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Middle East

[Israeli law to silence critics of its human rights violations](#)

Ray Hanania/ Arab News

“The Israeli Supreme Court refused this week to block a 2016 law that allows 90 members of Israel’s 120-member Knesset to remove other members if they engage in ‘racism’ or ‘incite terrorism’...”

[Hamas-Israel ceasefire holds after night of violence](#)

Aljazeera

“A ceasefire agreement between Hamas and Israel appears to be holding following one of the worst days in violence in the Gaza Strip since the 2014 Gaza war...”

[We’ll hit anywhere in Syria, Netanyahu says](#)

The Jerusalem Post

“Israel plans to act against Iran anywhere in Syria, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Wednesday in the midst of talks with Russia over a new understanding with regard to Israel’s aerial military actions in Syria...”

[Live Updates: Israel Believes Gaza Fighting Is Over for Now, Won’t Attack if Rocket Fire Ends](#)

Haaretz

“A potential calm was reached in Gaza after the Israeli military struck dozens of militant sites in Gaza overnight as rocket fire continued toward southern Israeli communities into early Wednesday morning...”

[Battle to stamp Out ISIS in Syria Gains New Momentum, but Threats Remain](#)

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Eric Schmitt/ The Washington Post

“An American-backed ground offensive to wipe out the last pockets of Islamic State fighters in eastern Syria has been reignited over the past month in an attempt to beat back the militants’ ability to wage guerrilla attacks...”

Central Asia

[The Bishkek Power Plant Saga: Former Kyrgyz Prime Minister Faces Corruption Charges](#)

Catherine Putz/ The Diplomat

“Authorities in Kyrgyzstan have filed corruption charges against former Prime Minister Sapar Isakov stemming from the January breakdown of the Bishkek Heating and Power Plant...”



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South Asia

[US military says it killed dozens of Taliban leaders in Afghanistan](#)

Ryan Browne and Barbara Starr/ CNN

“The US military said Wednesday that US troops killed "dozens" of Taliban leaders when a US artillery barrage struck a meeting of insurgent commanders on May 24...”

[Deadly Attack On Interior Ministry In Kabul Repelled, Officials Say](#)

Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty

“An attack on Afghanistan's Interior Ministry in Kabul has been repelled with one policeman and all of the attackers being killed in the latest in a series of militant attacks in the city...”

Southeast Asia

[Vietnam court upholds key decision in landmark ‘Super Swindler’ fraud case](#)

James Pearson/ Reuters

“A court has upheld a key judgment in Vietnam’s biggest-ever fraud case, spotlighting the country’s ability to tackle financial crime at a time when foreign banks are heeding government calls to invest...”

East Asia

[Security Alert: Watch out for password-stealing malware says FBI](#)

Steve Ranger/ ZD Net

“The Department of Homeland Security and the FBI said that North Korean hackers have been using both Joanap, a remote access tool (RAT), and Brambul, a Server Message Blockworm, since at least 2009 to target companies working in the media, aerospace, financial, and critical infrastructure sectors...”

[Trump is wrong about North Korea, says the CIA](#)

Jennifer Rubin/ The Washington Post

“There is no reason to believe North Korea intends to give up its nuclear weapons, we have argued repeatedly...”

[US to keep confronting Beijing in South China Sea: Mattis](#)

Associated Free Press/ The Indian Times

“Defence Secretary Jim Mattis vowed today that the US would keep confronting China over its territorial claims in the South China Sea, where Beijing has established a significant military presence on contested islands...”

Africa

[UN chief vows to pursue push for Sahel anti-terror force](#)

eNews Channel Africa

“United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has vowed to pursue support for an anti-terror force gathering five Sahel nations, despite a US rebuff for UN funding...”



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[Al-Shabaab Militants on Kenyan Border Are Planning Attacks, Police Say](#)

Helen Nyambura-Mwaura/ Bloomberg

“Kenyan police said there are rising numbers of Islamist fighters gathering on the country’s border with war-torn Somalia and some are planning attacks during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan...”

[Security alert over possible Al-Shabaab attacks](#)

Wangui Ngechu/ Citizen Digital

“The National Police Service has issued a security alert against Al-Shabaab militants whom they say are trying to stage attacks during the holy month of Ramadhan...”

Europe

[Cobalt shrugs off arrests, resumes cyberattacks on banks](#)

Doug Olenick/ SC Media

“The arrest of several leaders of the Cobalt cybergang, including its leader, has not stopped the group from launching additional attacks with the most recent being tracked late last week...”

[Man shouting ‘Allahu akbar’ stabs police dog to death, cops say](#)

Nicole Darrah/ Fox News

“A Syrian man was shot in the Netherlands on Wednesday after he allegedly shouted “Allahu akbar” from a balcony and killed a K-9 officer...”

[Officials sat “terrorist” killed 4th person before Belgium attack](#)

Associated Press/ CBS News

“Belgian Interior Minister Jan Jambon said Wednesday that a man who shot dead two police officers and a bystander in the eastern city of Liege had already killed another person the day before the attack...”

[Russia Under Fire At UN After Downing of MH17](#)

Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty

“Russia has rejected calls at the United Nations to accept responsibility for the downing of Flight MH17 over Ukraine after an investigation found that a Russian Army missile caused the explosion that killed all 298 people on board...”

US & Canada

[Trump will hit EU with steel, aluminum tariffs: report](#)

Vicki Needham/ The Hill

“The Trump administration is expected to hit the European Union with steep tariffs on steel and aluminum, the Wall Street Journal reported on Wednesday...”

[Ex Boxing Champ accused of calling for terror attacks on Youtube](#)

John Shammass

“An ex-boxing champion encouraged Muslims to purchase handguns and shoot “the sons of monkey peoples,” a jury in the UK heard...”



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[Austin police chief changes mind, labels bombing suspect a ‘domestic terrorist’](#)

Samantha Schmidt/ The Washington Post

“In the days since police cornered the suspected Austin bomber last week, authorities faced intense criticism from some quarters for the way they described the man who paralyzed their city with fear...”

[Secretary Nielsen Statement on Executive Order 13800](#)

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

“On May 30, Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen M. Nielsen released the following statement regarding the Department’s role in executing President Trump’s Executive Order 13800 Strengthening the Cybersecurity of Federal Networks and Critical Infrastructure...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Mexican Campaigns awash with dirty money, pre-election report finds](#)

David Agren/ The Guardian

“For every peso spent by Mexican parties on campaigning and reported to electoral authorities, another 15 pesos goes unreported, according to a new study showing that the country’s political campaigns are awash in cash from dubious sources...”

[Journalist slain in Northeastern Mexico](#)

Latin American Herald Tribune

“Mexican daily Excelsior said on Tuesday that one of its correspondents was murdered in the northeastern state of Tamaulipas...”

[Brazil Truckers Strike reaches 9th day](#)

Latin America Herald Tribune

“The truckers’ strike in Brazil entered its ninth day on Tuesday despite the government announcement of an accord reached with them over the weekend, while the shortage of basic goods continues, though with a slight improvement...”

[Violence returns to anti-government protests in Nicaragua](#)

Associated Press/ The Garden Island Newspaper

“Violence returned to protests against Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega’s government on Monday when riot police confronted protesters and students seized a university...”