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Middle East

Yemen hands eight al-Qaida suspects to Saudi Arabia

Source: Xinhua News

“Yemen handed eight suspected al- Qaida members to Saudi Arabia, a second such transfer since February, local newspapers reported on Friday...”

Iraqi foreign minister blames Maliki for Islamist insurgency

Author/Source: Raheem Salman, Reuters

“Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki and his security officials are to blame for the rise of Sunni Muslim insurgents who have seized parts of Iraq, the country's foreign minister said...”

Over 1,700 people killed in Iraq's violence in July: UN

Source: Xinhua News

“At least 1,737 Iraqis were killed, and 1,978 others were injured in terrorist attacks and violence in July, according to a statement issued on Friday by the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI)...”

Gaza 72-hour ceasefire period begins

Source: Reuters

“A 72-hour Gaza ceasefire period began on Friday, the most ambitious attempt so far to end more than three weeks of fighting between Israel and Palestinian militants in the Hamas Islamist-dominated enclave...”

Israeli tank fire kills four after truce begins: Hamas media

Source: Reuters

“Israeli tanks opened fire in the southern Gaza Strip after a 72-hour truce began on Friday, a Reuters photographer and the Palestinian Interior Ministry said, and Hamas media reported that four people were killed...”

At least 40 dead in Israeli shelling in Gaza Strip: hospital

Source: Reuters

“Israeli shelling near the southern Gaza town of Rafah killed at least 40 people on Friday, the local hospital said, as a ceasefire that went into effect only hours earlier crumbled...”

Israeli military says soldier apparently captured in Gaza Strip

Source: Reuters

“An Israeli soldier was apparently captured by Palestinian militants during a clash in the southern Gaza Strip on Friday, an Israeli military spokesman said...”



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Israeli military says Gaza ceasefire is over

Source: Reuters

“The Israeli military said on Friday that a Gaza ceasefire that went into effect earlier on Friday is now over and military operations were in progress on the ground...”

Islamic State imposes media controls in Syrian province

Source: Reuters

“Islamic State, the al Qaeda splinter group which has seized parts of Syria and Iraq, has told activists in Syria's Deir al-Zor province they must swear allegiance to it and submit to censorship, a monitoring group said on Friday...”

Saudi king labels Israeli offensive in Gaza a war crime

Author/Source: Angus McDowall, Reuters

“Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah broke his silence on Friday over the three-week-old conflict in Gaza, condemning what he saw as international silence over Israel's offensive and describing this as a war crime and "state-sponsored terrorism...”

U.N. urges Palestinians to re-commit to Gaza truce

Source: Reuters

“The United Nations urged Palestinian parties to reaffirm their commitment to a 72-hour Gaza ceasefire that came into force earlier on Friday...”

Central Asia

Ten killed in clashes between Azeris, ethnic Armenians

Author/Source: Hasmik Mkrtchyan and Nailia Bagirova, Reuters

“At least 10 people 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 Friday...”

Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan discuss border violence

Source: Xinhua News

“Tajik President Emomali Rahmon met Kyrgyz Foreign Minister Erlan Abdildaev on Thursday to discuss border violence...”

South Asia

More than 240 killed in Afghan conflicts in July

Source: Xinhua News

“The Taliban-led attacks and conflicts claimed more than 240 lives while leaving over 200 others injured in July, a little lower when compared with nearly 290 and 300 for June, respectively...”

Pakistan widows, ‘second’ wives flee fighting but are denied aid

Author/Source: Katharine Houreld and Saud Mehsud, Reuters

“Thousands of women displaced by fighting in Pakistan are struggling to get food and other aid because they lack identity cards and conservative Muslim elders have forbidden them from



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going to distribution centers...”

Pakistan starts army troops deployment for Islamabad's security

Source: Xinhua News

“Pakistan has started deployment of army troops for the security of Islamabad over concerns that the Taliban militants could carry out attacks in reaction to the ongoing major operation against in North Waziristan, officials said Friday...”

Indian Army chief warns Pakistan of immediate response in case of any provocation

Source: Xinhua News

“India's new Army chief General Dalbir Singh Suhag Friday issued a stern warning to Pakistan, saying if the neighboring nation "provokes" -- like the beheading of an Indian soldier last year -- then the response "will be intense and immediate...”

