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Middle East

OIC to discuss extremism, wars affecting Muslims

Source: Siraj Wahab, Arab News

“Foreign ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member states will gather in Jeddah on June 18-19 to discuss a wide range of issues affecting Muslims around the world, including extremism and various conflicts in Africa and the Middle East...”

Turkey says militants hold 80 Turks hostage in Iraq's Mosul

Source: Yahoo News

“Militants from an al Qaeda splinter group are holding 80 Turkish citizens seized in two separate incidents in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, Turkey's Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday...”

Turkey says will retaliate if citizens held in Iraq are harmed

Source: Jerusalem Post

“Turkey will retaliate if any of its citizens and diplomats held by militants in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul are harmed, Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said on Wednesday...”

Turkey calls for emergency NATO meeting on Iraq: Turkish official

Source: Reuters

“Turkey has called for an emergency meeting of NATO to discuss the security situation in Iraq after militants took 80 Turkish citizens hostage during a lightning advance, a Turkish foreign ministry official said...”

Gaza rocket hits Israel, first time since Palestinian unity government formed

Source: Reuters

“Militants in the Gaza Strip fired a rocket into Israel on Wednesday for the first time since a Palestinian unity government was formed, prompting strong Israeli condemnation of President Mahmoud Abbas...”

After Capture of Mosul, Militants Extend Control in Iraq

Source: Suadad Al-Salhy, Alan Cowell and Rick Gladstone, The New York Times

“Sunni militants who overran the northern Iraqi city of Mosul as government forces crumbled in disarray extended their reach in a lightning advance on Wednesday, pressing south toward Baghdad...”

Arrested Palestine player was courier for Hamas says Israel

Source: Ori Lewis, Yahoo News

“Israel, looking to avoid censure at the FIFA Congress in Brazil on Wednesday, has defended its arrest of a Palestine national team player, telling the world football body he was a courier for Islamist militants...”



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Suicide bomber kills 16 people in Baghdad's Shi'ite Sadr City

Source: Reuters

“A suicide bomber blew himself up in a gathering of people inside a tent in Baghdad's Shi'ite slum of Sadr city, killing at least 16 people, police and medical sources said on Wednesday...”

Iraq rebels take Saddam's home town in lightning advance

Source: Reuters

“Sunni rebels from an al Qaeda splinter group overran the Iraqi city of Tikrit on Wednesday and closed in on the biggest oil refinery in the country, making further gains in their rapid military advance against the Shi'ite-led government...”

At least 630 killed in rebel infighting in Syria

Source: Ryan Lucas, Arab News

“An offensive by a breakaway Al-Qaeda group in eastern Syria against Islamic rebel factions has killed more than 630 people and uprooted at least 130,000 since the end of April, an activist group said Tuesday...”

Power-line attack plunges Yemen into darkness.

Source: al-Jazeera

“Yemen remains in a state of total darkness a day after a series of attacks on power lines left the country without electricity...”

Central Asia

Kazakhstan mounts visible anti-graft campaign

Source: The Times of Central Asia

“Kazakhstan’s government has been making noises about fighting corruption recently, with the latest salvo aimed at insider trading and other attempts to rig the stock market, the Times of Central Asia reports...”

South Asia

Karachi airport: Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan claims attack

Source: BBC

“Uzbek militants fighting with the Pakistani Taliban say they carried out Sunday's deadly assault on Karachi's international airport...”

Pak military presents options to Sharif to deal with Taliban

Source: Business Standard

“The military and national security aides to Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif have submitted a "range of options" to crush terrorism with an iron hand in the aftermath of the brazen assault on Karachi airport by the Taliban apparently using Uzbek fighters...”

Afghanistan economy under the gun as bank blacklist looms

Source: Reuters

“The most pressing challenge awaiting Afghanistan's new leader may not be the worsening violence, fractured U.S. relationship or declining aid, but an international blacklist hanging



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over the country's banks..."

South East Asia

Curfew lifted in more Thai provinces

Source: Xinhua

"Thailand's military-run National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) on Tuesday night lifted its curfew completely in 17 provinces and partially in three other provinces..."

Indonesia Cancels New Zealand Police Training Program in Papua Over 'Hidden Motives'

Source: Harry Pearl & Farouk Arnaz, The Jakarta Globe

"Indonesia has axed a multimillion dollar police training program in West Papua because police intelligence reports suggested there were "hidden motives" behind the New Zealand-funded program..."

Australia and Japan agree to pursue closer military technology ties

Source: Reuters

"Australia and Japan will create a framework pact to cooperate on military technology, the two countries said on Wednesday, a move that could pave the way for Japan to supply stealth submarine designs and components to Australia..."

Top Filipino terror suspect captured near airport

The Washington Post

"Philippine security forces on Wednesday captured a top Filipino commander of the Abu Sayyaf extremist group who is on a U.S. list of most-wanted terrorists and has acknowledged receiving al-Qaida funds to finance bombings in the country..."

East Asia

Japan slams China over close encounter of jets

Source: Washington Post

"Japan says Chinese military jets have come dangerously close to Japanese military aircraft over the East China Sea..."

Protests in HK after China moves to assert control

Source: Channel News Asia

"Protesters turned Hong Kong's constitutional document into toilet paper Wednesday in an angry demonstration against Beijing's publication of a controversial White Paper reasserting China's control over the city..."

