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Middle East

[Syrian rebels raid Lebanese town, abduct soldiers](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Syrian rebels crossed into Lebanon on Saturday, raiding a border town and capturing several soldiers and police officers, a Lebanese army general said...”

[Syria villagers drive out Islamic State jihadists](#)

Author/Source: BBC News

“Tribesmen in three villages in eastern Syria have driven out Islamic State (IS) militants, in a rare display of local resistance to the group...”

[Fighting Near Baghdad And In Northern Iraq](#)

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe

“There have been deadly clashes between security forces and militants around Baghdad and fierce fighting in northern Iraq between militants and Kurdish forces...”

[Jihadists kill 14 Iraq Kurds in battle over dam, oil facility](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“Kurdish troops fought off a jihadist attack on an oil facility and a dam near the Iraqi city of Mosul but lost 14 of their number in intense combat, Kurdish sources said Saturday...”

[Royal Jordanian airline suspends flights to Iraq on security concerns](#)

Author/Source: Suleiman Al-Khalidi, Reuters

“Royal Jordanian, one of the main airlines serving Iraq, said on Saturday it had suspended all flights to Baghdad for at least 24 hours on security grounds...”

[Netanyahu says Israeli military ‘will take as much time as necessary’ in Gaza](#)

Author/Source: Griff Witte and Sudarsan Raghavan, Washington Post

“An Israeli soldier who the military feared had been abducted by Hamas gunmen in a firefight Friday that shattered a temporary cease-fire in Gaza was declared dead Sunday, just hours after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu signaled that military operations against Palestinian militants would continue...”

[Israel says ready to keep up Gaza war after tunnels razed](#)

Author/Source: Dan Williams, Reuters

“Israel is prepared to continue fighting Palestinian guerrillas in the Gaza Strip after the army completes its primary mission of destroying cross-border tunnels from the territory, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Saturday...”



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[Israel winding down Gaza ground operation without agreeing to a truce](#)

Author/Source: Renee Lewis, Al Jazeera

“Israel is prepared to continue fighting armed groups in Gaza even after the army completes the mission of destroying cross-border tunnels, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a speech Saturday...”

[Israel says has evidence 47 percent of Gaza dead were combatants](#)

Author/Source: Dan Williams, Reuters

“Israel has evidence that almost half of Palestinians killed in the 25-day-old Gaza war were combatants, its deputy foreign minister said on Saturday, pushing back against international allegations of a lopsidedly heavy civilian death toll...”

[UN: Gaza's Medical Services on Verge of Collapse](#)

Author/Source: Voice of America

“United Nations humanitarian officials have warned of a widespread health disaster in the Gaza Strip unless the ongoing fighting stops immediately...”

[Egypt increases electricity to Gaza: official](#)

Author/Source: Oliver Holmes, Reuters

“Egypt has increased the amount of electricity it provides to Gaza and urged Israel to repair power lines damaged during Israeli bombardment that has left at least one million people without electricity, an Egyptian official said on Saturday...”

[Qaeda suspects raid military outpost in Yemen, 4 cops killed](#)

Author/Source: Daily Times

“Suspected al Qaeda gunmen attacked a military checkpoint in Yemen’s southeastern province of Shabwa on Saturday, killing about four police personnel, a government official told Xinhua...”

Central Asia

[Clashes in Nagorno-Karabakh reignite fears between Armenia, Azerbaijan](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Five more soldiers were killed in skirmishes between Azeri government forces and ethnic Armenian separatists controlling the breakaway Nagorno-Karabakh enclave of Azerbaijan, officials from both sides said on Saturday...”

[Armenia, Azerbaijan to Meet on Nagorno-Karabakh](#)

Author/Source: Voice of America

“The presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan are scheduled to meet this month, possibly on August 8 or 9, on the long-simmering conflict over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region, where a surge in fighting has left a number of soldiers dead...”



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[Russia Hits Back At Georgia Over Trade Agreement With European Union](#)

Author/Source: Liz Fuller, Radio Free Europe

“Just three weeks after down-playing the anticipated impact on bilateral relations of Georgia's Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA) with the European Union, Russia is moving to suspend the Free Trade Agreement it signed with Georgia two decades ago...”