35 killed, 86 injured in 22 bomb attacks in Pakistan in July

Source: Xinhua News

“At least 35 people were killed and 86 others injured in 22 bomb blasts across Pakistan during the month of July as the number of attacks dropped after Pakistani security forces started a large scale operation in militants' strong hold in the northwestern region of the country, according to official statistics...”

East Asia

China's Xi pledges hard strike against military corruption

Source: Reuters

“Chinese President Xi Jinping has pledged to strike hard against graft in the military, urging soldiers to banish corrupt practices and ensure their loyalty to the ruling Communist Party, state media reported on Friday...”

Imam's killing in China may be aimed at making Muslim Uighurs choose sides

Author/Source: Michael Martina, Reuters

“The murder of a state-backed imam in China's Xinjiang region underscores an escalation in 18 months of violence and could be part of a bid by extremists to persuade moderate Muslim Uighurs to turn against Beijing's controlled current of Islam...”

North Korea accuses U.N. Security Council of double standards

Author/Source: Mirjam Donath, Reuters

“North Korea accused the United Nations Security Council on Friday of double standards by condemning Pyongyang's recent ballistic missiles launches while ignoring "provocative" joint military exercises between the United States and South Korea...”

China slams Canada for 'irresponsible' hacking accusations

Source: Reuters

“China's foreign ministry accused Canada on Thursday of making irresponsible accusations lacking any credible evidence after Canada singled out Chinese hackers for attacking a key computer network and lodged a protest with Beijing...”



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[Chinese provincial agency may have confirmed secret long-range missile](#)

Source: Reuters

“A Chinese provincial department appeared to have inadvertently confirmed the existence of an intercontinental ballistic missile that may be able to carry several nuclear warheads and travel as far as the United States...”

[Japan offers vessels to Vietnam to boost its sea strength](#)

Author/Source: Martin Petty, Reuters

“Japan will give six navy boats to Vietnam to boost its patrols and surveillance in the South China Sea, Japan's foreign minister said on Friday, in the latest sign of a strengthening of alliances between states locked in maritime rows with China...”

Southeast Asia

[Myanmar military releases 91 child soldiers](#)

Source: Reuters

“Myanmar's military released 91 children and young people from military service on Friday, the United Nations said as it encouraged the army to speed up demobilization to ensure it has no under-age soldiers in its ranks...”

[1 killed, 2 injured as leftist rebels clash with soldiers in C. Philippines](#)

Source: Xinhua News

“A leftist rebel was killed while another rebel and a soldier were injured following an encounter between government troops and the New People's Army (NPA) guerrillas in central Philippines on Friday...”

[100-plus high ranking Thai military officers become legislators](#)

Source: Xinhua News

“Over 100 high-level military officers were handpicked by top ruler Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha to become a meager majority of a 200-person National Legislative Assembly...”

Africa

[Greece evacuates embassy staff, foreign nationals from Libya](#)

Source: Reuters

“Greece safely evacuated embassy staff and more than one hundred Chinese and European nationals from Libya early on Friday with a navy frigate sailing back to the Greek port of Piraeus, its defence ministry said...”

[Tunisia guards fire in air to disperse crowds at Libya border](#)

Source: Reuters

“Tunisian guards shot into the air and fired tear gas on Friday to stop a group of Egyptians from storming across the border with Libya after fleeing violence in Tripoli, a Reuters reporter said...”



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Somali lawmaker killed in Mogadishu, fifth since April

Author/Source: Abdi Sheikh and Feisal Omar, Reuters

“Islamist militants shot dead a Somali lawmaker in the capital Mogadishu on Friday by blocking his car and spraying him with bullets, police and witnesses said, after the fifth killing of a legislator in less than four months...”

Protesters in Libya's Benghazi march against militias

Author/Source: Ferris Bosalum and Ahmed Elumami, Reuters

“Two thousand people took to the streets of Benghazi on Friday to protest against Islamist militants and former rebel militias who have been fighting armed forces and taken over an important military base in the eastern Libyan city...”

Guinea expert: Liberia, Sierra Leone moves may worsen Ebola spread

Author/Source: Saliou Samb, Reuters

“The leader of Guinea's Ebola task force said on Friday that moves by neighboring Liberia and Sierra Leone to contain the disease that has killed 729 people this year - its deadliest outbreak - may have the opposite effect...”

