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Middle East

[ISIS Declares Creation of Mideast Caliphate across Iraq and Syria](#)

Author/Author/Source: CBS News

“The al Qaeda breakaway group that has seized much of northern Syria and huge tracks of neighboring Iraq formally declared the creation of an Islamic state on Sunday in the territory under its control...”

[Israel's Prime Minister Backs Kurdish Independence](#)

Author/Source: The Guardian

“The Israeli Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, has voiced support for Kurdish statehood, taking a position that appears to clash with the US preference to keep sectarian war-torn Iraq united...”

[Israel Bombs Gaza after Rocket Attacks, Hamas Gunman Killed](#)

Author/Source: Nidal al-Mughrabi, Reuters

“Israeli forces attacked militant targets in the Gaza Strip on Sunday, killing a Hamas gunman and wounding two others after a spate of rocket launches from the Palestinian territory, officials on both sides said...”

[Israel Cranks Up Media Campaign Ahead Of Iran Nuclear Deal Deadline](#)

Author/Source: Dan Williams, Reuters

“Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urged international negotiators on Sunday not to ‘surrender’ to Tehran, as he launched a media blitz three weeks ahead of a deadline for an Iranian nuclear deal...”

[ISIL Crucifies Eight Rival Fighters, Says Monitoring Group](#)

Author/Source: Sylvia Westall, Reuters

“Eight rebel fighters have been crucified in Syria by the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) because they were considered too moderate, a monitoring group said on Sunday...”

[Iran General Says Ready to Help Iraq against Militants](#)

Author/Source: Mehrdad Balali, Reuters

“Iran is ready to help Iraq fight an armed revolt using the same methods it deployed against opposition forces in Syria, an Iranian general said, suggesting Tehran is offering to take a larger role in battling Sunni militias threatening Baghdad...”

[Iraqi Army Presses Tikrit Assault as Lawmakers Scramble to Fill Posts](#)

Source: Ahmed Rasheed and Alexander Dziadosz, Reuters

“Iraq's army sent tanks and armored vehicles to try to dislodge insurgents from the northern city of Tikrit on Sunday, the second day of a pushback against a Sunni militant takeover of large stretches of Iraq...”



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[Netanyahu Says Security Control Is Vital in Any Accord](#)

Author/Source: Isabel Kershner, International New York Times

“Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared Sunday in a hard-hitting policy speech here that under any future peace agreement with the Palestinians, Israel would insist on maintaining security control of the West Bank ‘for a very long time.’”

[Report: ISIS Planning Massive Bombing Wave in Lebanon](#)

Author/Source: Ha'aretz

“The Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS,) the Sunni militant group that has captured large parts of Iraq in recent weeks, has set its sights on instigating "a full-scale conflagration" in Lebanon, according to an article on the Lebanese news website Al-Akhbar...”

Asia

[Eyes on Defense Deals, Western Powers Rush to Court India's Modi](#)

Author/Source: Voice of America

“Western governments are rushing to visit India's new Prime Minister Narendra Modi, drawn by the prospect of multi-billion-dollar deals as the government prepares to open the nascent defense industry to foreign investment...”

[Hong Kong Prepares For Mass Protest against Beijing Control](#)

Author/Source: Jonathan Kaiman, The Guardian

“Hong Kong is braced for protests on Tuesday, which organisers expect will draw at least 500,000 people, potentially making it the region's largest demonstration in recent history...”

[North Korea Plans to Indict Two Americans; Defies U.N. by Firing Ballistic Missiles](#)

Author/Source: Choe Sang-Hun, International New York Times

“North Korea said Monday that it planned to indict and try two Americans it has held on charges of committing “hostile acts” against the country, just a day after it fired two ballistic missiles off its east coast, flouting a United Nations ban on the country’s testing of such missiles...”

[Beijing to Boost Police Gun Training Amid Security Threats](#)

Author/Source: Michael Martina, Reuters

“China will boost gun training for police in its capital Beijing, a senior security official said, as it braces for what it calls an upsurge in militant violence around the country...”

[Man Sets Himself on Fire in Japan in Defense Protest: Witnesses](#)

Author/Source: Chris Meyers and Ritsuko Ando, Reuters

“A man in Japan set himself on fire at a busy intersection in Tokyo on Sunday in an apparent protest against Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's plans to ease limits of the country's pacifist constitution, police and witnesses said...”



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[Japan Says North Korea Missile Launch Violates U.N. Resolution](#)

Author/Source: Hitoshi Ishida, Reuters

“Japan's top government spokesman said on Monday North Korea's missile launch the previous day violated a United Nations resolution and that Tokyo would respond in cooperation with other nations, such as the United States and South Korea...”

[China Official Cancels Events in Taiwan amid Violent Protests](#)

Author/Source: Faith Hung, Reuters

“China's top official in charge of relations with Taiwan has returned to Beijing, hailing his visit to the self-ruled island as ‘historic’, despite violent protests that forced him to cancel several meetings...”

