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Middle East

[Gunmen Abduct Afghan Deputy Minister in Kabul](#)

Author/Source: AP

“Gunmen abducted the Afghan deputy public works minister in Kabul on Tuesday, officials said, a grim reminder of the insecurity plaguing Afghanistan as most foreign troops prepare to withdraw from the country at the end of the year...”

[Iraq shuts infamous Abu Ghraib prison due to security fears](#)

Author/Source: Cheryl K. Chumley, Washington Times

“Iraq authorities said Tuesday they’ve shut down the notorious Abu Ghraib prison located just outside Baghdad due to security concerns...”

[Assailant in West Bank kills one Israeli, wounds two](#)

Author/Source: Haaretz

“One Israeli was killed and two were wounded Monday evening after an assailant opened fire on three cars driving through the West Bank, the Israel Defense Forces said...”

[Rebel videos show first U.S.-made rockets in Syria](#)

Author/Source: Peter Apps, Reuters

“Online videos show Syrian rebels using what appear to be U.S. anti-tank rockets, weapons experts say, the first significant American-built armaments in the country’s civil war...”

[Three Lebanese journalists for al-Manar TV killed in Syria](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Suspected al Qaeda militants shot dead the deputy governor of Yemen’s central al-Bayda province on Tuesday, a security official said. Adel al-Asbahi, the provincial security head of al-Bayda, said on the Defence Ministry website that armed men opened fire on Hussein Dayyan as he was leaving his home...”

[Jordan’s ambassador to Libya kidnapped by gunmen](#)

Author/Source: Feras Bosalum and Suleiman Al-Khalidi, Reuters

“Jordan’s ambassador to Libya was kidnapped in Tripoli on Tuesday by masked gunmen who attacked his car and shot his driver, Libya’s Foreign Ministry said, the latest assault on a foreign official as Libya struggles to establish the rule of law...”

[Syria: US, Israel, Turkey to blame for past, future chemical attacks](#)

Author/Source: Jerusalem Post

“The Syrian government has blamed various foes of Damascus - including Israel and the US - for the string of reported chemical attacks in the embattled country over the past year along with any that might occur in the future, Syrian state news agency SANA reported Tuesday...”



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[Rouhani: Iran Sanctions Will Unravel in Months](#)

Author/Source: Voice of America

“President Hassan Rouhani said on Tuesday international sanctions on Iran would unravel in months following negotiations with world powers on its nuclear program, the official IRNA news agency reported...”

[Torture ‘routinely’ used in Syria](#)

Author/Source: Arab News

“The UN’s human rights chief on Monday condemned the “routine” use of torture in Syrian detention facilities, as a new report said victims were raped, beaten and had their teeth and toenails pulled out...”

[The Facebook jihadis seeking action in Syria](#)

Author/Source: Ewen MacAskill and Leila Haddou, The Guardian

““Is it possible to do jihad half a year?” asks one would-be recruit, apparently seeking to join a rebel group in Syria on a short-stay basis...”

South Asia

[No truth to plane landing by mistake in Jeddah: PIA](#)

Author/Source: Arab News

“Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has rejected news reports that it landed a plane by mistake in Jeddah rather than Riyadh...”

Southeast Asia

[Australian files reveal alleged knowledge of Israel nuclear arms](#)

Author/Source: Haaretz

“Declassified Australian government files allegedly reveal that Australian officials have believed for over 30 years that Israel possesses nuclear weapons, the Sydney Morning Herald reported...”

[S. Korean Spy Chief Apologizes for Forgeries in N. Korea Spy Case](#)

Author/Source: Voice of America

“South Korea’s National Intelligence Service (NIS) has apologized after its agents were found to have provided forged Chinese documents that were used to prosecute an alleged North Korean spy...”

[Army post attacked, 2 militants killed](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“Two militants were killed and one soldier wounded when insurgents attacks a military base in Narathiwat’s Ruso district on Wednesday night, police said...”



