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Middle East

[Iraq air force to back Kurds fighting Islamic State](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Iraq's Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has ordered his country's armed forces to help the Kurdish military battle an offensive by the armed group Islamic State in northern Iraq that has caused tens of thousands of people to flee their homes...”

[Lebanese army advances into sectarian flashpoint of Aarsal](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“The Lebanese army advanced on Monday into a border town attacked by radical insurgents over the weekend in the most serious spillover of the three-year-old Syrian civil war into Lebanon...”

[Israel, Hamas begin 72-hour cease-fire](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“A 72-hour humanitarian ceasefire brokered by Egypt has gone into effect in Gaza and Israel. A barrage of rockets from Gaza, with air raid sirens howling throughout southern Israel, including in the cities of Ashdod, Ashkelon and Beer Sheva, as well as around Jerusalem preceded the start of the truce at 8 a.m. Tuesday...”

[Lebanon's Militant Sunni Sheiks Support Uprising](#)

Author/Source: Jamie Dettmer, Voice of America

“Clashes are becoming more frequent between the Lebanese army and Syrian insurgents - including jihadists - along the Lebanon-Syria border...”

Asia

[Bloody clashes between Azerbaijan and Armenia over disputed territory](#)

Author/Source: Joshua Kucera, The Guardian

“The presidents of Azerbaijan and Armenia are expected to meet for talks this week to try to calm tensions over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh after some of the bloodiest clashes since the two sides signed a ceasefire in 1994...”

[Amnesty condemns arrest of another human rights activist in Azerbaijan](#)

Author/Source: Nailia Bagirova and Margarita Antidze, Reuters

“Amnesty International said on Monday it considered Rasul Jafarov, a prominent human rights activist in Azerbaijan, who had been arrested last week, a prisoner of conscience...”

[Scores missing after Bangladesh ferry sinks](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“An overloaded passenger ferry carrying up to 200 passengers has sunk on a river in central



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Bangladesh, police have said...”

India 'never agreed' to accept return of non-citizen Tamil asylum seekers

Author/Source: Lenore Taylor, The Guardian

“India never agreed to accept the return of any of the 157 Tamil asylum seekers who were not Indian citizens, a spokesman for the Indian high commission has said...”

Karzai rejects claim deputy was involved in vote fraud

Author/Source: Hamid Shalizi, Reuters

“Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Monday rejected allegations that one of his deputies had orchestrated a fraud against a longtime rival in Afghanistan's recent presidential election...”

China earthquake prompts huge search and rescue mission

Author/Source: Tania Branigan and Jonathan Kaiman, The Guardian

“China has mounted a huge search and rescue operation in the south-western province of Yunnan after an earthquake killed at least 398 people and injured more than 1,000 at the weekend...”

Symantec and Kaspersky blocked from providing software to the Chinese government

Author/Source: Alex Hern, The Guardian

“China’s government procurement agency has removed Symantec and Kaspersky from its list of security software suppliers, ensuring that the state can only buy antivirus programmes from Chinese providers...”

North Korea relaxes fashion rules in 'sign of progress'

Author/Source: Koo Jun-hoe and Kang Mi-jin, The Guardian

“East Asia’s fashion craze for so-called ‘killer heels’ has managed to make its way onto the streets of North Korea, according to the pro-North Korean newspaper Choson Sinbo...”

Japan's security fears grow as neighbours build up arms

Author/Source: Kiyoshi Takenaka, Reuters

“Japan finds itself surrounded by a worsening security environment as North Korea pushes forward with missile development and China and Russia step up military activity in the region, Japan's Defence Ministry said on Tuesday...”

Scott Morrison calls for reinterpretation of refugee convention

Author/Source: Daniel Hurst, The Guardian

“The (Australian) immigration minister, Scott Morrison, has called for a reinterpretation of the refugee convention, arguing the framework outlining countries’ obligations to those fleeing persecution is being used ‘as a tool by people smugglers to basically run death voyages’...”

