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Middle East

[18 killed in attack on Shiite political rally in Iraq](#)

Author/Source: Raheem Salman, Reuters

“A series of explosions killed 18 people at a Shi'ite political organization's rally in Iraq on Friday, police and medical sources said. . .”

[Coalition with Hamas will recognize Israel, Abbas tells Kerry](#)

Author/Source: Michael Wilner, JPOST

“On a phone call with US Secretary of State John Kerry Thursday evening, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said that a unity government between Fatah and Hamas would renounce violence and recognize the state of Israel. . .”

[Netanyahu says Abbas must abandon unity deal with Hamas](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas must abandon Fatah's pact with Hamas if he wants peace, Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has told the BBC. . .”

[U.N. Yemen envoy says rebel group agrees to talks](#)

Source: Al Arabiya

“Yemen's president and Shiite rebels have called the Houthi Shiite tribal group and have agreed to discuss the prospect of the group's disarming, the Associated Press reported the country's United Nations envoy as saying. . .”

[Security woes plague Syrian refugees](#)

Source: Washington Post

“Life in Jordan's Zaatari camp is getting harder for 130,000 Syrian refugees, most of whom have fled fighting in southern Syria. . .”

[Iran dismisses U.S. criticism of its election to U.N. NGO committee](#)

Source: Reuters

“Iran on Thursday rejected U.S. criticism of its election to the United Nations' committee on non-governmental organizations (NGOs), saying Washington's rebuke came from "baseless accusations" and violated the spirit of cooperation needed at the world body. . .”

[Syria air strike on Aleppo market 'kills more than 20'](#)

Source: BBC

“The air raid on Atareb, north of the city of Aleppo, also injured dozens of people, activists said. . .”



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[Turkish judge defies Erdogan with attack on 'dire' allegations](#)

Author/Source: Gulsen Solaker, Reuters

“In a defiant challenge to Turkey's prime minister, the head of the Constitutional Court complained on Friday of political criticism which he said had traumatized and divided the judiciary. . .”

Central Asia

[Uzbek commands group within the Al Nusrah Front](#)

Author/Source: Bill Roggio, The Long War Journal

“An Uzbek commander known as Abu Hussein leads a group of his countrymen fighting in the ranks of the Al Nusrah Front, al Qaeda's official branch in Syria. . .”

South Asia

[Americans Die in Grim Trend in Afghanistan](#)

Author/Source: Azah Ahmed, Alan Blinder, NY Times

“Three Americans were killed at a private hospital in Kabul on Thursday morning when an Afghan police officer turned his gun on them, officials said, in the latest in a string of attacks against Western civilians here. . .”

[Bomb kills 4, wounds 25 in southern Pakistan](#)

Source: Washington Post

“A powerful bomb exploded Friday in an upscale residential area of southern Pakistan, killing at least four people and wounding 25, authorities said. . .”

[Pakistan fighter jets target 'militant hideouts'](#)

Source: BBC

“At least 16 suspected militants have been killed in air strikes in north-western Pakistan, officials say. . .”

[Pakistan, Ending Its Observance of Cease-Fire, Launches Airstrikes Against Taliban](#)

Author/Source: Ismail Khan, Ihsanullah Tipu Mehsud, NY Times

“Putting an abrupt end to the Pakistani government's adherence to a cease-fire with the Taliban on Thursday, military jets launched heavy airstrikes against militants in the Khyber tribal region bordering Afghanistan, officials said. . .”

[Three killed after Kashmir election attack: police](#)

Source: Reuters

“Three men were killed in a shootout with Indian security forces in Kashmir on Friday, the day after a local election official died in an attack in the restive northern region, where Muslims are in a majority. . .”

[Pakistan journalist Hamid Mir issues defiant statement](#)

Source: BBC

“The Pakistani journalist shot last week has issued his first statement, once again blaming the country's intelligence agency for the attack. . .”



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[Nine killed as poll violence hits restive Indian regions](#)

Source: Reuters

“Nine police and poll officials were killed in India in two attacks on Thursday, one in a region hit by a Maoist insurgency and the other in Kashmir, the mainly-Muslim region where many voters are boycotting a general election. . .”

[Grenades fired at Thai newspaper, court](#)

Source: Washington Post

“Grenades were fired at a newspaper headquarters and a court in Thailand’s capital, police said Friday, as political tensions heat up ahead of a court ruling over the fate of the prime minister. No one was hurt in the attacks. . .”

