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Middle East

[Al Qaeda Weapons Ship Docks in Aden](#)

Author/Source: Oren Adaki, Long War Journal

“According to a local Yemeni newspaper, on April 11 al Qaeda militants sailed a ship loaded with weapons into the country's southern port in Aden...”

[Series of Bombings Kills More Than 20 Across Iraq](#)

Author/Source: Duraid Adnan, New York Times

“Militants with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria gained control of the main road that links Baghdad with the northern provinces for a short time on Sunday, while a series of explosions around Iraq left up to 25 dead, according to security forces...”

[Militants Close Dam As Iraq Violence Kills 15](#)

Author/Source: AFP

“Militants have closed all gates of a Euphrates River dam they control in Iraq, blocking a major water source, a minister said on Monday, while violence killed 15 people...”

[Israeli Motorist Killed In West Bank Shooting: Army](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“An Israeli man was killed in a shooting attack on a civilian car near the city of Hebron in the occupied West Bank on Monday, the eve of the Jewish holiday of Passover, military sources said...”

[Israel Says Close To Forging New Ties Across Arab World](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Israel is holding secret talks with some Arab states that do not recognize it, looking to establish diplomatic ties based on a common fear of Iran, Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman said on Monday...”

[Saudi Arabia Jails 13 for Security Offenses](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“A Saudi Arabian court has jailed 13 men, handing down sentences from one to 10 years, for aiding and financing conflicts abroad, conspiring inside Saudi Arabia and harbouring wanted suspects, state news agency SPA reports...”

[Saudi Arabia Seizes \\$267M in Amphetamine Pills](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Saudi Arabian police have arrested six people and seized illegal drugs worth 1 billion riyals (\$267 million) that were being smuggled into the country from the neighboring island nation of Bahrain, the Interior Ministry said on Sunday...”



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Syrian Army Seizes Towns Near Lebanon Border

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Syrian government troops have seized the ancient Christian town of Maaloula from rebels, a day after the president, Bashar al-Assad, said the three-year old civil war was turning in his favour...”

Iran Asks for U.N. Committee Meeting On U.S. Ban On Envoy

Author/Source: Michelle Nichols, Reuters

“Iran requested on Monday a special meeting of a U.N. committee on the United States' refusal to grant a visa to Tehran's new U.N. ambassador appointee, describing the decision as a dangerous precedent that could harm international diplomacy...”

Reports of Poison Gas Attack in Syria So Far ‘Unsubstantiated’, Powers Says

Author/Source: The Guardian

“Barack Obama's ambassador to the United Nations said on Sunday that reports of a poison gas attack in Syria, in a rural village north of Damascus, were so far "unsubstantiated", and added that the US was trying to establish what happened before it considered a response...”

South Asia

House Speaker John Boehner Visits Afghanistan

Author/Source: Zeke J Miler, TIME

“Speaker of the House John Boehner visited Afghanistan Monday, the highest-profile visit by an American official since that country's first round of presidential voting earlier this month...”

Former Afghan Foreign Minister Leads Early Vote Count In Presidential Election

Author/Source: CNN

“In Afghanistan's historic presidential election, former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah is leading the early returns from last week's voting, the country's Independent Election Commission chairman said Sunday...”

4 Killed in Rebel Attack in Kashmir

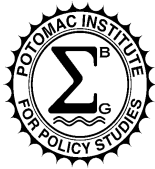
Author/Source: Arab News

“Suspected rebels attacked a politician's house with a hail of bullets Sunday and killed two police guards in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir, law enforcement officials said...”

Suspected Leftist Rebels Raid S. Philippine Town Mayor's Home

Author/Source: Xinhua

“Suspected members of leftist rebel group New People's Army (NPA) raided the house of a town mayor in southern Philippines on Sunday, a police official said Monday...”



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Malaysia Airlines Flight 370: Co-Pilot's Cell Phone Was On, U.S. Official Says

Author/Source: Holly Yan, Steve Almasy and Catherine E. Shoichet, CNN

“The phone of the first officer of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 was on and made contact with a cell tower in Malaysia about the time the plane disappeared from radar, a U.S. official told CNN on Monday...”

East Asia

China's President Xi Urges Greater Military Use Of Space

Author/Source: Reuters

“Chinese President Xi Jinping urged the air force to adopt an integrated air and space defence capability, in what state media on Tuesday called a response to the increasing military use of space by the United States and others...”

China Cancels Human Rights Dialogue With Britain

Author/Source: Tania Branigan, The Guardian

“China has cancelled this week's bilateral human rights dialogue with Britain, which David Cameron highlighted as one of the "important achievements" of his high-profile trip to Beijing last year...”

China In ‘Record Seizure’ Of Illegal Guns And Knives

Author/Source: BBC

“Police in China have seized tens of thousands of illegal guns and knives, in what state media say is the largest-ever haul of its kind...”