Australia's detention regime sets out to make asylum seekers suffer, says chief immigration psychiatrist

Author/Source: The Guardian Australia

“The chief psychiatrist responsible for the care of asylum seekers in detention for the past three years has accused the immigration department of deliberately inflicting harm on



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vulnerable people, harm that cannot be remedied by medical care...”

[Three men jailed over the bribing of Indonesian and Iraqi officials](#)

Author/Source: The Guardian

“Three men were jailed on Monday for their roles in bribing state officials in Indonesia and Iraq...”

[Up to 30 Aids conference delegates seek asylum in Australia](#)

Author/Source: Helen Davidson, The Guardian

“Up to 30 delegates to last month’s Aids 2014 conference in Melbourne are seeking asylum in Australia, refugee advocates have said...”

[U.S. to press South China Sea freeze despite China rejection](#)

Author/Source: David Brunnstrom, Reuters

“U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, at a meeting with Southeast Asian nations this weekend, will press for a voluntary freeze on actions aggravating territorial disputes in the South China Sea, in spite of Beijing's rejection of the idea...”

Africa

[Nigeria’s military accused of war crimes](#)

Author/Source: AP via Al Jazeera

“Graphic new video footage from northeastern Nigeria shows the country's military carrying out abuses against civilians as part of its fight against Boko Haram, Amnesty International said Tuesday. The human rights group also accused the military of killing of more than 600 released prisoners...”

[Libya's new parliament meets amid rumbling violence](#)

Author/Source: Reuters via Al Jazeera

“Libya's newly elected parliament held its first formal session on Monday as rival armed factions continued to battle for dominance of a country that was a dictatorship for decades before Moammar Gadhafi's fall three years ago...”

[Nigeria confirms second Ebola case, sparking fears of wider Lagos outbreak](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Authorities on Monday confirmed a second case of Ebola in Nigeria, Africa's most populous country — an alarming setback as officials across West Africa battle to stop the spread of an outbreak that has killed more than 800 people...”

[Liberia: Burning of Bodies Starts](#)

Author/Source: The New Dawn via All Africa

“The Liberian Government announced Sunday that it has begun burning the bodies of victims of the deadly Ebola virus...”

[Uganda: Kenya Seen As Refuge From Uganda's Anti-Gay Hostility](#)

Author/Source: Capital FM via All Africa



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“More and more Ugandans are seeking refuge in Kenya to escape extreme homophobia that has intensified in their own country since anti-gay legislation was passed earlier this year. But although prosecutions are rare in Kenya, discrimination is common there too...”

Morocco Arrests French Terror Recruiter

Author/Source: Mawassi Lahcen, Maghrebia via All Africa

“Moroccan security services recently arrested a French jihadist for seeking to recruit fighters and send them to organisations loyal to al-Qaeda...”

West Africa: Doctors, Nurses and Health Staff Urgently Needed to Combat Ebola - UN Health Agency

Author/Source: UN News Service via All Africa

“The United Nations health agency today appealed for urgently needed contributions to combat the deadly Ebola disease in West Africa, saying hundreds of doctors, nurses, health staff and materials are needed in the region ‘as fast as possible’...”

West Africa: U.S. 'Surging' 50 Disease Control Specialists to West Africa

Author/Source: Victor Beattie, Voice of America via All Africa

“The United States is sending at least 50 disease-control specialists to West Africa to help find, respond to and stop the spread of the deadly Ebola virus, which has claimed more than 700 lives...”

Libya: As New Parliament Opens in Libya, UN Mission Renews Calls for Ceasefire

Author/Source: UN News Service via All Africa

“The Libyan parliament convened for the first time today, a move welcomed by the United Nations mission assisting the country which said it hopes that the politicians can lead the north African nation away from continuing bloody battles in Tripoli and Benghazi...”

Africa: U.S.-Africa Summit Events Under Way in Washington

Author/Source: Voice of America

“Events surrounding the summit between President Barack Obama and some 50 African heads of state have kicked off in Washington...”

