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Middle East

[Rival Group ISIS Accuses Qaeda Of Betraying Jihadist Cause](#)

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“A powerful rival organization has accused al-Qaeda leaders of betraying the jihadist cause, in the latest widening of divisions rooted in Syria’s civil war...”

[Bomb in Shopping Street in Iraqi Capital Kills 3](#)

Author/Source: Qassim Abdul-Zahra, ABC News

“Officials in Iraq say a bomb planted on a street full of shoppers in the capital, Baghdad, has killed three people and wounded five...”

[Vandals Spray Anti-Arab Graffiti, Try To Set Mosque Door Alight](#)

Author/Source: Jack Khoury, Haaretz

“Vandals sprayed anti-Arab graffiti and tried to set alight the door of a mosque in the northern Israeli city of Umm al-Fahm overnight Thursday...”

[Israelis, Palestinians To Hold Separate Talks With US Envoy](#)

Author/Source: Times of Israel

“Israeli and Palestinian negotiators were to meet separately Friday with US peace envoy Martin Indyk, a Palestinian source said, a day after five hours of three-way talks failed to bring agreement...”

[Settlers Call On Likud Ministers to End Peace Talks](#)

Author/Source: Stuart Winer, The Times of Israel

“The leaders of five settler municipal councils, who are all members of the Likud, appealed to their party’s cabinet ministers on Thursday to end negotiations with the Palestinians and instead invest in developing the Jewish presence in the West Bank...”

[British Teenager Killed in Syria Conflict](#)

Author/Source: Arab News

“A British teenager whose uncle was detained in the Guantanamo Bay camp has been killed in the Syrian conflict, his family said Abdullah Deghayes, 18, died earlier this month although the circumstances of his death are unclear...”

[ISIS' 'Diyala Division' Lauds Foreign Suicide Bombers, Including Dane](#)

Author/Source: Bill Roggio, Long War Journal

“The Islamic State of Iraq and the Sham's "Diyala Division" recently praised 26 suicide bombers, including 24 foreign fighters who conducted suicide attacks in the province of Diyala over the past several years...”



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[Iran Says Will Firmly Deter Any Attacks As Military Displays Might](#)

Author/Source: Parisa Hafezi, Reuters

“Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said the Islamic Republic had the might to deter any attacks as its military displayed a range of drones and missiles at an annual parade in Tehran, state television reported on Friday...”

[Bomb Blast Kills 14 at Mosque in Syria’s Homs: State TV](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“A bomb went off in front of a mosque and killed 14 people in Homs, Syrian state television said on Friday, with forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad looking close to wresting the symbolic central city back from rebels...”

[Homs Civilians In Danger As Deal Breaks Down](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Lakhdar Brahimi, the UN-Arab League special envoy to Syria, has said that a deal that allowed some civilians to leave Homs has broken down...”

[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...”

[Syrian Chemical Weapons Removal and Destruction at 72 Percent as April 27 Deadline Nears](#)

Author/Source: JC Finley, United Press International

“The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and United Nations Joint Mission announced that the Syrian government delivered its 15th shipment of Syrian chemical weapons material to the port of Latakia on April 16...”

South Asia

[Taliban Inmates Break Out of Afghan Prison](#)

Author/Source: Washington Post

“An official says three Taliban insurgents escaped from a prison in northern Afghanistan using weapons smuggled into the facility in a jailbreak that killed three police guards...”

[Pakistan Army Convoy Attacked in Peshawar](#)

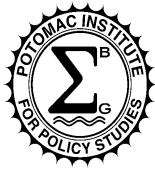
Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“At least one soldier has been killed and two others wounded after unidentified gunmen attacked a Pakistan army convoy in Peshawar, military sources have said...”

[Pakistan Library Named ‘Bin Laden’ in Islamic School](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“An Islamic seminary for women in Pakistan's capital Islamabad has renamed its library after Osama Bin Laden, the former al-Qaeda chief...”



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Pakistani Police Arrest 6 Suspected Militant Assassins

Author/Source: Katharine Houreld, Reuters

“Pakistani police said on Friday they have arrested six men suspected of being behind a string of high-profile killings and assassination attempts linked to a banned sectarian group...”

LTTE’s Global Fronts Running Anti-Lanka Propaganda: Gotabaya

Author/Source: The Hindu

“Sri Lanka’s powerful top defence official Gotabaya Rajapaksa has accused the LTTE’s global network of sustaining an international propaganda campaign against his country by raising millions of dollars annually...”

Hezbollah Members Arrested In Thailand Admit To Planning Attack On Israeli Tourists

Author/Source: Barak Ravid, Haaretz

“Two members of Hezbollah arrested several days ago in Thailand have admitted that they were planning to launch a terror attack against Israeli tourists in Bangkok, the Bangkok Post reported on Friday morning...”

East Asia

UN Security Council Urged To Target North Korean Officials Over Atrocities

Author/Source: The Guardian

“The United Nations security council should slap targeted sanctions on North Korean officials responsible for grave human rights abuses and refer them to the international criminal court (ICC), the head of a special UN inquiry said on Thursday...”

South Korean Ferry Passengers Told to Stay Put After Captain Abandoned Ship

Author/Source: Yoonjung Seo and Chico Harlan, Washington Post

“As a stricken South Korean ferry began to dangerously tilt, a crew member with a walkie-talkie told passengers to stay put...”

Africa

Tunisian Envoy Seized In Libya

Author/Source: Arab News

“A Tunisian diplomat was kidnapped Thursday in Tripoli in unknown circumstances, a Libyan security source told AFP, just two days after armed men seized Jordan’s ambassador...”

