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Middle East

[Yemeni security forces kill 2 al-Qaida militants in firefight](#)

Author/Source: Xiang Bo, Xinhua News

“The Yemeni security forces clashed with suspected al-Qaida gunmen at a military checkpoint in the southeastern province of Hadramout on Wednesday, killing two terrorists and detaining four others, a government official told Xinhua...”

[17 killed, 53 wounded in bomb attacks across Iraq](#)

Author/Source: Mu Xuequan, Xinhua News

“A total of 17 people were killed and some 53 others wounded in separate bomb attacks across Iraq, including an overnight suicide bombing, police said on Wednesday...”

[Abbas: Palestinians not seeking to join more UN agencies for now](#)

Author/Source: Haaretz

“The Palestine Liberation Organization has no plans to request membership from any additional international organizations in the near future, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas said in an interview with Walla news site on Wednesday...”

[Iran's 'unrealistic' reactor fuel demand endangers nuke talks](#)

Author/Source: Haaretz

“Iran has said it should be able to produce fuel for its Bushehr nuclear power plant, a demand that world powers are unlikely to agree to and which may put a July deadline for a deal to end its nuclear standoff with the West in jeopardy...”

[West prods Iran to speed up cooperation with IAEA inquiry](#)

Author/Source: Fredrik Dahl, Reuters

“Iran faced Western pressure on Wednesday to speed up its promised cooperation with a long-stalled U.N. nuclear watchdog investigation into suspected atomic bomb research by Tehran, something the Islamic state denies...”

South Asia

[Bowe Bergdahl: Video shows US soldier handover](#)

Author/Source: BBC News

“The Taliban have released a video showing the moment Sgt Bowe Bergdahl was handed over to US forces after five years in captivity in Afghanistan...”

[Bomb kills 3 civilians in northern Afghanistan](#)

Author/Source: Washington Post

“A bomb placed in a thermos bottle detonated remotely at a market in northern Afghanistan killed three civilians on Wednesday, an Afghan official said...”



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[Afghan conflicts leave 2 dozen people dead in 2 days as security forces mount pressure on Taliban](#)

Author/Source: Xiang Bo, Xinhua News

“The government of Afghanistan have stepped up pressure on Taliban militants ahead of the June 14 presidential runoff as two dozen people, mostly militants have been killed since Tuesday...”

[Pakistani soldiers killed in bomb and gun attacks](#)

Author/Source: BBC News

“A suicide bomber has killed two Pakistani soldiers and three civilians near Islamabad, the army says...”

[Pakistan Shaken by Faraway Arrest of Political Boss](#)

Author/Source: Declan Walsh, New York Times

“When British police officers mounted a dawn raid on a calm London suburb on Tuesday, with orders to arrest the powerful Pakistani political boss Altaf Hussain, the reverberations were felt most intensely 4,000 miles away in the port city of Karachi...”

[Maldives to join U.N. peacekeeping efforts](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua News

“The Maldives has signed an MoU with the United Nations (U.N.), agreeing to join peacekeeping operations as observers and infantry, the Foreign Ministry said in a statement on Wednesday...”

Southeast Asia

[Thai curfew lifted in tourist resorts of Pattaya, Phuket and Koh Samui](#)

Author/Source: BBC News

“Thailand's ruling military council has announced it is lifting a night-time curfew in three popular tourist areas...”

[Sri Lanka again rejects devolving police powers to ease tension with Tamils](#)

Author/Source: Ranga Sirilal and Shihar Aneez, Reuters

“Sri Lanka on Wednesday again rejected devolving police powers to the provinces as requested by new Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and required by the constitution as a means to ease tension with minority Tamils...”

[China again dismisses Philippine court case in sea dispute](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“China on Wednesday rejected an arbitration tribunal's ruling giving it six months to respond to a case filed by the Philippines over disputed waters, saying it has no plans to take part...”



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East Asia

[China tightens security in Beijing on Tiananmen 25th anniversary](#)

Author/Source: Al-Jazeera

“Human-rights advocates reported unprecedented security measures at China’s Tiananmen Square on Wednesday that barred Chinese from marking the 25th anniversary of pro-democracy protests there that ended with a government crackdown killing hundreds, if not thousands, of civilians...”

[Hong Kong recalls Tiananmen killings, China muffles dissent](#)

Author/Source: Adam Rose and Ben Blanchard, Reuters

“Tens of thousands of people held a candlelight vigil in Hong Kong on Wednesday to mark the bloody crackdown on pro-democracy protesters 25 years ago in Beijing's Tiananmen Square, while mainland China authorities sought to whitewash the 1989 event...”

[Kerry recognizes 'courage and commitment' of protesters on 25th anniversary of Tiananmen Square](#)

Author/Source: JC Finley, UPI

“U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry recognized "the courage and commitment" of the protesters who took part in Tiananmen Square 25 years ago...”

[EU says concerned North Korea increasing nuclear warhead ability](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“The European Union said on Wednesday it was concerned that North Korea - which has threatened to carry out a new nuclear test - was enhancing its ability to miniaturize nuclear warheads for the country's missiles...”

