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#### **Middle East**

##### [Al-Qaida says Saudi rulers controlled by US](#)

*Author/Source: Jerusalem Post*

“Al-Qaida's Yemen branch has mocked tough new counterterrorism measures adopted by neighboring Saudi Arabia, saying they would not deter the Islamist group's fighters and that they proved the kingdom was in the pay of the United States...”

##### [Afghan forces say seize tons of explosives ahead of election](#)

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“Afghan security forces have seized more than 22 tons of explosives, enough to make hundreds of bombs, the interior ministry said on Tuesday, four days before a presidential election...”

##### [As Hamas declines and Islamic Jihad strengthens, chaos could ensue in Gaza](#)

*Author/Source: Haaretz*

“The decline of Hamas and increasing strength of Islamic Jihad may result in a new wave of chaos in the Gaza Strip, The Economist magazine writes in its latest issue. One sign of the change was the most recent round of mutual shelling two weeks ago, which was conducted, on the Palestinian side, by Islamic Jihad...”

##### [US Release of Israeli Spy Pollard Could Be Key to Renewed Peace Talks](#)

*Author/Source: Voice of America*

“Jewish American Jonathan Pollard has been held in prison for nearly three decades for passing American secrets to Israel...”

##### [Kuwaiti minister rejects U.S. accusations of Syria terror funding](#)

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“Kuwait's justice and Islamic affairs minister has rejected remarks from a senior U.S. official that he called for jihad in Syria and promoted the funding of terrorism, state news agency KUNA said, citing a cabinet statement released late on Monday...”

##### [US drone strike hits AQAP training camp in southern Yemen](#)

*Author/Source: Long War Journal*

“The US killed three suspected al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula fighters in the first drone strike in Yemen in nearly three weeks...”



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## **Southeast Asia**

### **[Gunmen kill protester, wound 4 in Thai capital](#)**

*Author/Source: Washington Post*

“Gunmen killed one person and wounded four others in an attack Tuesday on anti-government protesters, in the latest violence in Thailand’s long political crisis, authorities said...”

## **East Asia**

### **['Toy-like' drone that crashed in South Korea came from North: media](#)**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“A South Korean military inquiry into a drone found on a border island has concluded that North Korea flew the unmanned aircraft to conduct reconnaissance missions, a South Korean media report said on Wednesday...”

## **Africa**

### **[Kenya Arrests 650 after deadly Nairobi Blasts](#)**

*Author/Source: Aljazeera*

“Kenyan police have arrested more than 650 suspects a day after six people were killed in bomb attacks in the capital Nairobi, the interior minister said...”

### **[Kenyan 'al-Shabab recruiter' killed near Mombasa](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“His corpse lay on a road with what appeared to be wounds to the head and body, Reuters news agency reports...”

### **[Nigeria suicide attack 'kills 21' near Maiduguri](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“Six of the attackers also died in the explosion, which took place on the outskirts of the city of Maiduguri, a defence ministry spokesman said...”

## **Europe**

### **[Poland, France, Germany warn Russia against further aggression](#)**

*Author/Source: UPI*

“Poland, France and Germany condemned Russia Tuesday and called for additional economic sanctions if incursions into Ukraine continue...”

### **[UK's Cameron orders probe of Muslim Brotherhood](#)**

*Author/Source: Jakarta Post*

“British Prime Minister David Cameron has told the country's intelligence agencies to investigate the Muslim Brotherhood, amid reports the group is using London as a base to plan militant activities after a crackdown in Egypt...”



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## US & Canada

### [Abu Ghaith trial is proof for some that federal courts can better handle terror cases](#)

*Author/Source: Sari Horowitz, Washington Post*

“The trial of Sulaiman Abu Ghaith, the son-in-law of Osama bin Laden, took 22 days...”

### [NSA searched Americans’ communications without a warrant, intelligence director says](#)

*Author/Source: Washington Post*

“Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper Jr. acknowledged that the National Security Agency has searched for Americans’ communications without warrants in massive databases that gather e-mails and phone calls of foreign targets...”

## South and Central America and the Caribbean

### [Mexican Marines Kill Knights Templar Leader](#)

*Author/Source: Aljazeera*

“A top leader of the Knights Templar drug cartel was killed Monday in a clash with Mexican marines, officials said...”

### [Vargas Llosa to visit Venezuela to back anti-Maduro groups](#)

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“Mr Vargas Llosa accused President Nicolas Maduro of trying to install a "Cuban-inspired dictatorship" in Venezuela...”

### [Colombian Troops Neutralize Explosives-Laden Vehicle](#)

*Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“Colombian army sappers were able to detonate a vehicle loaded with explosives that had been abandoned by FARC guerrillas on a highway in the southwestern province of Cauca, where the insurgents also blew up part of a major highway...”

### [Colombian Military Operations Result in 6 Rebels Killed, 4 Captured](#)

*Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“Colombian army operations in the central and southwestern part of the country have resulted in six FARC guerrillas killed, four captured and four who have laid down their arms voluntarily, the Defense Ministry announced Tuesday...”