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Middle East

[U.S. Lawmakers Criticize Human Rights Abuses In Iran](#)

Author/Source: Golnaz Esfandiari, Radio Free Europe

“Several U.S. lawmakers criticized "major" human rights abuses in Iran including executions and state persecution of religious minorities and homosexuals...”

[Abducted Indian workers in Iraq ‘promised freedom’](#)

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“Several families of 40 Indian construction workers abducted in strife-torn northern Iraq say they have spoken with the men, whose captors claim they will be freed unharmed, reports said...”

[U.S. Signals Iraq’s Maliki Should Go](#)

Author/Source: Jay Solomon and Carol E. Lee, Wall Street Journal

“The Obama administration is signaling that it wants a new government in Iraq without Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, convinced the Shiite leader is unable to reconcile with the nation's Sunni minority and stabilize a volatile political landscape...”

[Obama Sends Military Advisers to Iraq](#)

Author/Source: Carol E. Lee, Jay Solomon and Julian E Barnes, Wall Street Journal

“President Barack Obama on Thursday ordered up to 300 members of U.S. special-operations forces to Iraq, while ruling out immediate airstrikes against Sunni extremists and stepping up the pressure on Baghdad to form a government that bridges the country's ethnic and religious divisions...”

[With eye on Iran, Saudi insists Iraq solution is internal](#)

Author/Source: Amena Bakr and Noah Browning, Reuters

“Saudi Arabia kept up a drumbeat of opposition to any foreign intervention in Iraq on Thursday in an apparent message to regional rival Iran, which has hinted at possible cooperation with the United States in quelling insurgents menacing Baghdad...”

[Gun battle flares as Israeli soldiers seek missing teens](#)

Author/Source: Maayan Lubell, Reuters

“Israeli forces traded gunfire with Palestinians on Thursday, the military said, in the fiercest street battles in the occupied West Bank since a search began for three Israeli teenagers missing for a week...”

[UAE recalls its ambassador to Iraq](#)

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“The United Arab Emirates recalled its ambassador to Iraq “for consultation,” the state news agency WAM reported on Wednesday, citing the “the dangerous developments” there...”



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Syria conflict: Toxic chemicals ‘used systemically’ in attacks

Author/Source: BBC

“A team from the world's chemical weapons watchdog believes toxic chemicals such as chlorine are being used in a "systematic manner" in Syria...”

Sunni Extremists in Iraq Occupy Hussein’s Chemical Weapons Facility

Author/Source: Julian E. Barnes, Wall Street Journal

“Sunni extremists in Iraq have occupied what was once Saddam Hussein's premier chemical-weapons production facility, a complex that still contains a stockpile of old weapons, State Department and other U.S. government officials said...”

Sunni Rebels Take Over Iraq’s Largest Oil Refinery, Workers Say

Author/Source: Ali A. Nabhan, Wall Street Journal

“Workers at Iraq's largest oil refinery said Thursday that Islamist rebels were in control of the facility, dealing a major setback to the government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and its stumbling efforts to stem a Sunni Muslim insurgency...”

Number of Syrian refugees in Turkey exceeds 1 million: minister

Author/Source: Tulay Karadeniz and Daren Butler, Reuters

“The number of Syrians who are housed in refugee camps and cities in neighboring Turkey has reached 1.05 million, Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Besir Atalay told a news conference on Thursday...”

Enigmatic Iranian military man at center of U.N. nuclear investigation

Author/Source: Fredrik Dahl, Reuters

“He is believed to top the list of elusive Iranian officials the U.N. nuclear watchdog wants to query...”

South Asia

Taliban attack leaves 37 burned out NATO fuel trucks in Afghanistan

Author/Source: RT

“Afghan Taliban fighters attacked a convoy of fuel trucks at the Pakistan border, triggering a firefight between police guards and Islamist insurgents...”

Karzai’s Security Advisor Says U.S. Troop Numbers Not Final

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe

“Afghan President Hamid Karzai's national security adviser says the number of U.S. troops that will remain in Afghanistan after 2016 has not yet been decided...”

Army takes control of Mamoond border areas, hoists Pak flag

Author/Source: Pakistan Today

“The Pakistani flag was hoisted in the Mamoond Tehsil of Bajaur Agency after nearly a decade when the security forces took control of the Tehsil’s border areas on Thursday...”



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Targeted operation to be carried out in Islamabad

Author/Source: The Express Tribune

“Police have decided to conduct a targeted operation in Islamabad owing to security concerns, Express News reported on Thursday...”

