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Middle East

Al-Qaeda-linked Palestinian arrested in Lebanon

Author/Source: Adiv Sterman, The Times of Israel

“Lebanese security forces claimed Thursday to have arrested a Palestinian man with alleged ties to the international terror group al-Qaeda, Lebanese media reported...”

Ten dead in Iraq military base attack

Author/Source: Herald Sun

“Militants have launched a brazen attack on a military base in a restive area in northern Iraq, killing at least 10 soldiers and wounding 12...”

Iraqi Kurds entrench political faultline with Syria border ditch

Author/Source: Isabel Coles, Reuters

“Iraqi Kurds are digging a 17-km (10-mile) trench on their border with Syria, reinforcing a political faultline between the two rival parties that dominate on either side of the frontier...”

Israel's blockade of Gaza the "longest in history," says new UNRWA head

Author/Source: Haaretz

“Israel's seven-year blockade of the Gaza Strip is the "longest in history," according to the newly-appointed United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) Commissioner-General Pierre Krahenbuhl, as quoted by the Anadolu news agency...”

Abbas: Willing to extend talks, but first three months must focus on borders

Author/Source: Barak Ravid, Jack Khoury, and Gili Cohen, Reuters

“Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas told several MKs on Wednesday that he is willing to extend the negotiations with Israel for another nine months, but would want the first three months to focus on drawing the borders of the Palestinian state...”

Saudi veteran intelligence chief calls it quits

Author/Source: Azadeh Ansari, CNN

“Saudi Prince Bandar bin Sultan, the man behind the kingdom's committed policy to topple Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, has stepped down from his intelligence post, according to the country's official news agency...”

Syrian activists report new poison gas attack

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“Syrian opposition activists said Wednesday that President Bashar al-Assad's forces used poison gas once again in the Damascus suburb of Harasta, Al Arabiya News Channel reported...”



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[Iran cuts sensitive nuclear stockpile, key plant delayed: IAEA](#)

Author/Source: Fredrik Dahl, Reuters

“Iran has acted to cut its most sensitive nuclear stockpile by nearly 75 percent in implementing a landmark pact with world powers, but a planned facility it will need to fulfill the six-month deal has been delayed, a U.N. report showed on Thursday...”

[Syria negotiator says Homs once again a 'theater of death'](#)

Author/Source: Oliver Homes, Dasha Afanasieva, and Stephanie Nebehay, Reuters

“International mediator Lakhdar Brahimi said on Thursday that a deal between trapped fighters and civilians in Homs city and the Syrian authorities had broken down, as government forces appeared close to retaking the besieged opposition area...”

[Exclusive: Syria submits more 'detailed' list of chemical weapons](#)

Author/Source: Dominic Evans and Anthony Deutsch, Reuters

“Syria has submitted a “more specific” list of its chemical weapons to the global regulator overseeing the destruction of its stockpile after discrepancies were reported by inspectors on the ground, officials said...”

[Taliban negotiator under house arrest in UAE, says Afghanistan](#)

Author/Source: Hamid Shalizi, Reuters

“A leading Taliban peace negotiator has been placed under house arrest in the United Arab Emirates, officials said on Thursday, dealing a blow to President Hamid Karzai's efforts to jump-start a nascent Afghan peace process before leaving office.

[Asia](#)

[India struggles with rebel threats during election](#)

Author/Source: Fox News

“Indians cast ballots Thursday on the biggest day of voting in the country's weeklong general election, streaming into polling stations even in areas where leftist rebels threatened violence over the plight of India's marginalized and poor...”

[Pakistan Taliban say cease-fire with government is over](#)

Author/Source: Saleem Mehsud and Zahir Shah Sherazi, CNN

“The Pakistan Taliban said Wednesday it will not extend a cease-fire with the Pakistani government, six days after a weeks-long pause in hostilities officially ended...”

[Fighting Intensifies in Northern Burma](#)

Author/Source: Sumon Aye, and Aye Aye Mar, Voice of America

“Fighting has intensified in northern Burma as government troops continue a weeklong offensive against ethnic Kachin rebels...”



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[U.S. officials warn Burma that attacks on Rohingya Muslims, aid groups are hurting ties](#)

Author/Source: Joseph J. Schatz, The Washington Post

“American officials are warning that attacks on minority Muslims and foreign aid groups in Burma are threatening the nascent thaw in relations between Washington and this former pariah state...”

[Two terrorist suspects arrested](#)

Author/Source: The Bangkok Post

“Two foreign terrorist suspects were arrested by Thai police on Monday, PM's adviser on security matters Paradorn Pattanatabut confirmed on Thursday...”

[Africa](#)

[Algeria police violently disperse election protest](#)

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“Algerian police violently dispersed an attempt by opposition activists to stage a protest in the capital against the president's running for a fourth term in Thursday's elections...”