Sierra Leone declares emergency as Ebola death toll hits 729

Author/Source: Umaru Fofana, Reuters

“Sierra Leone has declared a state of emergency and called in troops to quarantine Ebola victims, joining neighboring Liberia in imposing controls as the death toll from the outbreak of the virus hit 729 in West Africa...”

Europe

International experts start recovery work at Ukraine crash site

Source: Reuters

“The OSCE rights and security organization said on Friday more than 60 international experts, including Dutch and Australians, had reached the site where a Malaysian airliner came down in eastern Ukraine...”

Bulgaria signs nuclear deal with Westinghouse

Author/Source: Tsvetelia Tsoleva, Reuters

“Bulgaria, one of five EU states that depend totally on Russia for nuclear fuel, and Westinghouse Electric Company signed a shareholder agreement on Friday paving the way for construction of a new nuclear reactor estimated to cost \$5 billion...”

Heavy fighting kills at least 20 in east Ukraine

Author/Source: Yamei Wang, Xinhua News

“At least 20 people including six civilians have been killed during heavy fighting overnight Thursday in eastern Ukraine, authorities said on Friday...”

Western sanctions do not help to de-escalate Ukraine crisis: Russian official

Source: Reuters

“Western sanctions against Russia are not helping to de-escalate the situation in Ukraine, state-run Itar-Tass news agency quoted Russia's envoy to the European Union as saying on



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Friday...”

[Polish deputy PM says EU, Russian sanctions actions will cut GDP growth](#)

Source: Reuters

“Fallout from the sanctions row between the European Union and Russia will shave 0.6 percentage points off Poland's economic growth this year, Deputy Prime Minister Janusz Piechocinski was quoted as saying on Friday...”

[Ukraine detains central banker in suspected theft of \\$170 million](#)

Source: Reuters

“The Ukrainian prosecutor's office has detained a deputy head of the central bank on suspicion of involvement in the theft of more than \$170 million in state funds...”

US & Canada

[U.S. calls Hamas attack 'barbaric' violation of Gaza ceasefire](#)

Source: Reuters

“The White House on Friday condemned a reported Hamas attack on Israeli soldiers in Gaza as a violation of the newly reached humanitarian ceasefire and called for the release of an abducted Israeli soldier...”

[Kerry says Hamas violated ceasefire with attack on Israeli soldiers](#)

Source: Reuters

“The United States on Friday strongly condemned the killing of two Israeli soldiers and kidnapping of another by Palestinian militants and blamed Hamas for violating a 72-hour ceasefire in Gaza...”

[U.S. Senate approves \\$225 million for Israeli 'Iron Dome' system](#)

Source: Reuters

“The U.S. Senate unanimously passed legislation on Friday to provide \$225 million in emergency funding for Israel's "Iron Dome" missile defense system...”

[U.S. to give Ukraine \\$8 million aid for border guard: White House](#)

Source: Reuters

“The United States on Friday pledged about \$8 million in new aid to bolster Ukraine's border guard service as the country struggles to counter pro-Russian separatist groups...”

[U.S. issues travel warning for West Africa as Ebola outbreak worsens](#)

Author/Source: Mu Xuequan, Xinhua News

“The U.S. government on Thursday issued a warning against nonessential travel to West African nations of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, saying the level 3 advisory, its highest level, reflects the "worsening" Ebola outbreak in this region...”



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[U.S. tightens restrictions for flights over Iraq](#)

Source: Reuters

“The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration has restricted U.S. airlines from flying at or below 30,000 feet (9,100 m) over Iraq, citing a "potentially hazardous situation created by the armed conflict" there...”

[Republicans revive U.S. border security bills to speed deportations](#)

Author/Source: David Lawder, Reuters

“Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives sought to patch over another deep rift and pass revised border security legislation on Friday, hoping to persuade voters they are acting to tackle the growing crisis over child migrants from Central America...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Cuba, Uruguay condemn Israeli offensive in Gaza](#)

Author/Source: Mu Xuequan, Xinhua News

“Cuba and Uruguay Thursday separately condemned the Israeli military offensive in Gaza, calling on the international community to move to put an end to the killings...”