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Middle East

Iran, U.S. Hold Direct Nuclear Talks in Geneva

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe

“Senior U.S. and Iranian officials have begun rare high-level direct talks in Geneva over Tehran's disputed nuclear program...”

Al-Qaeda in Iraq Seizes Provincial Government Headquarters in Mosul

Author/Source: Jason Ditz, Antiwar

“A weekend of bloody fighting in Mosul is going worse than anyone thought for government forces, and the district that is the provincial capital of the Nineveh Province has now fallen to al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI)...”

Al-Qaeda Linked Militants Hold 15 People Hostage at Anbar University

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe

“Sporadic clashes are reportedly continuing at a university campus in the Iraqi city of Ramadi stormed by Al-Qaeda-linked militants two days ago...”

45 dead in clashes between Syria Jihadists: activists

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“Fresh fighting between the jihadist Islamic State of Iraq and a coalition of rebels and an Al-Qaeda affiliate in eastern Syria has left at least 45 fighters dead, a monitoring group said Monday...”

Twin bombing near Kurdish party office in north Iraq kills 30

Author/Source: Mustafa Mahmoud and Ghazwan Hassan, Reuters

“At least 30 people were killed in a double bombing targeting the offices of a Kurdish political party in the northern Iraqi town of Tuz Khurmato on Monday, local officials and medical workers said...”

Pope Francis unites Israeli and Palestinian presidents in prayer as they plant an olive tree together in the Vatican gardens

Author/Source: Matthew Blake, The Daily Mail

“The Pope waded into the Middle East peace process last night, uniting the leaders of Israel and Palestine through the power of prayer during a tranquil sunset summit in the gardens of the Vatican...”

Shin Bet behind refusal to negotiate with Palestinian hunger strikes

Author/Source: Chaim Levinson, Amos Harel and Jack Khoury, Haaretz

“Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's refusal to negotiate with hunger-striking Palestinian detainees is based on the Shin Bet security service's recommendation, Haaretz has learned...”



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Sisi keeps Egyptian premier to fix economy after turmoil

Author/Source: Stephen Kalin, Reuters

“Newly inaugurated President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi reappointed Egypt's prime minister on Monday, signaling continuity as he sets out to fix the economy and overcome political divisions after a long period of turmoil and bloodshed...”

Lebanon's deadlocked politicians fail again to choose president

Author/Source: Tara Carmichael, Reuters

“Lebanese parliamentarians failed on Monday in their sixth attempt to elect a new president, extending the political vacuum that emerged when former President Michel Suleiman's term ended two weeks ago...”

Israeli spy general says Iran serious in negotiations on nuclear deal

Author/Source: Dan Williams, Reuters

“Iran is negotiating seriously on a deal to curb its disputed nuclear program, a senior Israeli intelligence officer said on Monday in a shift of tone from Prime Minister Benjamin...”

Iran's Rouhani in Turkey says tackling 'terrorism' a priority

Author/Source: Parisa Hafezi and Tulay Karadeniz, Reuters

“President Hassan Rouhani, whose country's relations with Turkey have been strained by the Syrian civil war, said in Ankara on Monday Iran would make tackling extremism, a priority...”

Syria's Assad grants amnesty after re-election

Author/Source: Dominic Evans, Reuters

“Syrian President Bashar al-Assad announced a wide-ranging amnesty on Monday, less than a week after he was re-elected to another seven-year term in the midst of civil war...”

Former UN envoy Brahimi: Mideast could 'blow up' if Syria not checked

Author/Source: Nabih Bulos, Los Angeles Times

“Lakhdar Brahimi, who resigned last month, spoke in a no-holds-barred interview with the German magazine Der Spiegel, saying that "unless there is a real, sustained effort to work out a political solution, there is a serious risk that the region will blow up...”

South Asia

Bombers Attack Police Compound In Eastern Afghanistan

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe

“Suicide bombers attacked a police compound in eastern Afghanistan, killing a guard and setting 25 vehicles ablaze...”

Afghan Police Detain Two Ethnic Uzbek Fighters From Tajikistan

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe

“Afghan media reports say that police in the northern province of Kunduz have detained two Taliban fighters from neighboring Tajikistan...”



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[Gunmen attack Karachi airport; Pakistani Taliban claims responsibility](#)

Author/Source: Tim Craig, Washington Post

“Heavily armed gunmen who attacked Karachi’s international airport planned to destroy airplanes and possibly take hostages, Pakistani government and security officials said Monday...”

[Suicide bomber kills four soldiers in Pakistan’s tribal northwest](#)

Author/Source: Haji Mujtaba, Reuters

“A suspected Taliban suicide bomber rammed a truck into a Pakistan military checkpoint on the border with Afghanistan on Monday, killing four soldiers, military officials said...”

[Pakistan Denies Involvement In Attack On Abdullah](#)

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe

“Pakistan has rejected Afghan claims it is linked to the assassination attempt on presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah last week...”

[Gun and suicide attack kills 23 near Pakistan-Iran border](#)

Author/Source: The Express Tribune

“At least 23 people including several pilgrims were killed in a gun and suicide attack on the restive Pakistan-Iran border late Sunday night, Pakistani officials said...”

Southeast Asia

[Thai junta to explain itself to international rights groups](#)

Author/Source: Amy Sawitta Lefebvre and Pracha Hariraksapitak, Reuters

“Thailand’s junta said on Monday it had ordered the Thai ambassadors to the United States and Britain to meet human rights groups in an effort to "create understanding" about last month’s seizure of power...”

[Amnesty calls for end to rights violations in Kachin State](#)

Author/Source: May Wong, Channel News Asia

“Amnesty International has called for an immediate end to the violations of international humanitarian and human rights laws with regards to the ongoing fighting in Kachin State...”

