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Middle East

[Al Qaeda denies majority of its fighters in Yemen are foreigners](#)

Source: Reuters

“Islamist websites published an al Qaeda statement on Saturday denying claims by Yemeni President Abd Rabbu Mansour Hadi about the vast majority of its members in the troubled country being foreigners...”

[Afghan suicide attack targets top adviser](#)

Source: BBC News

“A suicide attack in Afghanistan targeting a senior government official has killed one civilian and injured several others in Kabul, police say...”

[Tension mounts in Afghanistan as U.N. urges Abdullah to return to electoral process](#)

Author/Source: Jessica Donati and Mirwais Harooni, Reuters

“The United Nations on Saturday urged Afghan presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah to return to the electoral process after he dropped out earlier this week, accusing the organizers and the president of fraud...”

[Afghans march through Kabul protesting against 'election fraud'](#)

Source: The Guardian

“Protesters in the Afghan capital Kabul gather on Saturday to support presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah's decision to drop out of the race...”

[Three US troops killed in Afghanistan bomb blast](#)

Source: The Guardian

“Three US troops and a working dog were killed by a bomb blast on Friday in southern Afghanistan, a US official said, speaking on condition of anonymity...”

[Iraq conflict: Shia militia show of force raises tension](#)

Source: BBC News

“Thousands of Shia militia loyal to the powerful cleric Moqtada al-Sadr have paraded through Iraq, raising sectarian tensions amid continued fighting in areas of Iraq...”

[Iraqi militants take border post with Syria](#)

Source: Reuters

“Sunni fighters seized a border post on the Iraq-Syria frontier overnight, security sources at the border said on Saturday, a strategic gain which will allow them to move heavy weapons between territory they control in both countries...”



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Israel steps up West Bank search for missing teens

Author/Source: Ali Sawafta, Reuters

“Israel sent more troops to the occupied West Bank on Saturday to search for three missing teenagers it says were abducted by Palestinian Islamist group Hamas...”

Syrian jets bomb eastern rebel towns near Iraq, at least 16 dead

Author/Source: Suleiman al-Khalidi

“Syrian jets bombed on Saturday rebel-held eastern areas close to the border with Iraq under the control of the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, killing and injuring dozens in stepped up raids against the militant group since its Iraqi offshoot made stunning gains in northern Iraq...”

South Asia

30 more terrorists killed in North Waziristan: Pakistan army

Source: National Turk News

“Pakistan army on Saturday claimed that 30 more terrorists including some foreigners were killed in fresh aerial bombing in country’s North Waziristan tribal agency, where the army has launched ground operations...”

Bomb blast injures 41 in Islamabad

Author/Source: Mue Xuequan, Xinhua News

“At least 41 people were injured on Friday evening in a bomb blast that hit a shrine in Pakistan's capital of Islamabad, officials said...”

Pakistan orders blocking of Afghan cellphone roaming amid terror fear

Author/Source: Xiang Bo, Xinhua News

“Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Saturday ordered blocking of roaming facility of Afghan Subscriber Identity Modules (SIMs) to curb anti-state and criminal activities of terrorists in the country, officials said...”

Another Tamil asylum-seeker attempts self-immolation in Melbourne

Source: The Guardian

“Another Tamil asylum-seeker has attempted self-immolation in Melbourne as fear of being returned to torture in Sri Lanka grips the Tamil refugee community in Australia...”

Indian troops kill 3 militants in Indian-controlled Kashmir

Source: Xinhua News

“Three militants were killed and two Indian army troopers wounded Thursday in a fierce gunfight in Indian-controlled Kashmir, officials said...”



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East Asia

[Chinese police shoot dead 13 attackers in restive Xinjiang](#)

Author/Source: Adam Jourdan, Reuters

Chinese police shot dead 13 attackers in the restive far-western region of Xinjiang on Saturday after they rammed a car into a police station and detonated explosives, Xinhua news agency said, in the latest of a series of attacks to worry Beijing...”

[South Korea soldier shoots dead five comrades near border with North](#)

Source: Reuters

“A South Korean conscript soldier shot and killed five of his fellow unit members and injured five others late on Saturday at a guard post near the heavily armed border with North Korea, a South Korean official said...”

[Cuffed knifeman 'apologizes' for holy war assault in China's Xinjiang](#)

Source: Reuters

“One of the assailants who carried out an attack in western China that injured four people has apologized and said other members of his group had convinced him to participate in a "holy war", state media said late on Saturday...”

