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Middle East

US to Examine Syria Chlorine-Attack Claim

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“The US has indications that a toxic chemical, probably chlorine, was used in Syria this month and is examining whether the Syrian government was responsible, according to the US State Department...”

US to Pull PA Funds If Hamas Does Not Moderate – Reports

Author/Source: Stuart Winer, Times of Israel

“A Palestinian government including Hamas would have to accept nonviolence and recognition of Israel if the Palestinian Authority wants to keep receiving US aid money, sources in Washington said Wednesday...”

2 Saudi Women Arrested ‘On Way to Join Al-Qaeda’

Author/Source: Arab News

“Jazan police arrested two Saudi women from Qassim and three Yemenis for allegedly trying to cross the border into Yemen to join Al-Qaeda last Thursday...”

Official: Extensive U.S. Involvement in Anti-Terror Operation in Yemen

Author/Source: Mohammed Jamjoom and Barbara Starr, CNN

“The United States offered extensive assistance beyond drone strikes during a massive anti-terror operation in Yemen, including flying Yemeni commandos to a site where they killed scores of suspected al Qaeda members, a U.S. official said...”

Car Bomb Targeting Iraq Minority Group Kills 7

Author/Source: AFP

“A car bomb exploded in a village in northern Iraq mainly populated by members of the Shabak minority on Wednesday, killing seven people, police and a morgue employee said...”

Abbas’s Terms For More Talks Get Cold Reception in Israel

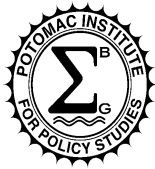
Author/Source: Times of Israel

Israeli officials responded coolly Tuesday to remarks from Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas that he would be willing to continue negotiations in exchange for a settlement freeze, saying the Palestinian leader was uninterested in peace...”

Palestinian Factions to Form Unity Government

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“A meeting of Palestinian leaders in Gaza has reached a milestone reconciliation pact that will see rival Palestinian groups form a national consensus government in five weeks - after seven years of operating under separate administrations...”



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[As Fatah, Hamas Restore Ties, Israel Aborts Peace Talks Meeting](#)

Author/Source: Marissa Newman, Times of Israel

“Israel nixed a planned round of peace talks with Ramallah and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu lashed out at Palestinian Authority head Mahmoud Abbas Wednesday for not choosing peace, hours after rival Palestinian groups Fatah and Hamas agreed to reconcile...”

[Israel Strikes Gaza Shortly After Palestinian Unity Deal: Hamas](#)

Author/Source: AFP

“An Israeli warplane struck the northern Gaza Strip on Wednesday wounding six people, one very seriously, the territory's Hamas rulers said...”

[Israel Tightens Grip Around Al-Aqsa Mosque](#)

Author/Source: Jonathan Cook, Al Jazeera

“A right-wing Israeli settlement group has been put in charge of two controversial new projects to develop the area around al-Haram al-Sharif, or Noble Sanctuary, the compound of holy sites that includes al-Aqsa mosque and the golden-topped Dome of the Rock...”

[China Says Probing Reports Chinese Chlorine Used In Syria Attack](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“China's foreign ministry said on Wednesday that it was investigating reports that a chlorine canister bearing the name of the country's biggest arms maker was shown in footage believed to document a gas attack in Syria this month...”

[UN Committee Takes No Action On Iran Envoy's Visa Ban](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“A UN committee has taken no action against the US refusal to grant a visa to Iran's newly appointed permanent representative in New York...”

Central Asia

[Council of Europe Slams Baku On Human Rights](#)

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty

“Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights Nils Muiznieks has harshly criticized Azerbaijani authorities over deteriorating human rights and basic freedoms in the country...”

South Asia

[Afghanistan Delays Election Results](#)

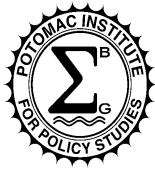
Author/Source: Voice of America

“Afghanistan's election commission has delayed releasing preliminary results from the country's April 5 presidential election to allow more time to investigate possible fraud...”

[Pakistan's Geo 'Should Be Shut' For Hamid Mir Attack Coverage](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“Pakistan's biggest news channel Geo TV should be shut for airing accusations that the country's spies were behind an attack on its most prominent presenter, the defence ministry



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[Australian Officials Discover ‘Object of Interest’ During MH370 Search](#)

Author/Source: Evan Bleier, United Press International

“Officials have discovered an "object of interest" during their search for the missing Malaysia Airlines plane off of the western coast of Australia...”

East Asia

[Obama Pledges Support to Japan in Islands Dispute](#)

Author/Source: Ed Adamczyk, United Press International

“President Barack Obama, in an interview prior to his visit to Japan, said a bilateral defense treaty covers islands contested by China and Japan and that it supports Japanese claims...”

[‘Little Evidence’ of N. Korea Nuclear Test During Obama Visit](#)

Author/Source: Voice of America

“A U.S. research group says there is "little evidence" North Korea will conduct a nuclear test during President Barack Obama's upcoming visit to Seoul...”

Africa

[US to Deliver Apache Helicopters to Egypt](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“The US is to deliver 10 Apache attack helicopters to Egypt, relaxing a suspension of aid imposed after the military removed Mohamed Morsi from the presidency last year...”

[China Urges Renewed Peace Effort In South Sudan After Massacre](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“China on Wednesday urged renewed peace efforts in South Sudan after the United Nations said rebels slaughtered hundreds of civilians when they seized the South Sudan oil hub of Bentiu...”

[Mali Fighters Say They Killed French Hostage](#)

Author/Source: All Africa

“The MUJAO Islamist group in Mali has said that it has killed a French hostage captured in November 2012, "because France is our enemy."...”

