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Middle East

[Yemen claims to have killed 500 AQAP fighters](#)

Author/Source: Oren Adaki, The Long War Journal

“At a press conference yesterday in the Yemeni capital of Sana'a, Yemeni military spokesman Colonel Sa'id al Faqih outlined the military's latest statistics from the ongoing southern offensive against al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP)...”

[Iraqi troops 'repel militant attack on Samarra'](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“Iraqi security forces have repelled a large-scale attack by militants on the central city of Samarra, officials say...”

[3 PKK militants surrender to security forces, 3 others found in house](#)

Author/Source: Today's Zaman

“Three individuals who were abducted by the terrorist Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) have left the armed group and surrendered to Turkish security forces, while three girls who were being held in a house in order to be handed over to the terrorist organization have been found by military units...”

[Attacks Across Iraq Kill 27 People](#)

Author/Source: Sameer N. Yacoub, ABC News

“A back-to-back car bombing targeting an ethnic minority in northern Iraq and other attacks on members of security forces and a Shiite village killed at least 27 people on Friday, Iraqi officials said...”

[Israel building farm on Palestinian land](#)

Author/Source: Amira Haas, Haaretz

“Israel is building a large farm on a Palestinian village's land in the West Bank, with the only route to the land passing through another village's olive plantations...”

[Scientists question Saudi openness on deadly MERS virus outbreak](#)

Author/Source: Kate Kelland, Reuters

“A dramatic upward revision in the number of people killed by the MERS virus in Saudi Arabia may signal a fresh approach from Riyadh, but also raises new questions about how the two-year-old outbreak has been handled...”

[Yemen migrant boat sinking is 'worst this year' - UN](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“The UN's refugee agency reports that 62 people have died off Yemen's coast, in what it describes as the worst sinking incident in the region this year...”



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South Asia

[India Sikh groups clash at Golden Temple](#)

Author/Source: BBC

Several people have been injured after Sikh groups brandishing swords clashed at India's Golden Temple as special prayers were held to mark the deadly military offensive there in 1984..."

[Thirty Baluch rebels killed in Pakistan gunbattle](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

"At least 30 Baluch militants were killed on Thursday, an official said, in a gunbattle between Pakistani forces and insurgents fighting for the independence of Baluchistan, a huge resource-rich region bordering Iran..."

[Pakistan suspends largest news channel](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

"Pakistan's media regulatory agency on Friday suspended the operating license of the country's leading news channel for two weeks after a spat between the broadcaster and the country's top spy agency over the shooting of a leading journalist..."

[Suicide bombing 'mastermind' killed by suspected Pakistani Taliban rival](#)

Author/Source: JC Finley, UPI

"Ashiqullah Mehsud, a senior Pakistani Taliban commander considered a suicide bombing "mastermind," has been killed..."

East Asia

[Chinese Vice FM calls for int'l cooperation in cyber security](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua

"Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Li Baodong on Thursday called for strengthening international cooperation for cyberspace security, stability and prosperity..."

[China under-reported defense by 20 percent: Pentagon](#)

Author/Source: Yahoo News

"China underestimated its growing defense budget by nearly 20 percent with its spending likely nearing \$145 billion last year, the Pentagon said Thursday..."

[Hong Kong carriers on alert following attack warning](#)

Author/Source: Channel News Asia

"Two Hong Kong airlines said on Friday that they received a warning from Taiwan about a possible bomb attack targeting a flight to the southern Chinese city..."

[US tourist detained in North Korea, state media reports](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

"North Korea detained an American tourist for violating its laws after he entered the secretive state in April, state media reported Friday, bringing the number of U.S. citizens currently held by Pyongyang to three..."

[Thai junta detains anti-coup leader](#)



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Author/Source: Channel News Asia

“Thailand’s junta said on Friday that it had captured a fugitive anti-coup leader facing possible imprisonment, as the ruling generals seek to stamp out any criticism of their seizure of power...”

Africa

[U.S. Quietly Backs Nigerian TV Channel to Counter Terror Group](#)

Author/Source: Ron Nixon, The New York Times

“The State Department is financing a new 24-hour satellite television channel in the turbulent northern region of Nigeria that American officials say is crucial to countering the extremism of radical groups such as Boko Haram...”

[Kagame declares 'shoot on sight' anti-terror policy](#)

Author/Source: The Daily Nation

“Rwandan President Paul Kagame has dismissed criticism of his government’s human rights record, saying those suspected of threatening national security should even be killed on sight, reports said Friday...”

[Mali imposes national military service amid separatist tensions](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Mali is to introduce compulsory national service for men and women aged 18 to 35, the government announced, after clashes between northern Tuareg separatists and the army last month...”

[Army officer arrested for suspected plot against Mali's president](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Authorities in Mali have arrested an army officer and a number of associates suspected of plotting against President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, military and intelligence sources said on Friday...”

[DR Congo prisoners in mass jailbreak in Bukavu](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“At least 250 prisoners in the Democratic Republic of Congo have escaped in a mass jailbreak at dawn in Bukavu, an official has told the BBC...”

