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Middle East

[Syrian presidential election on June 3 a 'sham' that won't be recognized, says U.S.](#)

Author/Source: JC Finley, UPI

“The U.S. Department of State has deemed the planned June 3 Syrian presidential election "a sham...”

[Al-Qaeda executes four people accused of aiding US drone program](#)

Author/Source: Ali Ibrahim Al-Moshki, Yemen Times

“Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) on Sunday published a video detailing the execution of four Yemenis alleged to have been involved in drone attacks against Al-Qaeda affiliates...”

[Yemeni police forces arrest 4 al-Qaida members in raid](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua News

“Four members of the Yemen-based al-Qaida offshoot were detained following a police raid against a hotel in Yemen's southeastern province of Hadramout on Sunday, a security official told Xinhua...”

[Killings in Iraq, at 799, Reach a Monthly High](#)

Author/Source: The New York Times

“Violence claimed the lives of 799 Iraqis in May, the highest monthly death toll so far this year, the United Nations said Sunday, underlining the daunting challenges the Iraqi government faces as it struggles to contain a surge in sectarian violence...”

[Palestinians swear in unity government](#)

Author/Source: Al-Jazeera

“Palestinians swore in their first national unity government in seven years on Monday, a move condemned by Israel but not other major players in the Middle East peace process, including the EU and U.S...”

[Syrian rebel rocket fire kills 50 in Aleppo: monitoring group](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Syrian rebel rocket fire on government-controlled areas of Aleppo killed 50 people over the weekend, a monitoring group said on Monday, the eve of an election in which rebels have warned they will step up attacks on state targets...”



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[U.N. nuclear chief upbeat on Iran but says bomb probe will take time](#)

Author/Source: Fredrik Dahl, Reuters

“The head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog said on Monday that Iran had begun to engage substantively with a long-thwarted probe into suspected atom bomb research, but that more was needed to clear up his concerns.”

[Russia considering building up to eight nuke reactors in Iran](#)

Author/Source: Haaretz

“Russia plans to sign a contract with Iran this year to build two more nuclear reactors at its Bushehr power plant as part of a broader deal for up to eight reactors in the Islamic state, a source close to the negotiations told Reuters on Thursday...”

Central Asia

[President of Abkhazia resigns](#)

Author/Source: Central Asia News

“The president of Abkhazia resigned on Sunday after less than a week of unrest during which demonstrators stormed the presidential administration building, according to media reports...”

South Asia

[Afghanistan bomber kills Turkish construction workers](#)

Author/Source: BBC News

“Three Turkish construction engineers have been killed by a suicide bomber in the eastern Afghan province of Nangarhar, officials say...”

[Group of suicide bombers attack government building in S. Afghanistan, 3 killed](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua News

“A group of suicide bombers attacked the district headquarters of Gereshk district in the southern Helmand province 555 km south of Kabul on Monday, killing three people while gun battle continues...”

Southeast Asia

[Thai army rulers prepare emergency economic measures](#)

Author/Source: Orathai Sriring, Reuters

“The military junta running Thailand has drawn up a list of emergency measures such as price caps on fuel and loan guarantees for small firms to kick-start an economy threatened by recession after months of political turmoil...”

[Thailand travel warning](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“A total of 62 countries have issued travel advisories for their citizens planning on visiting Thailand, according to the Foreign Affairs Ministry...”



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Large cache of grenades found in Chon Buri banana grove

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“A large quantity of M67 hand grenades and rocket-propelled grenade (RPGs) rounds was found hidden in a grove of banana trees in Muang district of Chon Buri province on Monday morning, reports said...”

Three shophouses razed in south

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“Three shophouses were destroyed in a fire yesterday which police believe was triggered by an insurgent bomb attack...”

East Asia

Provocative remarks from U.S., Japan not helpful for regional security: Chinese general

Author/Source: Xinhua News

“The provocative harsh remarks against China by United States Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at a regional security forum are not helpful for regional peace and stability, an army general heading the Chinese delegation said on Sunday...”

Africa

Heavy fighting rages in Libya’s Benghazi

Author/Source: Al-Jazeera

“Heavy fighting between the armed group Ansar al-Shariah and rogue troops loyal to Khalifa Haftar, a former Libyan army general, is raging throughout Libya’s northeastern city of Benghazi...”