East Asia

[Asia tour: Obama in Seoul pledge on N Korea](#)

Source: BBC

“US President Barack Obama said America stood "shoulder to shoulder" with South Korea over North Korean provocation, as he continued his Asia tour. . .”

[Foreign food aid drying up in NKorea](#)

Author/Source: Eric Talmadge, AP

“A funding crunch for aid to North Korea has become so severe 500,000 rural schoolchildren are as of this month no longer receiving assistance and aid to millions more could soon dry up, according to a report obtained by The Associated Press. . .”

[North Korea detains a 24-year-old American tourist: KCNA](#)

Author/Source: Ju-min Park, Reuters

“North Korea said it had detained a 24-year-old American tourist earlier in April for what it said was "a gross violation of its legal order."

Africa

[New fighting breaks out in Central African Republic, four killed](#)

Source: Reuters

“Heavy weapons fire broke out overnight in Muslim suburbs of Bangui, the capital of the Central African Republic, and health workers reported at least four dead in the new outbreak of violence. . .”

[Nigerian leaders unite against Boko Haram](#)

Author/Source: Felix Onuah, Reuters

“Leaders from across Nigeria appealed for a united front against Boko Haram on Thursday, saying the Islamist insurgents were waging war on Christian and Muslim Nigerians alike. . .”



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[South Sudan frees leaders accused of plotting coup](#)

Source: BBC

“Four senior politicians accused over an alleged coup plot that sparked South Sudan's civil war have been freed after the government dropped the treason charges against them. The four, who include a former leader of the governing SPLM party, denied the plot as well as links to the fighting. . .”

[Couple in grenade case linked to Al-Shabaab](#)

Source: Daily Nation

“Police have now linked a couple allegedly found with two grenades in Eastleigh to Al-Shabaab. . .”

Europe

[Separatist leader in Ukraine city says Kiev 'spy' is in detained OSCE group](#)

Source: Reuters

“The main separatist leader in the eastern Ukrainian city of Sloviansk said on Friday that a military "spy" for the Kiev government was in a group of international military observers who have been held by the rebels. . .”

[Baltic states lead push to cut Russia gas reliance](#)

Author/Source: David McHugh Luidas Dapkus, AP

“Later this year, a ship the size of an aircraft carrier will arrive at Lithuania's port of Klaipeda on the Baltic Sea. The 300-meter (984-foot) vessel is not a warship, but a floating natural gas import terminal - aptly named "Independence" - that will be key to the Baltic region's plan to reduce its reliance on Russia's energy supplies. . .”

[Ukraine helicopter hit by grenade taking off](#)

Source: Telegraph

“A Ukrainian military helicopter exploded at a base near the eastern town of Kramatorsk on Friday after being hit by a rocket-propelled grenade, officials in Kiev said. The helicopter was hit in the fuel tank and exploded. . .”

[Russia fears Crimea water shortage as supply drops](#)

Source: BBC

“Russian officials say a water shortage in Crimea is threatening to become acute as Ukraine has reduced the supply via a key canal. . .”

US & Canada

[Obama, allies agree to coordinate steps to 'impose costs' on Russia](#)

Source: Reuters

“President Barack Obama and four key European allies agreed on Friday that Russia failed to live up to the terms of the Ukraine peace accord, and would coordinate on a response to "impose costs" on Russia, the White House said. . .”



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['Pause' perhaps needed in Israeli-Palestinian talks: Obama](#)

Author/Source: Matt Spetalnick, Reuters

“U.S. President Barack Obama said on Friday a "pause" might be needed in U.S.-brokered peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians, suggesting leaders on both sides lacked the will to make the necessary compromises. . .”

[Ukraine crisis: Kerry accuses Russia of 'destabilisation'](#)

Source: BBC

“US Secretary of State John Kerry has accused Russia of "distraction, deception and destabilization" in eastern Ukraine. . .”

Latin America & the Caribbean

[Seven Killed in Shootouts in Northern Mexico](#)

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Seven people were killed in two separate confrontations between Mexican marines and gunmen in the northeastern state of Tamaulipas, authorities said Thursday. . .”

[Rio police in fresh clashes with residents after burial of dancer](#)

Source: BBC

“Brazilian police have clashed with residents of a Rio de Janeiro shantytown that was hit by deadly protests on Tuesday. . .”