Africa

[Gunmen kill 'many' in attack on Nigerian village: witness](#)

Author/Source: Lanre Ola, Reuters

“Suspected Islamist militants stormed a village in northeast Nigeria on Saturday, killing several people and torching houses near where more than 200 schoolgirls were kidnapped two months ago, a witness said...”

[Egypt upholds death sentence on Brotherhood leader, nearly 200 supporters](#)

Author/Source: Yasmine Saleh and Dominic Evans, Reuters

“An Egyptian court confirmed death sentences on Saturday against the leader of the Muslim Brotherhood and 182 supporters, in a mass trial of Islamists who ruled Egypt for a year but face a fierce crackdown under the new president, Abdel Fattah al-Sisi...”

Europe

[Ukraine crisis: Putin gives ceasefire qualified backing](#)

Source: BBC News

“Russian President Vladimir Putin has said he supports a peace plan tabled by Ukraine - as long as it includes "practical action" to start talks...”

[Ukraine crisis: Fighting rages on despite declared truce](#)

Source: BBC News

“Pro-Russian separatists have carried out several attacks on Ukrainian troops despite a unilateral ceasefire declared by Kiev, Ukrainian officials say...”



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[Putin puts troops on combat alert, despite Ukraine cease-fire](#)

Source: Haaretz

“Russian President Vladimir Putin on Saturday ordered military forces in central Russia on combat alert as well as a drill of airborne troops, a day after Ukraine ordered a cease-fire with pro-Russian rebels...”

[More Dutch jihadists traveling to Iraq: minister](#)

Author/Source: Mu Xuequan, Xinhua News

“The number of Dutch jihadists traveling to Iraq is rising, the Dutch Minister of Interior Ronald Plasterk said on Friday after a cabinet meeting...”

[Baltic states to back further Russia sanctions if Ukraine crisis does not ease](#)

Source: Reuters

“Baltic leaders said on Saturday they would back further sanctions against Russia at a European Union summit next week unless there was a de-escalation in eastern Ukraine where Kiev is trying to quell a pro-Russian insurgency...”

[U.S., EU threaten Russia with more sanctions over Ukraine](#)

Author/Source: Arshad Mohammed, Haaretz

“The United States blacklisted seven separatists in Ukraine on Friday and threatened "scalpel" sanctions on Russia's financial, defense and high-tech industries as more Russian military material has flowed into Ukraine...”

US & Canada

[Obama: US arms could help defeat Assad is 'fantasy'](#)

Author/Source: BBC News

“President Obama has dismissed the idea that supplying US arms to Syrian rebels would have toppled President Assad, calling it a "fantasy"...”

[U.S. says Thailand, Malaysia, Venezuela among worst human trafficking centers](#)

Author/Source: David Brunnstrom, Reuters

“The United States downgraded Thailand, Malaysia and Venezuela to its list of the world's worst centers of human trafficking on Friday, opening up the countries to possible sanctions and dumping them in the same category as North Korea and Syria...”

[US imposes sanctions against leaders of self-proclaimed Republics of Luhansk, Donetsk](#)

Source: Central Asia News

“Washington has added seven high-ranking officials from the self-proclaimed Republics of Donetsk and Luhansk to its list of individuals subjected to asset freezes and travel bans, the US Treasury Department said on its website Friday...”

[Obama: 'Won't be a military solution' if Iraqi political structure not fixed](#)

Source: CNN

“President Barack Obama exhorted Iraqi leaders to come up with a political solution to governing their nation because "if they don't, there won't be a military solution to the



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problem," he told CNN in an interview Friday..."

When drones fall from the sky

Author/Source: Craig Whitlock, Washington Post

"More than 400 large U.S. military drones have crashed in major accidents around the world since 2001, a record of calamity that exposes the potential dangers of throwing open American skies to drone traffic, according to a year-long Washington Post investigation..."

Mass graves with remains of migrants uncovered in Texas

Author/Source: Tom Dart, The Guardian

"The most perilous part of the journey for many migrants seeking to enter the United States from central America comes not when they are on their way to the Texas border, but once they have passed it..."

The UN

UN chief opposes military strikes on extremists in Iraq

Author/Source: Mu Xuequan, Xinhua News

"UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon warned Friday military strikes against Sunni militants in Iraq could be ineffective and backfire, urging feuding communities of the country to get united to fight against terrorists who have captured a vast area of the country's territory..."

UN report says 50 million people displaced worldwide

Author/Source: Mu Xuequan, Xinhua News

"The number of refugees, asylum-seekers and internally displaced people has, for the first time in the post-World War II era, exceeded 50 million, a UN report said Friday while observing the World Refugee Day..."