[Army Orders Trafficking Crackdown](#)

Author/Source: Thanida Tansubhapol, Bangkok Post

“Stung by Thailand being downgraded in a major human trafficking report, the military has pledged to make the issue a high priority and will bring in stringent and comprehensive measures to end the problem...”

Africa

[At Least 30 Die in Nigeria Village Attacks](#)

Author/Source: The Guardian

“Suspected Islamists sprayed gunfire at worshippers and torched four churches on Sunday in a village close to the town from where more than 200 schoolgirls were kidnapped, according to witnesses...”

[Kidnapped Tunisian Embassy Workers Freed In Libya](#)

Author/Source: Tarek Amara and Patrick Markey, Reuters

“A Tunisian diplomat and an embassy worker kidnapped earlier this year by unknown gunmen in Libya arrived at dawn on Monday at a Tunis airport after being freed on Sunday...”

[Egypt Moves to Restrict Ramadan Sermons](#)

Author/Source: Mariam Rizk, AP via Jakarta Post

“Egypt will restrict Ramadan sermons to topics of faith and morality, the state's top official in charge of religious affairs said Sunday, in the latest move limiting political speech in the deeply polarized country...”

Europe

[Ukrainians Crowdfund to Raise Cash for 'People's Drone' To Help Outgunned Army](#)

Author/Source: Oksana Grytsenko and Luke Harding, The Guardian

“It has been used to raise money for films, rock bands and aspiring performance artists. Now Ukrainians have taken the concept of online crowdfunding to a new and giddy level, raising enough money to buy the country's first ‘people's drone’...”



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[Germany sends envoy to mediate Afghanistan election dispute](#)

Author/Source: Deutsche Welle

“Germany has sent an envoy to Kabul to mediate a dispute over alleged electoral fraud. The crisis has complicated security efforts to quell attacks from the Taliban, which established a foothold in the south this week...”

[Ukraine's Poroshenko Urges Putin to Tighten Borders after Violence](#)

Author/Source: Thomas Grove, Reuters

“Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko urged President Vladimir Putin on Sunday to strengthen Russian control over its borders to prevent militants and arms entering Ukraine after violence broke a truce there...”

Latin America and the Caribbean

[U.S. Soldier Suspected Of Murder in Panama Likely to Face Military Justice](#)

Author/Source: Elida Moreno and David Alire, Reuters

“A U.S. soldier suspected of murdering a Panamanian woman will ‘most likely’ face charges in a military court in the United States, a U.S. military spokesman said on Sunday...”

[Eight Die in Celebrations of Colombia's World Cup Victory](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“The celebration of Colombia's 2-0 World Cup victory over Uruguay, a win that earned the nation a berth in the quarterfinals of the soccer tourney in Brazil, took the lives of eight people in Bogota, Mayor Gustavo Petro said on Sunday...”

[Police Seize 400 Kilos of Cocaine in Honduras](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Police seized at least 400 kilos of cocaine hidden in the cab of a truck in northern Honduras and arrested the driver on Sunday, military police spokesman Col. German Alfaro said...”

US & Canada

[Nine Bystanders Wounded In Shootout on New Orleans' Bourbon Street](#)

Author/Source: Victoria Cavaliere and Daniel Wallis Reuters

“Two gunmen opened fire on one another during a dispute on New Orleans' famed Bourbon Street early on Sunday, wounding nine people in the area, police said...”

[Boston Marathon Bombing Suspect's Friends Hid Fireworks, Police Say](#)

Author/Source: AP via The Guardian

“The first of four friends of the Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is set to go on trial, on charges he impeded the investigation into the deadly attack...”

[Benghazi Attack Suspect 'Compliant But Not Cooperative' In Federal Custody](#)

Author/Source: Martin Pengelly, The Guardian

“A day after Ahmed Abu Khattala pleaded not guilty to charges regarding the 2012 attack on a US diplomatic facility in Benghazi in which four Americans died, Republican criticism of the



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decision to try the Libyan militia leader in civilian court mounted...”

United Passengers Describe Panic As Slide Inflated At 38,000 Feet

Author/Source: Joseph Serna and Ryan Parker, Los Angeles Times

“Passengers of a Santa Ana-bound United Airlines flight that was diverted to Kansas on Sunday after an emergency slide inflated 38,000 feet in the air described the panicked scene inside the cabin as crew members rushed to contain the problem...”

Obama to Seek \$2 Billion to Stem Surge of Central American Immigrants

Author/Source: Brian Bennett, Steve Padilla, Los Angeles Times

“President Obama will send a letter to Congress on Monday requesting more than \$2 billion to pay for tighter border enforcement and humanitarian assistance to respond to the swell of children from Central America illegally crossing the border without their parents, a White House official said Sunday...”

U.S. Marine, Long Listed As Deserter, Back In Custody

Author/Source: Peter Cooney, Reuters

“A U.S. Marine listed as a deserter for almost a decade since going missing after his return to the United States following his brief disappearance in Iraq is back in military custody, the Marine Corps said on Sunday...”