Liberia: Major Hospitals Shutdown

Author/Source: Winston W. Parley, The New Dawn via All Africa

“Leading government and privately- run hospitals in Liberia have been shut down after being badly hit by the deadly Ebola virus, while a proposal is being made to the Ebola Taskforce to shutdown health facilities for one week...”

Libya: Egyptian FM - We Are Aware of Burden Borne Author/Source: Tunisia As a Result of Situation in Libya

Author/Source: Tunis Afrique Presse via All Africa

“Egyptian Foreign Minister Samah Chokri said that his country is fully aware of the ‘burden borne by Tunisia as a result of the serious and tense situation in Libya,’ which ‘requires to take the situation very seriously’...”



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[South Sudan: After Killing of Aid Worker in Bunj, UN Calls for Militias to Be Reined in](#)

Author/Source: UN News Service via All Africa

“The United Nations peacekeeping mission in South Sudan today strongly condemned the killing of a humanitarian worker, as peace talks to end fighting in the world's newest country resumed in Addis Ababa...”

[Nigeria: Gunmen Kill District Head, 2 Others in Bauchi](#)

Author/Source: Musa Abdullahi Krishi & Ahmed Mohammed, Daily Trust via All Africa

“Gunmen on Saturday night killed the district head of Soro, Alhaji Abdurrahman Isa Baba and his brother in Ganjuwa Local Government Area of Bauchi State...”

[Nigeria: Worshippers Attacked, One Killed in Kaduna](#)

Author/Source: Sunday Isuwa, Daily Trust via All Africa

“One person was killed while many others were injured when gunmen opened fire on worshippers in Kachia Local Government Area of Kaduna State yesterday...”

[Egypt Army Kills 11 "Extremists" in Sinai Shootout – Spokesperson](#)

Author/Source: Aswat Masriya

“At least 11 "terrorists" were killed in a security crackdown in several areas in North Sinai, the army spokesperson said in a statement on Monday...”

[More than 20 killed as Libya factions fight to control airport](#)

Author/Source: Patrick Markey, Reuters

“Libya's government said more than 20 people had been killed in the latest battles between factions seeking to control Tripoli airport on Sunday, while fighting led to a huge fire raging nearby at the city's fuel depot...”

[British warship brings 110 citizens to Malta from Libya](#)

Author/Source: Christopher Scicluna, Reuters

“The British survey ship HMS Enterprise has arrived in Malta carrying 110 Britons evacuated from Libya, where fighting between rival armed factions has spread in the capital...”

[Spanish police arrest two young women suspected of heading for jihad](#)

Author/Source: Raquel Castillo, Reuters

“Two young Spanish women, one of them under 18, have been arrested in the Spanish North African enclave of Melilla on suspicion of trying to join an Islamic State militant cell in the Middle East, the Interior Ministry said on Monday...”

Europe

[Ukrainian forces recapture key rail hub from separatists](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Five Ukrainian soldiers were killed and 15 wounded over the past 24 hours in fighting in eastern Ukraine where Kiev forces recaptured an important railway hub from pro-Russian rebels, a security official in Kiev said Monday...”



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[Turkey's Pro-Kurdish Candidate Eyes Historic Threshold](#)

Author/Source: Dorian Jones, Voice of America

“Thousands turned out at a Sunday rally in Istanbul to hear Selahattin Demirtas, leader of the pro-Kurdish People’s Democracy Party (HDP), campaign for president...”

[US Spy Plane Enters Swedish Airspace to Avoid Russian Fighters](#)

Author/Source: Voice of America

“U.S. military officials say one of its spy planes veered into Swedish airspace without permission recently, to avoid Russian planes over the Baltic Sea...”

[Ukraine Forces Prepare to Retake Donetsk](#)

Author/Source: Voice of America

“Ukraine's Defense Council says preparations are under way to retake the rebel-controlled eastern city of Donetsk — the last stronghold of heavily armed pro-Russian separatists seeking autonomy from Kyiv...”