Africa

[Somalia: Somali Forces Kill Six Al-Shabaab Militants in Galgadud, Arrest One in Mahas](#)

Author/Source: AllAfrica

“Somali government forces backed by the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) killed six al-Shabaab militants and captured three others in an offensive in Balli-tur, 20 kilometres north of El Bur, Radio Bar-Kulan reported Monday (June 2nd)...”

[Libyan renegade general survives assassination attempt: sources](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“A Libyan renegade general survived an attempt to kill him outside Benghazi on Wednesday, army sources said...”

[10 Nigerian generals arrested for supplying information, ammunition to Boko Haram](#)

Author/Source: JC Finley, UPI

“A Nigerian military court has levied a guilty verdict against 15 senior military officers, including 10 generals, for passing information and ammunition to the Islamist militant group, Boko Haram...”



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Kenya: Jubilee Govt to Invest Heavily in Technology to Curb Terror Attacks

Author/Source: Lilian Mutegi, AllAfrica

“The Jubilee government through President Uhuru Kenyatta promised Kenyans that it will improve security in major cities and towns as well as all entry points to stabilise the country...”

Suspected Islamists kill dozens in northeast Nigeria

Author/Source: Lanre Ola, Reuters

“Suspected Islamist militants have killed dozens of civilians in three villages in northeastern Nigeria, a region now hit by almost daily attacks, a security source and a victim's relative said on Wednesday...”

Europe

Ukraine crisis: Rebels take bases in Luhansk region

Author/Source: BBC News

“Separatist rebels have taken two Ukrainian military bases in the eastern region of Luhansk as fighting continues near the rebel-held town of Sloviansk...”

Putin Looks East to Bolster Ties With North Korea

Author/Source: New York Times

“Angry with the West's response over Ukraine and eager to diversify its options, Russia is moving rapidly to bolster ties with North Korea in a diplomatic nose-thumbing that could complicate the U.S.-led effort to squeeze Pyongyang into giving up its nuclear weapons program...”

Germany Charges 3 With Terrorism

Author/Source: Melissa Eddy, New York Times

“Federal prosecutors in Germany said Wednesday that they have brought terrorism charges against two Lebanese brothers and a German man accused of being involved in a radical Islamic group fighting in Syria...”

Turkish security forces, Kurds clash in southeast as protests widen

Author/Source: Seyhmus Cakan

“Turkish security forces fired tear gas and water cannon in dawn operations on Wednesday against Kurdish demonstrators blocking highways in southeast Turkey, in an effort to end protests which have spread across the region over the last 12 days...”

Ukrainian troops retreat from two outposts after battles with separatists

Author/Source: Carol Morello and Daniela Deane, Washington Post

“Ukrainian troops besieged by pro-Russian separatists abandoned two military bases in the embattled east on Wednesday, as the incoming president promised to unveil a peace plan soon after his inauguration this weekend...”

Suspect in Jewish museum shooting refuses extradition to Belgium

Author/Source: Jerusalem Post

“The French national suspected of having shot three people dead, including two Israelis, in



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Brussels' Jewish Museum last month has refused extradition from France to Belgium, prosecutors and his lawyer said on Wednesday..."

Merkel says won't hesitate to toughen Russia sanctions if needed

Author/Source: Reuters

"German Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Wednesday she would not hesitate to impose economic sanctions on Russia if the situation in Ukraine were further destabilized, urging President Vladimir Putin to help by using his influence on pro-Russian separatists..."

NATO members commit resources to collective defense initiative

Author/Source: JC Finley, UPI

"NATO defense ministers recommitted to strengthening their collective defense at a gathering in Brussels on Tuesday in response to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine crisis."

US & Canada

Obama endorses Ukraine's Poroshenko, warns of Russia's 'dark tactics'

Author/Source: Al-Jazeera

"U.S. President Barack Obama endorsed Ukraine's President-elect Petro Poroshenko on Wednesday, offering Kiev financial and security help and saying Poroshenko was the right choice to lead the country locked in a standoff with Moscow..."

Kerry Makes Unannounced Trip to Lebanon

Author/Source: New York Times

"The political stalemate that has left Lebanon without a president at a turbulent time in the region is "deeply troubling," U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said Wednesday..."

White House welcomes Sisi election, presses Egypt over rights

Author/Source: Jeff Mason, Reuters

"The United States said on Wednesday it looked forward to working with former army chief Abdel Fattah al-Sisi as Egypt's president but expressed concerns about the "restrictive political environment" in which he was elected..."

Official: 1,800 US troops for Afghan counterterror

Author/Source: Washington Post

"The U.S. military said Wednesday that about 1,800 of the nearly 10,000 U.S. troops the U.S. plans to leave in Afghanistan at the end of the year would be conducting counterterror operations, providing that specific breakout for the first time..."

South and Central America and the Caribbean

Colombia, FARC resume peace talks in Cuba

Author/Source: Xinhua News

"The Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) insurgent group resumed peace talks Tuesday in Havana, capital of Cuba, to find a negotiated settlement to five decades of fighting in the South American country..."



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Finance

[BRICS nations hope to bankroll a changing world order](#)

Author/Source: Michael Pizzi, Al-Jazeera

“After more than six decades of dictating development policy in much of the emerging world, the Western-led International Monetary Fund and World Bank may soon have some competition...”