[Emir of Kano Ado Bayero dies in Nigeria](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“The emir of Kano, one of Nigeria’s most revered Muslim leaders and a vocal critic of the Islamist Boko Haram militants, has died, aged 83...”

[Egypt criminalizes sexual harassment](#)

Author/Source: Shounaz Meko, Al Arabiya

“Egypt’s outgoing interim President Adly Mansour on Thursday issued a decree criminalizing sexual harassment as a crime punishable by up to five years in prison...”

[Libya warplanes raid Islamists in Benghazi](#)

Author/Source: Al Arabiya



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“Led by renegade General Khalifa Haftar, the Libyan warplanes raided Islamist extremists-held pockets in the eastern city of Benghazi, an army spokesman told Al Arabiya News Channel Friday...”

Libya’s intel chief resigns over power struggle

Author/Source: The Washington Post

“Libya’s intelligence chief resigned on Thursday amid an intensifying power struggle between the Islamist-dominated parliament and a rival, interim government...”

Hashim Bishr home in double bomb attack

Author/Source: Ashraf Abdul Wahab, Libya Herald

“Two car bombs exploded early this morning outside the Tripoli home of Hashim Bishr, the former head of the Supreme Security Committee (SSC). The blast damaged six properties, including his own, wrecked 13 vehicles but caused no casualties...”

Aid workers freed in Somalia after nearly two years

Author/Source: Faith Karimi, CNN

“Three aid workers kidnapped in Somalia have been released after nearly two years in captivity...”

Nigerian Sect Kills Villagers Along Border

Author/Source: Adam Nossitur, The New York Times

“The Boko Haram men, disguised in army uniforms, gathered the villagers together and promised them protection...”

Europe

G7 leaders warn Russia of wide-ranging sanctions over Ukraine

Author/Source: Ian Traynor, The Guardian

“Western leaders have announced that the Russian president, Vladimir Putin, had a matter of weeks to stop destabilising Ukraine and seek a settlement with his new counterpart in Kiev or face much more wide-ranging economic sanctions...”

Obama and Putin Meet Briefly Over Ukraine

Author/Source: Peter Baker, The New York Times

“President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia held private talks with President Obama and with the newly elected leader of Ukraine on Friday as both sides in the violent conflict in Eastern Europe tried to ease a geopolitical showdown that has shaken the post-Cold War order...”

Euromaidan leader and former professional boxer now mayor of Kiev

Author/Source: JC Finley, UPI

“UDAR party leader Vitali Klitschko was sworn in as mayor of Kiev on Thursday morning...”

D-Day anniversary: 'World-changing' day remembered

Author/Source: BBC

“French President Francois Hollande has led the D-Day 70th anniversary tributes by remembering those who died on a day that “changed the world”...”



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[Big blast hits Kosovo power station near Pristina](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“A loud explosion has been reported at a coal-fired power station outside Kosovo's capital Pristina, causing a number of casualties...”

[50 arrests so far in police raid on ring that sold fraudulent diesel oil](#)

Author/Source: Jorge Rodríguez, El País

“A major police operation is underway across Spain against a ring that adulterated diesel fuel in connivance with many gas stations, which sold the subpar product to unsuspecting drivers...”

US & Canada

[CIA Goes Viral, Joins Twitter, Facebook](#)

Author/Source: Matthew Hilburn, VOA News

“The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has embraced social media and the public is loving it back...”

[Comcast to Encrypt Email for Security](#)

Author/Source: Danny Yadron, The Wall Street Journal

“Google Inc. wants to make encryption hip—and may have won a quick convert...”

[Man Arrested in Rampage That Left 3 Canadian Officers Dead](#)

Author/Source: Ian Austen, The New York Times

“A man believed to have fatally shot three Canadian Mounties and wounded two others, putting a Canadian city under a virtual siege, was arrested early Friday, the police said...”

[US student disarms Seattle university killer gunman](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“Police in the American city of Seattle have praised the bravery of a student for disarming a gunman who had killed one person and wounded three others...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Mexican Governing Party Official Murdered in Michoacan](#)

Author/Source: Latin America Herald Tribune

“The head of the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) in the Mexican town of Erongaricuaro, Salvador Vega Ramirez, was shot dead on Thursday by unknown gunmen, the attorney general's office in the state of Michoacan reported...”

[Brazil metro, trains on strike 1 week before Cup](#)

Author/Source: Stan Lehman, Yahoo News

“The Brazilian city that will host the World Cup's opening match in a week was thrown into transit chaos Thursday as subway and overland commuter train operators went on strike, putting at risk the only means that most soccer fans will have to reach the stadium...”

[Police in Haiti lob tear gas at tire-burning protesters calling for ouster of president](#)

Author/Source: Fox News



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“Police in Haiti have fired volleys of tear gas to break up a large march by demonstrators calling for the ouster of President Michel Martelly...”

[Poll says Colombia presidential runoff a dead heat](#)

Author/Source: The Washington Post

“The latest poll in Colombia says President Juan Manuel Santos and challenger Oscar Ivan Zuluaga are in a dead heat a little more than a week before their presidential runoff election...”