[Ebola Outbreak: Death Toll Rises To Over 140 In Liberia, Guinea](#)

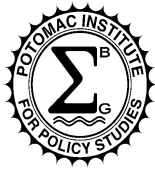
Author/Source: CNN

“A total of 142 deaths have been reported from the Ebola outbreak in Guinea and Liberia, the World Health Organization said. Dozens killed by ebola outbreak Doctors work to isolate Ebola outbreak...”

[Cairo Bombing ‘Kills Senior Egyptian Policeman’](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“A senior Egyptian police officer has been killed by a bomb blast in the capital, Cairo, security officials say...”



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[Nigeria: Muslim Clerics Recruiting Boko Haram Members – Cameroon Govt](#)

Author/Source: All Africa

“Nigerian Muslim clerics living in the border towns of Cameroon and Nigeria are recruiting Boko Haram members in their mosques, the government of Cameroon has alleged...”

[Nigeria: Gunmen Kill Another 50 in Taraba](#)

Author/Source: Soni Daniel, Ndahi Marama and John Mkom, All Africa

“Daring gunmen, yesterday, defied the dusk-to-dawn curfew and attacked Gidan Aku community on the outskirts of Wukari Local Government Area of Taraba State, killing no fewer than 50 persons and injuring many others...”

[‘Piles and Piles’ of Bodies in S. Sudan](#)

Author/Source: Arab News

“Gunmen who targeted both children and the elderly left “piles and piles” of bodies — many of those in a mosque — in a provincial capital in South Sudan, the UN’s top humanitarian official in the country said Tuesday...”

Europe

[US Army Paratroopers Deploy to Poland, Baltics](#)

Author/Source: Victor Beattle, Voice of America

“U.S. Army paratroopers begin joint exercises with their Polish counterparts Wednesday in Poland with additional companies deployed in the three Baltic States in what a Pentagon spokesman called a “tangible expression” of the U.S. commitment to Europe...”

[Ukraine Formally Calls Off Easter Truce](#)

Author/Source: Voice of America

“Ukraine has formally called off an Easter truce with pro-Russian separatists in the country's east and announced "anti-terrorist operations" are on again...”

[Gerry Adams Accused Of Giving IRA Orders By Ex-IRA Man Peter Rogers](#)

Author/Source: Shane Harrison, BBC

“An ex-IRA man has made new allegations about Gerry Adams, in which he raises questions about the Sinn Féin leader's claim to have never been in the IRA...”

[Mali: France Vows To Punish Mali’s Mujao For Hostage’s Death](#)

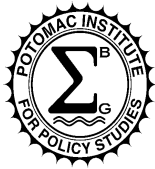
Author/Source: All Africa

“The death of French hostage Gilberto Rodrigues Leal will not go unpunished, French President François Hollande declared after Mali-based jihadi group Mujao on Tuesday announced that it had killed him...”

[Paris to Present Plan to Fight ‘Jihadi Threat’](#)

Author/Source: Arab News

“France will unveil a plan to stop the stream of French youths joining jihadi groups in Syria, with a new focus on preventing radicalization...”



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[Russia Ready to Respond to Ukraine Crisis ‘Like in Georgia’](#)

Author/Source: Buenos Aires Herald

“Russian is ready to respond to the Ukrainian crisis as it did in Georgia in 2008 –sending troops- if its 'legitimate' interests are under attack, Foreign Minister Serghiei Lavrov said...”

[Russia Holds Snap Military Drills in Caspian Sea: Report](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Russia's navy launched snap military exercises involving its fleet in the Caspian Sea, Interfax reported the Defense Ministry as saying on Wednesday...”

[Militants Returning From Syria Pose Threat to Europe: Dutch Minister](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“The Netherlands warned on Wednesday militants returning from Syria posed a security threat to Europe and said two Dutch citizens had carried out suicide attacks in Syria and Iraq in the past six months and about 100 had fought in Syria in 2013...”

[Turkey’s Erdogan Offers Condolences Over WWI Killings of Armenians](#)

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty

“Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan has offered condolences to descendants of the victims of the mass killing of up to 1.5 million Armenians during World War I by Ottoman forces...”

[Kosovo Parliament Votes For A New War Crimes Court](#)

Author/Source: Fatos Bytyci, Reuters

“Kosovo's parliament approved on Wednesday an EU-backed special court to try ethnic Albanian ex-guerrillas accused of harvesting organs from Serbs captured in the 1998-99 Kosovo war...”

US & Canada

[Lawsuit Accuses FBI Of Using No-Fly List To Get American Muslims To Become Informants](#)

Author/Source: Ashley Alman, Huffington Post

“A federal lawsuit filed Tuesday accuses the FBI of using the no-fly list to coerce American Muslims into becoming law enforcement informants...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Brazil Protesters in Rio Clashes Over Dancer’s Death](#)

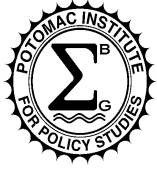
Author/Source: BBC

“Deadly protests have broken out in the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro following the death of a young man allegedly beaten by police ...”

[Colombia Solider Killed By Rebel Mine](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“One soldier was killed and 13 others wounded when an army convoy set off mines laid by FARC guerrillas on a road in the northeastern province of Norte de Santander, the Colombian



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Maritime

[Pirates Attack Japanese Oil Tanker Off Malaysia](#)

Author/Source: Voice of America

“Pirates have kidnapped three crew members and seized millions of liters of diesel fuel in an attack on a Japanese tanker off Malaysia's west coast...”