Pakistan court lifts ban on TV anchor

Author/Source: Mohsin Ali, Gulf News

“Pakistan’s top court on Thursday suspended an Islamabad High Court (IHC) order barring Mubashir Lucman, an anchor with the private ARY television channel, from conducting any shows...”

Joint operation TTP commander killed in Karachi

Author/Source: The Express Tribune

“The TTP’s local commander – identified as Zohair aka Salman – was killed in an encounter with police and Rangers during a joint operation, carried out in the Mauripur area of the city...”

Sri Lanka army ‘blocks’ return of Tamils

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“The Sri Lankan army’s control of property left vacant by fleeing civil war refugees has stopped thousands of Tamils returning home, according to activists...”

Australia concerns with radical nationals fighting with Iraqi extremists

Author/Source: Xinhua

“Australia announced Thursday it would provide 5 million Australian dollars (4.7 million U.S. concern over the number of Australians who had joined the extremist cause...”

Pakistani forces kill 23 local, Uzbek militants

Author/Source: Xinhua

“Pakistani army said Thursday that 23 more foreign and local terrorists were killed in North Waziristan tribal region as the security forces continued their major offensive...”

Southeast Asia

Muslim extremist attack leaves seven Philippine soldiers dead

Author/Source: Channel News Asia

“Ten Muslim extremists and seven soldiers were killed on Thursday in one of the bloodiest clashes in the southern Philippines in recent months, the military said...”

Second boat sinks off coast of Malaysia

Author/Source: JC Finley, United Press International

“A second boat in two days has sunk off the coast of Malaysia...”



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East Asia

[China denies trying to ban unapproved critical media coverage](#)

Author/Source: Ben Blanchard, Reuters

“China is not trying to ban reporters from publishing critical reports without prior approval, an official told state media on Thursday, insisting an order had been misinterpreted and its real goal was to stop journalists abusing their jobs...”

[Japan protests South Korea’s plan for target practice in disputed waters](#)

Author/Source: Kiyoshi Takenaka and Ju-min Park, Reuters

“Japan has protested to South Korea against a shooting drill its neighbor plans in disputed waters, Japan's top government spokesman said on Thursday, underscoring tense relations between the two countries...”

[Jail terms for Chinese anti-corruption activists](#)

Author/Source: Ed Adamczyk, United Press International

“Three activists seeking transparency in a crackdown of Chinese government corruption were given jail terms Thursday...”

Central Asia

[U of T student accused of spying, detained in Tajikistan](#)

Author/Source: Andrea Janus, CTV News

“Human Rights Watch is calling for the “immediate release” of a young man from Tajikistan studying for his PhD in Canada who was detained during a trip home earlier this week...”

[Moscow-Kazan Rail Line Likely to Get Green Light Despite Delays](#)

Author/Source: Alexander Panin, The Moscow Times

“The government is likely to support a multibillion dollar high-speed rail line between Moscow and Kazan, even though financing will be delayed, the deputy transportation minister said Thursday at the Ninth International Strategic Partnership 1520 business forum in Sochi...”

Europe

[Biden Threatens Russia With Further Sanctions Over Ukraine](#)

Source: The Moscow Times

“U.S. Vice President Joe Biden told Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko on Wednesday the U.S. would work with its allies to “impose further costs on Russia” if Moscow failed to use its influence to stop separatist violence in eastern Ukraine, the White House said...”

[Ukraine rebels speak of heavy losses in battle against government troops](#)

By Aleksandar Vasovic, Reuters

“Ukrainian troops and pro-Russian separatists were locked in fierce fighting in the east of Ukraine on Thursday and a rebel commander acknowledged big losses among separatists heavily outgunned by government forces...”



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Germany reports 20% rise in attacks on foreigners

Author/Source: BBC

“Attacks on foreigners in Germany rose by a fifth in 2013 while the threat from Islamist groups continued to grow, according to official figures...”

Thaci blasts “flower box barricade” in K.Mitrovica

Author/Source: B92

“In a statement issued on Thursday, Thaci said he spoke on behalf of his government, and added: “As the prime minister of this country, yesterday morning I welcomed the voluntary removal of a barricade that was done by the citizens of Serb nationality, hoping it was a sign of civic maturity...”

Turkish PM Says U.S. Air Strikes in Iraq Could Kill Civilians

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe

“Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan says U.S. air strikes on Islamic militants in Iraq could lead to many civilian deaths...”