Africa

Nigerian state shuts sports bars in bid to stop World Cup attacks

Source: Reuters

"Soldiers in a Nigerian state at the heart of an Islamist revolt shut down all venues preparing to screen live World Cup matches on Wednesday, hoping to stave off the kind of attacks that



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have killed more than 20 people in the past two weeks...”

Heavy fighting breaks out on Rwanda, DR Congo border

Source: Bangkok Post

“Heavy fighting broke out on Wednesday between Rwandan and Congolese troops on the border between the two neighbours, which are locked in a decades-long conflict...”

UN peacekeepers killed in northern Mali

Source: CBC News

“A bomb explosion killed several members of the United Nations peacekeeping mission in Mali in the troubled northern city of Kidal, a spokesman for the mission said Saturday...”

Gunmen kill eight, burn church in central Nigeria: security official

Source: Reuters

“Gunmen killed at least eight people and burned down a church as they charged through two villages in Nigeria's central Plateau state hours before dawn on Wednesday, a security official said...”

Libyan army checkpoint targeted by blast in Benghazi

Source: BBC

“A big explosion at an army checkpoint some 50km (30 miles) outside the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi has wounded six people, army officials say...”

Rwandan, Congolese troops clash after soldier seized

Source: Reuters

“Heavy weapons fire broke out between Rwandan and Congolese troops near their border on Wednesday after the Congolese government said Rwandan forces crossed the frontier and seized a Congolese soldier...”

Haftar launches air strikes in west Benghazi

Source: al-Jazeera

“Forces loyal to a former Libyan General have launched air strikes against three areas of the northern city of Benghazi, shortly after reports of a ceasefire deal between the renegade commander and a government crisis committee...”

Mali PM warns of Islamist threat within Tuareg rebels

Source: Joe Penny, Reuters

“The international community is underestimating the threat posed by Islamist fighters sheltering in areas of Mali's far north controlled by Tuareg separatist rebels, Prime Minister Moussa Mara said...”

Somalia could slide backwards if world loses interest: U.N.

Source: Adrian Croft, Reuters

“Hard-won security gains in Somalia could be undermined unless the rest of the world steps up support to improve Somalis' lives, the United Nations' special representative for the country said on Wednesday...”



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Europe

[EU, Arab League join forces against extremist threat](#)

Source: Arab News

“European Union and Arab League countries agreed Wednesday to cooperate against the terror threat posed by home-grown radicals who return home from conflicts in the Middle East, following a deadly attack on a Jewish site in Belgium by a suspected jihadi...”

[Police violence during Gezi Park protests unpunished, Amnesty report says](#)

Source: Hurriyet Daily News

“The Turkish government’s approach to the Gezi Park demonstrations in 2013 is as abusive as ever while impunity for police violence is widespread, Amnesty International said in a report published on June 10...”

[Danes not afraid of organised terrorism](#)

Source: The Copenhagen Post

“Only 17 percent of Danes fear the threat of organised terrorism in their day-to-day lives – a 50 percent fall from last year...”

US & Canada

[U.S. says worried about security situation in Iraq, offers help](#)

Source: Reuters

“The United States on Wednesday expressed concern about the deteriorating security situation in Iraq and pledged “any appropriate assistance” to help the Iraqi government fend off increasing attacks from Sunni militants...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Falling Death Toll in Mexico Military Operations Reflects New Tactics](#)

Source: Kyra Gurney, InSight Crime

“Both attacks against Mexico’s soldiers and the number of alleged criminals killed by military personnel have plummeted over the last 18 months, reflecting tactical shifts in how the country’s drug war is fought...”

[Gunmen Kill 6 in Mexico City](#)

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Gunmen killed six people, including two children, at a house in the northern section of Mexico City, a Federal District Attorney’s Office spokesman told Efe on Tuesday...”

[Colombian Government in Talks with 2nd Rebel Group](#)

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“The Colombian government and the country’s second-largest guerrilla group, the ELN, disclosed Tuesday that they have been holding exploratory talks with an eye toward opening peace negotiations...”



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[Leaked Videos Show Inner Workings of Paraguay's EPP Guerrillas](#)

Source: Camilo Mejia Giraldo, InSight Crime

“More than 60 videos filmed by Paraguay's EPP guerrillas have been leaked to the media, offering an unprecedented insight into the clandestine operations of one of Latin America's newest insurgent groups...”

Cyber

[Hackers Claim Attacks on World Cup-related Websites](#)

Source: Voice of America

“Hackers claim they have carried out attacks against dozens of Brazilian websites linked to the soccer World Cup, including those of tournament sponsor Hyundai, a state government and Brazil's intelligence agency...”

[Gmail Bug Could Have Exposed Every User's Address](#)

Source: Andy Greenberg, Wired

By: Andy Greenberg

“Until recently, anyone may have been able to assemble a list of every Gmail account in the world...”

[The FCC Was Hacked After John Oliver Called for Net Neutrality Trolls](#)

Source: Vice News

“When HBO host John Oliver called for Internet trolls to deluge the Federal Communications Commission with comments about net neutrality, he may not have expected for the FCC's site to get shut down...”

Maritime

[Ghana: Liberian Oil Tanker Disappears in Ghanaian Waters](#)

Source: All Africa

“The head of the Liberian Maritime Authority Mr. Binyan Kessely told the New Dawn in an interview Tuesday that the oil tanker MT Fair Artemis was reported missing while he was attending a Maritime meeting in the Ghanaian capital Accra...”