Africa

Scores Killed in Abuja Bomb Explosion

Author/Source: Ben Agande, All Africa

“A car bomb explosion rocked Nyanya Bus terminus in Abuja with scores of people dead and several cars set on fire...”

At Least 60 Killed By Suspected Islamists in Nigeria

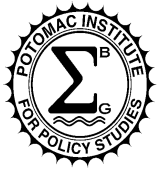
Author/Source: AFP

“Suspected Boko Haram Islamists on Sunday killed at least 60 people in Nigeria's troubled northeastern Borno state close to the border with Cameroon, a local official said...”

Nigeria President Jonathan Vows to End Terrorism, Says Adviser

Author/Source: Peter Clotey, All Africa

“Nigeria's state security organizations have launched a joint investigation into Monday's bombing in Nyanya, a suburb of the capital, Abuja that left at least 71 dead and many injured, says Reuben Abati, an adviser to President Goodluck Jonathan...”



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Congo Militia Chief 'Morgan' Killed In Army Firefight: Government

Author/Source: Peter Jones, Reuters

“A militia leader accused of kidnap, rape and cannibalism in Democratic Republic of Congo was killed on Monday alongside four other people during a firefight as he sought to escape his army captors, the government said...”

Questions Raised in Cameroon About Arms Seizures

Author/Source: Moki Edwin Kindzeka, Voice of America

“Cameroon's government says it has seized huge consignments of arms and ammunition destined for Nigerian militant group Boko Haram...”

Sisi Says Pre-Uprising Authoritarian Regime Not to Return

Author/Source: All Africa

“Potential presidential candidate Abdel Fattah al-Sisi has said that there is no room at all for authoritarian or nondemocratic rule in Egypt's future...”

Europe

Russia's PM Slams Ukraine's Interim Leaders, Says Nation At Brink Of Civil War

Author/Source: Anthony Faiola, Will Englund, and Isabel Gorst, Washington Post

“The Ukrainian government in Kiev on Tuesday announced the start of a staged counter offensive to reclaim control of the country's east as Russian prime minister Dmitry Medvedev warned that Ukraine was descending into civil war...”

Kerry Adviser Says Arming Ukraine Forces Is An Option

Author/Source: Reuters

“The United States is considering supplying arms to Ukraine, where unrest in eastern cities bears the hallmarks of a Russian destabilization drive, an adviser to Secretary of State John Kerry said on Monday...”

Teen Arrested For Tweeting Airline Terror Threat

Author/Source: Salma Abdelaziz, CNN

“Police arrested a 14-year-old Dutch girl Monday after she tweeted a terror threat to American Airlines that catapulted her into social media fame overnight...”

US & Canada

Trove of Software Flaws Used by U.S. Spies at Risk

Author/Source: Michael Riley, Bloomberg Business Week

“The White House's directive to limit the use of software flaws by U.S. intelligence agencies could require the disclosure of thousands of precious exploits now in the hands of elite spying units, intelligence professionals say...”



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CIA's Pakistan Drone Strikes Carried Out By Regular US Air Force Personnel

Author/Source: Chris Woods, The Guardian

“A regular US air force unit based in the Nevada desert is responsible for flying the CIA's drone strike programme in Pakistan, according to a new documentary to be released on Tuesday...”

NYC Police Rolling Back Some Counterterror Efforts

Author/Source: Haaretz

“The move by New York City's new police commissioner to disband a unit that spied on the everyday activities of Muslims could be just the first step in a dismantling of some of the huge post-9/11 intelligence-gathering machinery built by his predecessor...”

Kansas City Suspect To Be Charged With Hate Crime In Jewish Centre Shooting

Author/Source: Amanda Holpuch, The Guardian

“Authorities investigating the killing of three people in attacks on the Jewish community in Kansas City declared they were treating the incident as a hate crime, as a deeper picture emerged Monday of the suspect's longstanding ties to hate groups...”

Guantanamo Trial Halted After FBI Said To Question Defense Team

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“The trial of five Guantanamo detainees allegedly involved in the Sept. 11 attacks was abruptly halted Monday after a defense lawyer said FBI agents had questioned a member of his defense team...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

Venezuela's Military Admits Excesses During Deadly Protests

Author/Source: BBC

“The military in Venezuela has admitted it committed "some excesses" during weeks of political unrest that have left more than 40 people dead...”

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...”

Venezuelan Journalist Freed After Being Kidnapped For A Week

Author/Source: Diego Ore, Reuters

“A high-profile Venezuelan journalist was freed on Monday after a week-long kidnapping that brought attention once again to the South American country's endemic violent crime...”

Vigilantes Clash with Cartel Gunmen in Western Mexico

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Suspected Caballeros Templarios drug cartel gunmen engaged in a shootout with vigilantes in the western Mexican state of Michoacan, a vigilante leader said...”