 7

25 May 2018

Author/Source: Rami Musa/AP News

“A car bombing on a busy street in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi early on Friday killed at least seven people, including a girl, and wounded 20, a security official said...”

Fifty dead after boat capsizes in DRC river

25 May 2018

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“At least 50 people have died in a boat accident in the northwestern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), according to officials...”

Europe

European Union, United Nations to Strengthen Partnership on Counter-Terrorism

25 May 2018

Author/Source: United Nations

“Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, and Vladimir Voronkov, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, met in Brussels today to discuss the cooperation between the European Union and the United Nations in countering terrorism and preventing violent extremism, as well as efforts by UN Secretary-General António Guterres to reform and strengthen the Organization’s counter-terrorism work...”

Israel calls on EU to stop funding groups promoting ‘anti-Israel’ boycotts

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“Israel accused European Union institutions on Friday of funding non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that promote "anti-Israel boycotts" and called for the support to end...”

London teen in court over terror offences

25 May 2018

Author/Source: BBC

“Sudesh Mamoor Faraz Amman, 18, is accused of possessing documents including 'how to



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make a bomb in your kitchen.'..."

[Russia Conducts World's Longest Surface-to-Air Missile Test With New S-500, Media Reports](#)

25 May 2018

Author/Source: The Moscow Times

"Russia has reportedly carried out the world's longest test of a surface-to-air missile system, intended to take out ballistic missiles and stealth airplanes..."

[Netherlands, Australia officially blame Russia for MH17 disaster](#)

25 May 2018

Author/Source: CBS News

"The Netherlands and Australia are holding Russia legally responsible for the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, which was shot down over war-ravaged eastern Ukraine nearly four years ago, killing all 298 people on board..."

US & Canada

[Mississauga explosion: more than a dozen injured in Canada restaurant blast](#)

25 May 2018

Author/Source: Ashifa Kassam/ The Guardian

"More than a dozen people have been injured after a homemade bomb ripped through an Indian restaurant in the Canadian city of Mississauga, near Toronto..."

[Collapse of Trump-Kim summit threatens to deepen US-China rift](#)

25 May 2018

Author/Source: Reuters/Channel News Asia

"US President Donald Trump's cancellation of a summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un threatens further strain on US-China ties amid a trade dispute that had been intertwined with Beijing's pressure on isolated Pyongyang..."

[Hillary Clinton: Fox News, Sinclair 'delivering propaganda'](#)

May 25 2018

Author/Source: Joe Concha/The Hill

"Former 2016 Democratic presidential nominee [Hillary Clinton](#) said Friday that Fox News and Sinclair Broadcasting are 'delivering propaganda' and pressed the need for 'more outlets for reliable information.'..."

[Former FBI Director Comey: Agency Cannot Fight Foreign Propaganda](#)

May 25 2018

Author/Source: Reuters/Voice of America News

Cross Reference: Propaganda and Incitement, Technology and Cyber

"Former U.S. FBI Director James Comey said that social media companies needed to "worry" about foreign political propaganda on their networks, but he had few ideas on how to counter it..."



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South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Argentine woman killed by suspected FARC rebels in Colombia](#)

25 May 2018

Author/Source: Israel National News

“An Argentine woman leading Israeli tourists on a tour of marijuana-producing areas of southwestern Colombia has been kidnapped and murdered by alleged FARC dissidents, Colombian authorities announced Thursday...”

[Two killed in fresh Nicaragua clashes after talks collapse](#)

25 May 2018

Author/Source: Reuters/ eNews Channel Africa

“At least two people were killed and 50 wounded as clashes flared in Nicaragua after peace talks between the government and opposition collapsed, the Red Cross and victims' relatives said Thursday...”