[Another Rights Defender Arrested In Azerbaijan](#)

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe

“Another prominent rights defender has been arrested in Azerbaijan. Rasul Jafarov was detained during the morning of August 2 on suspicion of tax evasion, illegal entrepreneurship, and abuse of authority...”

South Asia

[Afghan election recount delayed again](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“A recount of votes in the Afghan election was suspended again Saturday, following concerns expressed by Abdullah Abdullah's campaign regarding the criteria used for invalidating fraudulent votes, Afghan local media reported...”

[At least eight people killed in huge landslide in northern Nepal](#)

Author/Source: Lizzie Dearden, The Independent

“At least eight people have died in huge landslide that buried houses and buildings in Nepal. The death toll could rise further as attempts are made to rescue people from homes under piles of rocks and soil in the Sindhupalchok region...”

[India evacuates thousands as Nepal landslide sparks flood fears](#)

Author/Source: Gopal Sharma, Reuters

“Authorities in eastern India began evacuating thousands of villagers on Saturday after efforts to clear a deadly landslide in neighboring Nepal sparked fears of flash floods downstream, government officials said...”

[Life in Indian-controlled Kashmir disrupted due to restrictions](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua News

“Life across Muslim majority areas of India-controlled Kashmir Saturday remained paralyzed due to restrictions imposed by authorities and strike call given by hard line separatist alliance Hurriyat (freedom) Conference...”

[U.N. says Sri Lanka illegally returning Pakistani asylum seekers](#)

Author/Source: Tom Miles and Shihar Aneez, Reuters

“Sri Lanka must stop deporting Pakistani asylum seekers, a practice banned under international law, the U.N. refugee agency UNHCR said on Saturday...”



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Southeast Asia

[Japan gives Vietnam six ships to boost maritime patrols](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“Japan said Friday it would give Vietnam six vessels to boost the communist country's capacity to patrol its territorial waters, amid a bitter maritime dispute with Beijing in the South China Sea...”

[Thai cybersecurity slammed](#)

Author/Source: Suchit Leesa-nguansuk, Bangkok Post

“A report conducted last year by England's Sophos found Indonesia, China, Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia, India, Mexico, the UAE, Taiwan and Hong Kong were the 10 riskiest places...”

[Australia sends asylum-seekers to Nauru, as India offer refused](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“Some 157 asylum-seekers who were detained at sea for weeks by Australia have been sent to the Pacific island of Nauru after rejecting a return to India, officials said Saturday...”

[Magnitude 6.6 earthquake strikes near Papua New Guinea; no tsunami expected](#)

Author/Source: Lisa Shumaker, Reuters

“A magnitude 6.6 earthquake struck off the coast of Manus Island in Papua New Guinea on Saturday, the U.S. Geological Survey reported...”

East Asia

[Blast at China factory kills at least 68](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“China suffered its worst industrial accident in more than a year when 68 people were killed and nearly 200 others injured, most with severe burns, after an explosion Saturday at an automotive parts factory in eastern China, officials said...”

[Hundreds of Chinese evacuated from Libya](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“More than 400 Chinese nationals were evacuated from Libya on Saturday, state media said, after hundreds of their compatriots fled the country as the violence there escalated...”

[Dissidents hack Chinese TV](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“Hackers shocked television viewers in the eastern Chinese city of Wenzhou by posting anti-Communist party slogans and images of the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre on screens during live programming...”



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[Nine terror suspects killed in China's Xinjiang: Xinhua](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“Police in China's Xinjiang region shot dead nine suspected terrorists on Friday and captured one, state media said, days after one of the deadliest attacks to hit the restive area in recent months...”

[Two Americans held in North Korea plead for help from US](#)

Author/Source: BBC News

“Two American tourists charged with "anti-state" crimes in North Korea have pleaded for the US government to help secure their release...”

[North Korea turns to UN over US-SKorea war games](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“North Korea is asking the UN Security Council to hold an urgent session to discuss upcoming US-South Korean joint military exercises that Pyongyang described on Friday as a threat to peace...”