Ukraine’s Poroshenko confirms he’ll sign EU agreement on June 27

Author/Source: Pavel Polityuk and Richard Balmforth, Reuters

“Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said on Thursday he would sign an association agreement with the European Union on June 27 and would also send his new foreign minister to Luxembourg next week to lay out a peace plan for the east to EU ministers...”

UN Says Hundreds Killed, Detained in Ukraine

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe

“UN monitors in eastern Ukraine say they’ve recorded a steady rise in killing, tortures and abductions by pro-Russian armed groups...”

Geneva Talks End After Walkout By Abkhaz, South Ossetian Delegates

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe

“The 28th round of the Geneva International Discussions on Georgia’s breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia have concluded abruptly after delegates from the two separatist regions walked out on June 18...”

Africa

Egyptian court calls for death sentence for Brotherhood leader

Author/Source: Maggie Fick and Mostafa Hashem, Reuters

“An Egyptian court signalled on Thursday it wanted death sentences for the leader of the Muslim Brotherhood and 13 others charged with murder and firearms possession, when it referred the case to the country’s religious authorities...”

Nigerian militants aiming for capital with petrol lorry attacks: government

Author/Source: Reuters

“Militant Islamists are targeting Nigeria’s capital of Abuja and plan to load bombs on petrol lorries headed into the city, the government said...”



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Ebola outbreak spreads as toll reaches 337

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“An Ebola outbreak continues to spread in three West African countries, and the death toll in the outbreak has risen to 337, the World Health Organization says...”

Kenyan security forces kill five coast attack suspects

Author/Source: Joseph Akwiri, Reuters

“Kenya's security forces have shot dead five people suspected of involvement in attacks on the coast this week that killed about 65 people, the Interior Ministry said on Thursday...”

U.S. cuts aid to Uganda, cancels military exercise over anti-gay law

Author/Source: Elias Biryabarema, Reuters

“The United States on Thursday cut aid to Uganda, imposed visa restrictions and canceled a regional military exercise in response to a Ugandan law that imposes harsh penalties on homosexuality...”

Kenya, Somalia Govts to Share Border Intelligence

Author/Source: All Africa

“Kenya and Somalia governments will be sharing intelligence information on people crossing their common border in a bid to fight terrorism...”

Kenya: Raiders Kill Seven, Torch Houses in Baringo County

Author/Source: All Africa

“Livestock raiders in Kenya's Baringo County killed seven people on Wednesday morning (June 18th) and stole thousands of livestock, Kenya's The Standard reported...”

Banks lost N40bn to online frauds

Author/Source: Ben Uzor, Business Day

“Deposit money banks (DMBs) in Nigeria, Africa's largest economy, has lost a whopping N40 billion to an assortment of online fraud cases in 2013 alone, a lucid indication of the spate of cybercrime in the country...”

US/Canada

Al Qaeda suspect planned to kill returning US troops in upstate NY

Author/Source: Benjamin Weinthal, Long War Journal

“FBI agents working with the agency's Joint Terrorism Task Force arrested a suspected al Qaeda supporter in late May for plotting to kill newly returning American soldiers in the greater Rochester area...”

FBI, NYPD form task force to go after cyber-criminals

Author/Source: Crain's New York Business

“The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New York Police Department plan to use an anti-terrorism task force model that helped hunt down the Times Square bomber to go after computer hackers and scammers...”



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FBI arrests alleged NullCrew hacktivist

Author/Source: Charlie Osborne, ZD Net

“The US Department of Justice has charged a man who allegedly participated in high-profile cyberattacks against corporations, universities and government agencies...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

German businessman killed in Caracas hotel hours after arriving in Venezuela

Author/Source: New Europe

“Venezuelan authorities have identified the man as Christophorus Wilhelm Kleuters and say he was killed hours after arriving in Caracas in what appears to have been a botched robbery attempt...”

Peruvian Soldier Killed in Clash with Drug Smugglers

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“A soldier was killed in a battle with armed drug smugglers in the southern region of Cuzco, Peru’s Armed Forces Joint Command said Thursday...”

Mexico drugs war: Mass grave found in Veracruz

Author/Source: BBC

“The authorities in Mexico have found more than 30 bodies in a mass grave in the eastern state of Veracruz...”

Sao Paulo protest turns violent as World Cup game ends

Author/Source: Asher Levine, Reuters

“A street demonstration in Brazil's biggest city ended in violence on Thursday as anti-government protesters vandalized cars and banks and police responded with tear gas...”