At least 14 dead in Nigeria blast

Author/Source: Al-Jazeera

“At least 14 people were killed and another 14 injured in an explosion Sunday evening in northeastern Nigeria, with armed group Boko Haram believed to be behind the attack, officials said...”

Gunmen kill nine in northeast Nigeria church attack

Author/Source: Lanre Ola and Camillus Eboh, Reuters

“Gunmen opened fire on a church service in a remote village in northeastern Nigeria, killing nine people as worshippers fled into the bush, police and a witness said on Monday...”

Boko Haram Kills 85, Burns Three Villages in Borno, Adamawa

Author/Source: Abdullahi Umar and Kareem Haruna, AllAfrica

“Gunmen believed to be Boko Haram members yesterday killed 85 innocent Nigerians in the Borno and Adamawa, two states under emergency rule...”



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[Emir's Killing - Boko Haram At War With Nigerians, Says APC](#)

Author/Source: Onyebuchi Ezigbo, AllAfrica

“The All Progressives Congress (APC) has condemned the killing of the Emir of Gwoza, Alhaji Idrissa Timta, by suspected Boko Haram gunmen, saying it confirms the terror group as the enemy of the whole of Nigeria...”

Europe

[Pro-Russian rebels clash with government forces across eastern Ukraine](#)

Author/Source: Al-Jazeera

“Pro-Russian rebels said an airstrike on a government building in the eastern Ukrainian city of Luhansk on Monday left at least five people dead, as they continued to clash with the government in Kiev...”

[France arrests Syria jihad suspects as Nemmouche held](#)

Author/Source: BBC News

“Four people have been arrested in the Paris region and southern France, officials say, on suspicion of recruiting militants to fight in Syria...”

[Russia and Ukraine to mull gas dispute plan](#)

Author/Source: Thomas Grove and Mark Trevelyan, Reuters

“Russia and Ukraine agreed on Monday to consider a proposal for Kiev to pay off a multi-billion-dollar gas bill that has soured relations between Moscow and Kiev, while fighting raged all day in eastern Ukraine...”

[Greek finance minister's job discussed under pending reshuffle: sources](#)

Author/Source: Renee Maltezou and Lefteris Papadimas, Reuters

“Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras will reshuffle his cabinet as early as this week in a bid to wrest back political momentum, and his widely respected finance minister could be among those set to depart, government officials told Reuters on Monday...”

[Pirate Bay co-founder arrested in Sweden to serve copyright violation sentence](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“One of the founders of file-sharing website Pirate Bay has been arrested in southern Sweden to serve an outstanding sentence for copyright violations after being on the run for nearly two years, Swedish police said on Saturday...”

[Turkish court reverses YouTube ban](#)

Author/Source: Ed Adamczyk, UPI

“Turkey's highest court ruled a government blockage of the internet website YouTube is a violation of users' rights and freedom of speech...”

[Smugglers of migrants arrested in Italy](#)

Author/Source: Ed Adamczyk, UPI

“After over 3,500 undocumented migrants arrived on Italian shores over the weekend, police said Monday it arrested five alleged smugglers of migrants...”



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FBI Issues Nationwide Alert For San Francisco Man

Author/Source: Garance Burke, Associated Press

“The FBI has issued a nationwide alert to law enforcement agencies about a San Francisco social media consultant they consider armed and dangerous who is wanted on suspicion of possessing explosives...”

US & Canada

Bowe Bergdahl release: US parties clash on Afghan deal

Author/Source: Bilal Sarwary, BBC News

“The main US political parties have clashed over the deal to swap five Guantanamo Bay detainees for a Taliban-held soldier, with Republicans warning it could put American lives at risk...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

46 Members of Los Rastrojos Crime Gang Arrested in Colombia

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Colombian police arrested 46 suspected members of Los Rastrojos gang accused of extortion and drug dealing in the northern province of Atlantico, President Juan Manuel Santos said...”

Aviation

Airlines look for ways to swiftly adopt aircraft tracking system

Author/Source: Victoria Bryan and Siva Govindasamy

“Mystified by the loss of Malaysian jetliner MH370, some airlines will not wait for an industrywide solution to keeping track of their aircraft flights in real time, provided products are offered at the right price, industry executives said on Monday...”