[Drunk American beats, robs cabbie](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“A drunken American soldier in South Korea was arrested on suspicion of beating a cab driver and stealing his taxi, police said Saturday...”

[Fatal Taiwan flight black boxes showed no distress call](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“Taiwanese authorities said Friday that black boxes from the TransAsia Airways flight that crashed last week, killing 48 people, showed no distress call was recorded before the plane plunged into houses after an aborted landing...”

[Taiwan blasts 'like end of world'](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“Pan Hui-chen thought it was the end of the world when a series of massive explosions devastated her neighbourhood of Kaohsiung city overnight Friday...”

Africa

[Tripoli's main fuel depot burns as rival factions battle](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Fire tore through Tripoli's main fuel depot on Saturday after rockets fired by one of Libya's militias struck and ignited a tank, the National Oil company (NOC) said, as Britain announced it would close its embassy in Tripoli and evacuate its staff...”

[Libya's New MPs Meet Amid Ongoing Violence](#)

Author/Source: Voice of America

“Libya's newly-elected parliament held its first meeting Saturday in the eastern city of Tobruk, as fighting raged between armed factions in Benghazi and the capital, Tripoli...”



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[Tunisia: Refugee Camps Will Not Be Set Up in National Territory Whatever the Case \(PM\)](#)

Author/Source: All Africa

“The Crisis Response Unit, chaired by interim Premier Mehdi Jomaa, focused, Saturday, on the state of affairs on the Tunisia-Libya border...”

[Cameroon: Ebola Distracts From Worsening Cameroon Cholera Outbreak](#)

Author/Source: Misha Hussain and Tansa Musa, All Africa

“A cholera epidemic in northern Cameroon has killed at least 65 people and probably infected about 1,300 people in two months, as international attention has been diverted to fighting Ebola in West Africa, health experts said on Saturday...”

[Algeria: For the Fourth Time, Pro-Gaza March Banned By Security Forces](#)

Author/Source: All Africa

“The Arabic Network for Human Rights Information (ANHRI) condemns the Algerian security forces' addressing of pro-Gaza march, launched yesterday 1st of August after Friday prayers, for the fourth time...”

[North Africa: Egyptian Army Evacuates Houses in North Sinai](#)

Author/Source: All Africa

“Egypt's armed forces blocked roads leading to the border strip in North Sinai's city of Rafah Saturday, following heavy Israeli shelling of neighbouring Gaza strip, security sources said...”

[Nigeria: Taraba Crisis - Death Toll Hits 15](#)

Author/Source: Itodo Daniel Sule, All Africa

“The death toll from Thursday crisis in Ibi town, Ibi Local Government Area of Taraba State, has hit 15...”

[Sudan: Two Rebels Killed in Clashes in Blue Nile, Says Sudanese Army](#)

Author/Source: All Africa

“The Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) said that it killed two soldiers from the rebel Sudanese People's Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N) and lost one soldier on Friday in clashes in Blue Nile state...”

[South Sudan: Rebels Claim Government Plans All-Out War](#)

Author/Source: All Africa

“South Sudanese rebels led by the former vice-president, Riek Machar, have accused the government of planning an all-out major offensive against their positions in the three states of the former greater Upper Nile region...”

[Sudan: Entire SPLM Leadership in U.S. Joins Rebels, Calls for Regime Change](#)

Author/Source: Tesfa-Alem Tekle, All Africa

“The entire leadership of the US branch of South Sudan's ruling party (SPLM) officially declared on Saturday that they are switching allegiance to the country's rebel movement led by former vice-president Riek Machar, calling for regime change through military means...”



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[Somalia: Pastorals in Bay Engage in Fierce Clashes With Al-Shabaab Insurgents](#)

Author/Source: All Africa

“An intense conflict erupted between pastoralists and Al-Shabaab fighters in some neighborhoods under Bay's Bardaale district. The news reports coming from the region indicates that Al-Shabaab requested from the pastoralists to pay Zakat but they refused, allegedly why the battle broke out...”

