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Middle East

2 Australian nationals killed in Yemen in November drone strike

Author/Source: Bill Roggio and Oren Adaki; The Long War Journal

“Media outlets in Australia and New Zealand today reported that two Australian nationals, including one who was a New Zealand citizen as well, were killed in a US predator drone strike in Yemen on Nov. 19...”

ISIS reportedly kills Al Nusra Front's commander for Idlib province

Author/Source: Bill Roggio

“The Islamic State of Iraq and the Sham is reported to have killed Abu Muhammad al Ansari, the leader of the Al Nusra Front for the People of the Levant in Idlib province...”

Jordan says it destroyed combat vehicles crossing from Syria

Author/Source: Agence France Presse

“Jordanian air force fighter jets destroyed a number of combat vehicles Wednesday as they tried to enter the kingdom from war-hit Syria by crossing the border, the army said...”

Palestinians, Israeli police clash at Jerusalem holy site

Author/Source: Jeffery Heller; Reuters

“Israeli riot police entered one of Jerusalem's most revered and politically sensitive religious compounds on Wednesday to disperse rock-throwing Palestinians opposed to any Jewish attempts to pray there...”

Saudi intelligence chief Bandar bin Sultan removed

Author/Source: The BBC

“Saudi Arabia's intelligence chief, Prince Bandar bin Sultan, has been removed from his post "at his own request", state media report...”

Syria crisis: 'Torture' photos shown to UN Security Council

Author/Source: The BBC

“Graphic photographs of prisoners allegedly tortured by Syrian government forces have been shown to members of the UN Security Council...”

Southeast Asia

Shariah Violators to Face Religious Jail in Aceh: Police Chief

Author/Source: Nurdin Hassan; The Jakarta Globe

“Authorities in Aceh are setting up detention centers specifically for Muslims who violate Shariah law as part of the implementation of an Islamic criminal code in the semi-autonomous province...”



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East Asia

[China stresses need for stability at first meeting of new security council](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Chinese President Xi Jinping held the first meeting of a new national security commission on Tuesday, saying China needed a coordinated approach to domestic and foreign challenges, including social unrest, in “the most complex time in history...”

Africa

[Burundi demands UN apology](#)

Author/Source: Agence France Presse

“Burundi’s government has demanded the United Nations provide evidence or apologise after an alleged UN report claimed it was arming young supporters, amid renewed concerns over political violence...”

[EU agrees to train Mali police, extends army training mission](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“The European Union agreed on Tuesday to send civilian advisers to train and advise Mali’s police while extending by two years a mission to train the army...”

[Egypt clamps hold over mosques to control message](#)

Author/Source: The Associated Press

“In his weekly sermon, Muslim cleric Ali Abdel-Moati preached to his congregation in a southern Egyptian city about the evils of making hasty judgments...”

[Jordanian ambassador seized in Libya, kidnappers demand prisoner release](#)

Author/Source: Feras Bosalum and Suleiman al-Khalidi; Reuters

“Jordan’s ambassador to Libya was kidnapped on Tuesday by gunmen who demanded an Islamist militant be released from a Jordanian jail in exchange for the diplomat’s freedom...”

[Nigeria unrest: Huge search for abducted schoolgirls](#)

Author/Source: The BBC

“The Nigerian military is joining the search for at least 100 teenage girls abducted from a school in the remote northeast...”

[Second blast hits central Cairo, wounds two](#)

Author/Source: al Arabiya

“A second homemade bomb exploded in central Cairo late Tuesday and appeared to have targeted the car of a police officer, leaving his brother wounded, Al Arabiya correspondent reported from Cairo...”

[S Sudan army admits loss of key oil town](#)

Author/Source: Agence France Presse

“South Sudan’s army said Wednesday rebels had wrested control of the key oil town of Bentiu, one of the most bitterly contested regions in the four-month-long conflict...”



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[Thousands flee gun battle as Chad withdraw from Central African Republic](#)

Author/Source: Crispin Dembassa-Kette; Reuters

“Thousands fled a gun battle between Chadian troops escorting a convoy of Muslim civilians and local militia in Central African Republic, Medecins Sans Frontieres said on Tuesday, as Chad completed a withdrawal of soldiers from its violence-ravaged neighbor...”

[Tobiko: Terrorists could be set free](#)

Author/Source: Daily Nation

“Terrorists could escape justice due to lack of forensic expertise and equipment. Director of Public Prosecutions Keriako Tobiko said old ways of evidence gathering such as eyewitness accounts could not be relied upon...”

Europe

[Ukraine crisis: Kiev accuses Russia of 'terrorism' as grip slips on restive east](#)

Author/Source: The Telegraph

“Ukrainian forces appeared to be losing their grip on an "anti-terrorist" operation against pro-Russian separatists on Wednesday as armed men took over government buildings, seized Ukrainian tanks and took soldiers hostage in cities in the restive east...”

US & Canada

[Aviation Industry and Government to Share Cyber Threats in New Intelligence Center](#)

Author/Source: Rachel King; The Wall Street Journal

“The aviation industry and government will share classified intelligence about cyber threats in the Air Domain Intelligence Integration Center...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Paraguay Busts International Drug Trafficking Ring](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Paraguayan police, in coordination with authorities in Israel and Brazil, took down an organization that was smuggling cocaine to the Middle East and Africa, Paraguay’s Senad counternarcotics agency said Tuesday...”

[Police Kill 4 Gunmen in Shootouts in Eastern Mexico](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“At least four suspected criminals died in separate shootouts with police in the port city of Veracruz, Mexican officials said Tuesday...”

[Police Strike Spurs Looting in Brazilian City](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Salvador, the capital of the northeastern Brazilian state of Bahia, was the scene of store and supermarket looting in the wee hours of Wednesday, shortly after the state police went on strike...”



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[Venezuela rejects amnesty for jailed protest leaders](#)

Author/Source: The BBC

“The Venezuelan government has dismissed calls by the opposition for an amnesty for jailed protest leaders...”

[Vigilantes Cut Deal with Mexican Government](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“The leaders of the community self-defense groups in 20 cities in the western Mexican state of Michoacan have reached an agreement with federal officials to begin demobilizing, officials said...”