[Myanmar military ‘tortures civilians’: human rights group](#)

Author/Source: Jared Ferrie, Reuters

“Myanmar security forces "systematically" torture civilians in conflict-racked Kachin state, a rights group said on Monday, the third anniversary of renewed fighting between government forces ethnic minority insurgents in the northern state...”

[Another Philippine journalist murdered](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“A radio broadcaster was shot dead in the Philippines Monday, police said, the third journalist in just over a month to be murdered in one of the most dangerous countries for media workers...”



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[Bali Prosecutor Seeks 17 Years in Jail for Frenchman Trying to Smuggle Crystal Meth](#)

Author/Source: Made Arya Kencana, The Jakarta Globe

“A prosecutor in Bali is seeking 17 years in prison for a French national who allegedly tried to smuggle three kilograms of methamphetamine to the Indonesian tourism island earlier this year...”

East Asia

[China says Vietnam, Philippines mingling on disputed isle a ‘farce’](#)

Author/Source: Ben Blanchard, Reuters

“China denounced Vietnam and the Philippines on Monday for getting together on a disputed island in the South China Sea to play soccer and volleyball, calling it "a clumsy farce" and demanded both countries stop causing trouble...”

[Japan to press for resumption of annual whale hunt](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“I want to aim for the resumption of commercial whaling by conducting whaling research," Mr Abe said...”

[North Korea threatens ‘plot breeding’ U.N. rights office with ‘punishment’](#)

Author/Source: James Pearson, Reuters

“North Korea on Monday threatened a planned U.N. field office in South Korea set up to investigate human rights abuses in the isolated country, saying anyone involved would be "ruthlessly punished"...”

Europe

[Kosovo’s Thaci has tough job to form new cabinet, keep promises](#)

Author/Source: Matt Robinson, Reuters

“The ruling party of ex-guerrilla leader Hashim Thaci has won most votes in Kosovo's parliamentary election but is left seeking partners to help fulfill buoyant promises it made to a frustrated electorate...”

[Life Sentences for Politkovskaya’s Convicted Killers](#)

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe

“A court in Moscow has sentenced to life in prison two of the five men convicted in the 2006 murder of crusading journalist Anna Politkovskaya...”

[Libyan troops flying to UK for training amid asylum fears](#)

Author/Source: Hassan Morajea and Deborah Haynes, The Times

“Two plane-loads of Libyan soldiers that the British Army has promised to train will fly to Britain tomorrow, despite concerns that some may try to claim asylum...”

Central Asia

[Two Killed in Explosion in Daghestan](#)

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe

“A bomb exploded in a car in Russia's volatile North Caucasus Republic of Daghestan, killing two people...”



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US-Georgian Military Drills Kick Off Near Tbilisi

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe

“Annual U.S.-Georgian military drills have started near Georgia's capital, Tbilisi...”

Africa

Niger says will repatriate its illegal migrants from Algeria

Author/Source: Abdoulaye Massalaki and Lamine Chikhi, Reuters

“Niger will repatriate its citizens living as illegal migrants in neighboring Algeria, the justice minister announced on Sunday, as the government steps up efforts to combat trafficking networks...”

Nigeria: Protests Erupt As Sanusi Emerges Emir of Kano

Author/Source: All Africa

“Hundreds of aggrieved youths Sunday spilled into the streets of Kano in protest over the emergence of the former Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Governor, Alhaji Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, as the new Emir of Kano...”

Libyan Court rules PM's appointment illegal

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“Libya's Supreme Constitutional Court ruled on Monday that the controversial appointment of the Muslim Brotherhood backed Prime Minister Ahmed Maiteeq was illegal...”

US/Canada

Bergdahl case: Kerry says U.S. may kill Taliban 5 if they fight again

Author/Source: Katherine Skiba, Los Angeles Times

“Secretary of State John F. Kerry, in his first remarks on the controversial prisoner swap involving American soldier Bowe Bergdahl, said if the five released Taliban leaders reenter the fight, they would risk being killed by the U.S...”

Cybersecurity a top priority in Senate appropriations bill

Author/Source: Adam Mazmanian, The Business of Federal Technology

“Cybersecurity provisions emerged as a leading theme in the fiscal 2015 appropriations bill for the Commerce Department, Justice Department and science agencies...”

Las Vegas killers 'held extremist views'

Author/Source: BBC

“Two people who shot and killed two police officers and a bystander in the US city of Las Vegas held "extremist views", police have told US media...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

Sao Paulo police tear gas protestors

Author/Source: BBC

“Brazilian riot police have used tear gas against protestors in Sao Paulo, three days before the World Cup opening game in the city's main stadium...”



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Argentine Vice-President Boudou questioned by judge

Author/Source: BBC

“Argentine Vice-President Amado Boudou is appearing in court to defend himself in a corruption case...”

Maritime

Ghana Hijacking Means No Safe Anchorages

Author/Source: Maritime Executive

“A Greek-owned oil tanker that lost contact with its owner after the evening of June 4 is still missing and presumed hijacked in the pirate-prone Gulf of Guinea...”

Eurofighter Studying Missiles To Give Typhoon Maritime Attack Capability

Author/Source: Andrew Chuter, Defense News

“Eurofighter is looking at giving the Typhoon a maritime attack capability and is investigating at least three missiles to meet potential requirements for export, according to the executive leading Airbus Defence and Space combat aircraft sales effort...”

SPAWAR Seeks Info On Potential Of Undersea Cables As Maritime Surveillance Tools

Author/Source: Anna Forrester, Executive Gov

“The Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command is seeking sources on telecommunications and oil and gas technology advances that could lead to using commercial undersea cable systems for maritime surveillance, Military & Aerospace Electronics reported Monday...”