[Somalia: Main Roads in Mogadishu Closed for Security Reasons](#)

Author/Source: All Africa

“Government troops have today started operations in some parts of Mogadishu. In the process, they have closed important roads in the city...”

Europe

[Ukraine crisis: Rebel adviser 'admits executions'](#)

Author/Source: BBC News

“A senior adviser to rebels in eastern Ukraine has confirmed that extrajudicial killings have been carried out "to prevent chaos"...”

[In Ukraine, Shelling Disrupts MH17 Probe](#)

Author/Source: Voice of America

“Fresh fighting Saturday around the site of a Malaysian airliner that crashed more than two weeks ago in eastern Ukraine hampered an international team of experts searching for human remains there...”

[U.S.-Russia Nuclear Deal Stalls as Tensions over Ukraine Rise](#)

Author/Source: David Sanger and William Broad, New York Times

“The growing confrontation between Washington and Moscow over Ukraine has derailed a recent accord that promised one of the most expansive collaborations ever between the countries’ nuclear scientists, including reciprocal visits to atomic sites to work on projects ranging from energy to planetary defense...”

[Some 2,000 Dublin marchers call for an end to Gaza violence](#)

Author/Source: Irish Times

“At least 2000 people marched from the Garden of Remembrance in Dublin city centre today, to call for an end to the violence in Gaza...”

[Islamist militant at a Paris airport](#)

Author/Source: Nicholas Vinocur, Reuters

“French police on Friday arrested a Franco-Moroccan man they described as an Islamist militant at Roissy international airport on suspicion that he was part of a conspiracy to carry out attacks in France...”



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Officer arrested in Paris police headquarters cocaine robbery

Author/Source: Nicholas Vinocur and Nicolas Bertin, Reuters

“French police arrested an officer on Saturday whom they suspect of stealing some 52 kg (115 pounds) of cocaine, worth around 2 million euros (\$2.69 million), from a locked room inside central police headquarters in Paris...”

US & Canada

Ohio water ban affects at least 400,000 after toxic algae bloom

Author/Source: Renee Lewis, Al Jazeera

“Officials issued a water ban overnight Friday that affected about 400,000 people in Toledo, Ohio, after tests revealed an unsafe concentration of a toxin likely caused by an algae bloom in Lake Erie...”

American Ebola Victim Returns to US

Author/Source: Voice of America

“An American doctor who was stricken with the Ebola virus while helping victims in Liberia has returned to the United States, becoming the first known Ebola patient on U.S. soil...”

Obama Says He Will Act Alone on US Border Crisis, Slams Congress

Author/Source: Cindy Saine, Voice of America

“As House Republicans leaders scrambled to toughen up their border bills to win the support of their most conservative members, Democratic President Barack Obama blasted Congress for failing to send him an emergency funding measure to sign before lawmakers leave for a five-week August recess...”

Executed Arizona inmate injected with 15 times standard dose

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“During the nearly two hours it took for an Arizona death row inmate to die last week, executioners injected him with 15 times the amount of a sedative and a painkiller that they originally intended to use, according to documents released Friday...”

Latin America and the Caribbean

Fitch Downgrades Argentina to Default

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“In the wake of Argentina's failure to pay \$539 million in interest on its outstanding debt, Fitch Ratings has downgraded Argentina's ratings as follows:...”

Mexican State Legislature to Repeal “Gag” Law

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“The state legislature of the western Mexican state of Sinaloa said it will repeal a measure, denounced by journalists as a “gag law,” that bars reporters from crime scenes and sharply limits the press’ ability to cover issues of public safety and criminal justice...”



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[Historic energy overhaul advances in Mexican Congress](#)

Author/Source: David Alire Garcia, Reuters

“Mexico's lower house of Congress passed early on Saturday the last package of bills needed to implement a landmark energy reform, moving the reform one step closer to final approval...”

[Guatemala Extradites Murder Suspect to USA](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Maycoll David Martinez Ruano, 38, wanted in connection with the 2009 homicide of his girlfriend, Yerika Hernandez, was escorted back to New Jersey from Guatemala by special agents of the FBI upon completion of the extradition process by Guatemalan authorities, announced Aaron T. Ford, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Newark Division...”