[Gunmen kill 9 in Ethiopia truck attack](#)

Author/Source: News 24

“Gunmen opened fire on a truck in western Ethiopia Wednesday, killing nine people and injuring seven, the information ministry said...”

[Egyptian court jails 119 Mursi supporters](#)

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“An Egyptian court sentenced 119 supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood of former president Mohamed Mursi to three years each in prison on Wednesday in connection with protests last October against his overthrow, judicial sources said...”

[Gunmen kidnap Tunisian diplomat in Libya](#)

Author/Source: Feras Bosalum, Tarek Amara and Ulf Laessing, Reuters

“A Tunisian diplomat was kidnapped on Thursday in the Libyan capital Tripoli, Libya's foreign ministry said, two days after gunmen seized Jordan's ambassador...”

[Nigerian Principal Says Most Abducted Girls Still Missing](#)

Author/Source: Voice of America

“The principal of a Nigerian school where 107 girls were abducted Wednesday is denying a military announcement that most of the girls have been recovered...”

[Europé](#)

[Russia, West Reach Agreement on Easing Ukraine Tensions](#)

Author/Source: Lisa Schlein, and Luis Ramirez, Voice of America

“Top diplomats from Ukraine, Russia, the European Union and the United States have agreed on a set of measures to ease mounting tensions in eastern Ukraine...”



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[Putin dismisses claims of Russian forces in eastern Ukraine](#)

Author/Source: Times Live

“Russia's President Vladimir Putin has dismissed claims that Russian special forces are in eastern Ukraine as "nonsense." ...”

[3 Pro-Russian fighters die in Black Sea base attack](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Three pro-Russian militants died and 13 were wounded when Ukrainian troops repelled an attack on a National Guard base in the Black Sea port of Mariupol, Ukraine's interior ministry said Thursday...”

[Putin claims right to use military force to protect Russian citizens in Ukraine](#)

Author/Source: Ananth Baliga, United Press International

“Russian President Vladimir Putin asserted his right to use military force to protect the rights of Russian citizens in Ukraine, during a live Q&A session...”

[German court sentences Somali pirate to 12 years for kidnapping](#)

Author/Source: Madeline Chambers, Reuters

“A German court sentenced a Somali asylum-seeker to 12 years in jail on Thursday, for his involvement in the pirate hijacking of a tanker in the Indian Ocean in 2010...”

[Ukraine is holding about 10 suspected Russian intelligence agents: state security](#)

Author/Source: Pavel Polityuk, Reuters

“Ukraine is holding in detention about 10 Russian citizens, all of whom have intelligence backgrounds, the State Security Service (SBU) on Thursday...”

[NATO says sending ships to Baltic to bolster defense of East European allies](#)

Author/Source: Adrian Croft, Reuters

“NATO is sending part of its naval rapid reaction force to the Baltic Sea as part of measures to step up the defense of its eastern European allies in response to the Ukraine crisis, the alliance said on Thursday...”

[US & Canada](#)

[Canadian arrested for Heartbleed hacking](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“A 19-year-old Canadian has become the first person arrested for theft of information related to the Heartbleed bug, a defect that allows hackers to bypass internet encryption code...”

[U.S. SEC Releases Cyber Security Examination Blueprint](#)

Author/Source: Sarah Lynch, Fox Business

”U.S. securities regulators have unveiled a road map that lays out how they plan to make sure Wall Street firms are prepared to detect and prevent cyber security attacks...”



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[Abu Hamza: Radical cleric 'hid behind religion'](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“A radical Muslim cleric who served seven years in a British prison had "used the cover of religion" to hide his part in a global terror campaign, a prosecutor in New York has said...”

[Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

[El Salvador to Wield Terror Laws Against Gangs](#)

Author/Source: James Bargent, In Sight Crime

“El Salvador's top prosecutor says he will use the government's anti-terrorism laws to prosecute gang members who attack police, opening the way for even tougher persecution of gangs and further blurring the lines between organized crime and terrorism in the region...”

[Brazil sends troops to Bahia state after police strike](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“Brazil has sent thousands of federal troops to maintain order in the north-eastern state of Bahia after police there went on strike over pay...”

[Mexico nabs No. 2 in Beltran-Leyva gang](#)

Author/Source: The Washington Post

“Mexican police said Wednesday they have captured a man identified as the second highest-ranking figure in the once-powerful Beltran Leyva drug cartel...”

[Progress in Venezuela talks, but protests continue](#)

Author/Source: The Washington Post

“Negotiators for the government and the opposition have agreed to broaden membership in a truth commission that is to investigate who is to blame for 41 deaths tied to weeks of political unrest in Venezuela...”