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Africa

[Nigeria vows to protect May 'African Davos' in bomb-hit capital](#)

Author/Source: Felix Onuah and Camillas Eboh, Reuters

“Nigeria pledged on Tuesday to deploy more than 6,000 police and soldiers to protect a World Economic Forum on Africa in Abuja next month, a day after a bomb attack by suspected Islamist militants on the capital's outskirts killed dozens...”

[Injuries as blast hits central Cairo](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Two Egyptian policemen and a civilian have been wounded in a bomb attack targeting a security checkpoint in central Cairo, officials and a medic said...”

[Nigeria unrest: 'Attackers abduct 200 schoolgirls'](#)

Author/Source: BBC News

“Gunmen reportedly arrived at the school in Chibok, Borno state, late last night, and ordered the hostel's teenage residents on to lorries...”

Europe

[Russia says Ukraine on brink of civil war](#)

Author/Source: Richard Balmforth and Thomas Grove, Reuters

“Russia declared Ukraine on the brink of civil war on Tuesday as Kiev said an "anti-terrorist operation" against pro-Moscow separatists was under way, with troops and armored personnel carriers seen near a flashpoint eastern town...”

[Ukraine says Donetsk 'anti-terror operation' under way](#)

Author/Source: BBC News

“The operation had begun in the "north of Donetsk Region", he told parliament, and was being conducted "stage by stage, in a responsible... manner”...”

[Dutch police arrest teen for Twitter terror threat](#)

Author/Source: Haaretz

“A teenaged girl posing as an al-Qaida terrorist on Twitter was arrested at her home in Rotterdam, the Netherlands after she threatened American Airlines via the social media platform...”

[Austrian girls leave home to 'fight for Islam'](#)

Author/Source: Arab News

“Austrian police say they are conducting an international search for two teenage girls who left farewell letters announcing plans to “fight for Islam” in Syria...”

US & Canada

[US slams 'senseless' Nigeria bombing](#)

Author/Source: News 24

“The United States on Monday condemned a bomb attack on a packed bus station in Nigeria



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which killed 71 people, and called for a full investigation...”

Muslim community takes action to eradicate violent extremism

Author/Source: UPI

“On the eve of the one-year anniversary of the Boston marathon bombings, a Muslim coalition Monday rolled out the first national outreach campaign to help community leaders mitigate threats of violent extremism among their members...”

Boston remembers marathon bombing one year later

Author/Source: Aileen Graef, UPI

“Boston is preparing for memorial services and tributes to the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing on the one-year anniversary of the attack...”

Hate group monitor finds anti-Semitic attacks in US on decline before deadly Kansas shooting

Author/Source: Fox News

“A group monitoring anti-Semitic attacks in the U.S. cautiously noted a sharp decline in such incidents less than two weeks before the fatal shootings over the weekend outside two Jewish sites in suburban Kansas City...”

Wash. school district seeks ‘Homeland Security Instructor’ to recruit future feds

Author/Source: Washington Times

“The Department of Homeland Security is looking to groom up-and-coming federal agents by offering a course at a Washington state high school to prepare students for their eventual employment with the agency...”

Suspect in Kansas shootings faces murder charges

Author/Source: Bill Drapper, Washington Times

“Kansas prosecutors filed state-level murder charges Tuesday against the white supremacist accused in a shooting spree that left three people dead at two Jewish community sites in suburban Kansas City...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

Violence Flares in Colombian City Patrolled by Military

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Two young men were found dismembered in the Pacific port of Buenaventura, the first known murders in Colombia’s most dangerous city since the military took charge of security on March 21, Colombian authorities said Monday...”

Colombia’s top industries vulnerable to cyber attacks

Author/Source: Philip Acuña, Colombia Reports

“Colombia’s most important industries could fall victim to cyber-attacks in the next ten years unless preventative measures are taken, according to specialty wire service, Colombia.Inn...”



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Maritime

[Greek coast guard shoot dead suspected migrant smuggler on speedboat](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“A man believed to be a migrant smuggler was shot dead by Greek coast guard officials on Tuesday as they tried to intercept him on his speedboat heading towards neighboring Turkey, the Greek coast guard said...”