Nigeria Abductions: Military Admits Girls Still Missing

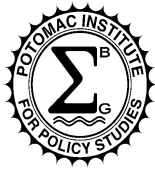
Author/Source: BBC

“Nigeria’s military has admitted that most of the teenage girls abducted by suspected Islamist militants have not been freed as it earlier stated...”

Egypt: Cairo Witnesses Tight Security Ahead of Brotherhood Demonstrations

Author/Source: All Africa

“Police have intensified security measures in major Cairo squares on Friday ahead of demonstrations for the National Coalition for Supporting Legitimacy...”



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[South Sudanese Soldiers Sent To Protect UN Base After More Than 48 Killed](#)

Author/Source: The Guardian

“South Sudan sent troops to secure a United Nations base after armed civilians fired on displaced people sheltering there, killing at least 48 people, the president's spokesman said on Friday...”

[Kidnapped Red Cross Workers Freed In Mali](#)

Author/Source: Ed Adamczyk, United Press International

“Five aid workers kidnapped in northern Mali by presumed Islamic militants in February were freed by French troops, the presidents of France and Mali said in a joint statement...”

[UN Secretary-General: Attack On UN Mission In South Sudan 'Constitutes A War Crime'](#)

Author/Source: JC Finley, United Press International

“United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon condemned the deadly attack on a UN compound in South Sudan on Thursday and called it "a serious escalation" ...”

Europe

[Obama: Ukraine Diplomacy Holds Hope But Sanctions Ready](#)

Author/Source: Mark Felsenthal, Reuters

“President Barack Obama said on Thursday that talks between Russia and Western powers aimed at ending tensions in Ukraine have potential but warned that the United States and its allies are prepared to impose more sanctions on Russia if the situation fails to improve...”

[Kerry Condemns Anti-Semitic Leaflet in Eastern Ukraine](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry condemned as "grotesque" on Thursday the distribution of leaflets in eastern Ukraine that appeared to call on Jews to register with separatist, pro-Russian authorities ...”

[Pro-Russian Groups to Stay Put In East Ukraine Until Referendum Takes Place](#)

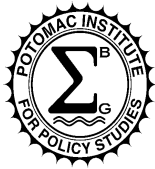
Author/Source: Luke Harding, The Guardian

“International attempts to de-escalate tensions in Ukraine were floundering on Friday as separatist groups in the east declared that they had no intention of leaving occupied buildings and accused Kiev of violating an agreement reached in Geneva on Thursday ...”

[Ukraine Says 'Anti-Terrorist' Operation Continues Despite Geneva](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Ukraine's military-led drive to root out pro-Russian separatists in the east of the country will continue despite the four-way agreement reached in Geneva, state security authorities said on Friday...”



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Kyiv Warns Separatists of 'Actions' Next Week

Author/Source: Voice of America

“The Ukrainian government warned on Friday it could take "more concrete actions" next week if pro-Russian separatists do not end their occupations of public buildings under the terms of an international accord...”

Russian EU Envoy Says Kiev Misinterpreted Geneva Agreement

Author/Source: Reuters

“Russia's envoy to the European Union said the authorities in Kiev had incorrectly interpreted an interational deal to resolve the crisis in Ukraine, where rebellions have broken out in Russian-speaking eastern provinces...”

Russia Criticizes Washington's Assessment Of Accord On Ukraine

Author/Source: Reuters

“Russia voiced disappointment on Friday with the U.S. assessment of an international deal to defuse the crisis in Ukraine, saying the threat of new sanctions against Moscow by Washington was ‘completely unacceptable’...”

Ukraine Government Pledges Russian Language Rights

Author/Source: Alastair Macdonald and Pavel Polityuk, Reuters

“Ukraine's acting president and prime minister offered some of their strongest pledges yet on Friday to strengthen constitutional rights to use the Russian language in an effort to defuse separatist protests...”

Ukraine Oks Intl Court, May Probe Kiev Deaths

Author/Source: Arab News

“Ukraine has accepted the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court, opening the way for a possible investigation of the violent crackdown by former President Viktor Yanukovich’s government on demonstrators, the court announced Thursday...”

US & Canada

More Than 100 Hate-Crime Murders Linked to Single Website, Report Finds

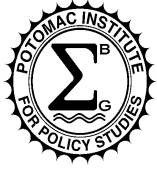
Author/Source: Amanda Holpuch, The Guardian

“People charged with the murders of almost 100 people can be linked to a single far-right website, according to a new report from the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC)...”

Supreme Court Will Likely Rule On NSA Programs, Antonin Scalia And Ruth Bader Ginsburg Suggest

Author/Source: Huffington Post

“Two members of the U.S. Supreme Court indicated on Thursday night that the court will ultimately have to decide the legality of National Security Agency surveillance activities...”



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South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Heavy Clashes Between Police and Demonstrators in Northeast Caracas](#)

Author/Source: El Universal

“Dozens of people on Thursday blocked streets with barricades and staged street protests against Nicolás Maduro's government in Chacao municipality, northeast Caracas...”

[Colombian Rebels Free Captured Soldier](#)

Author/Source: Fox News

“Leftist FARC guerrillas released a soldier they captured earlier this week in the southwestern province of Cauca, the Colombian national ombudsman's office said Thursday...”

[Murders Soar in Brazil World Cup City During Police Strike](#)

Author/Source: Silvio Cascione, Reuters

“A police strike ended on Thursday after unleashing a surge in violent crime in Brazil's third-largest city just two months before it is due to welcome hordes of football fans for the World Cup, authorities said...”

Maritime

[Drone Risks Damage At Record Depth In Search For Malaysian Plane](#)

Author/Source: Byron Kaye, Reuters

“An underwater drone scouring the Indian Ocean floor for a missing Malaysian jetliner has dived to its deepest ever level, putting its equipment at unprecedented risk, as hopes dwindled that it might soon turn up some sign of wreckage...”