[MH17 investigators frustrated at limited access due to fighting](#)

Author/Source: Australian Associated Press via The Guardian

“Worsening clashes between separatists and government forces in Ukraine have again frustrated investigators trying to recover bodies and possessions from the MH17 crash site...”

[Germany says halts Rheinmetall defense deal with Russia](#)

Author/Source: Andreas Rinke and Tom Kaeckoff, Reuters

‘Germany's Economy Ministry has confirmed it has halted Rheinmetall's (RHMG.DE) export of combat simulation gear to Russia, going beyond recently imposed EU sanctions which block future defense contracts. Economy Minister Sigmar Gabriel, a Social Democrat (SPD), has blocked the deal which was approved by Germany's previous government, the ministry said...’

[Scotland's pro-independence camp betting on TV debate to win votes](#)

Author/Source: Alistair Smout, Reuters

“Supporters of Scottish independence are hoping leader Alex Salmond's performance in a U.S.-style television debate on Tuesday can boost their campaign, which is lagging in opinion polls...”

[Turkish PKK militants urge all Kurds to fight Islamic State](#)

Author/Source: Daren Butler, Reuters

“The PKK, which has spent three decades fighting for autonomy for Turkey's Kurds, on Monday urged all Kurds to take up the fight against the Sunni militants of Islamic State, who have expanded their advance across Iraq into Kurdish-controlled territory...”

[Russia to hold war games in show of strength near Ukraine](#)

Author/Source: Timothy Heritage and Maria Tsvetkova, Reuters

“Russia announced military exercises near the border with Ukraine on Monday in a show of strength as the Ukrainian army recaptured more territory from pro-Russian separatists in the east of the country...”



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UK summons Ethiopian diplomat over opposition official's arrest

Author/Source: William James, Reuters

“Britain summoned Ethiopia's chargé d'affaires on Monday to raise its concerns about the arrest of a British national being held in Ethiopia who has been sentenced to death over his involvement with an opposition political group...”

Ukrainian troops cross into Russia to avoid fighting, talks underway

Author/Source: Natalia Zinets and Richard Balmforth, Reuters

“Ukraine said on Monday it was in talks with Moscow over the return of 311 Ukrainian soldiers and border guards who had been forced by fighting with separatists to cross into Russia, but Russian border authorities said the troops were seeking asylum...”

Britain says looking into reports one of its citizens killed in Gaza

Author/Source: Kylie MacLellan, Reuters

“Britain is "urgently" investigating reports that a British national was killed in Gaza over the weekend, a spokesman for the British government said on Monday...”

Britain says reviewing arms exports to Israel over Gaza conflict

Author/Source: William James and Kylie Maclellan, Reuters

“Britain is reviewing all arms export licenses to Israel in response to the Jewish state's escalating conflict with Hamas in Gaza, a government spokeswoman said on Monday...”

World should impose Middle East solution: France's Fabius

Author/Source: Mark John, Reuters

“World powers should impose from outside a political solution to halt the conflict between Israel and Hamas that has killed hundreds in Gaza, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said on Monday...”

Russia to suspend imports of Kentucky Gentleman bourbon

Author/Source: Polina Devitt, Reuters

“Russia's consumer protection watchdog is preparing to suspend imports of ‘Kentucky Gentleman’ bourbon, adding to a growing list of products Russia has banned since the West imposed new sanctions over Moscow's support of rebels in Ukraine...”

Latin America and the Caribbean

Soldiers Were Poisoned by Rebels, Colombian Army Says

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“The Colombian army charged the ELN guerrilla group with the death of a soldier who ate poisoned meat...”

Mayor Gunned Down in Western Mexico

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“The mayor of Ayutla, a city in the western Mexican state of Jalisco, and his bodyguard were gunned down at a ranch over the weekend, prosecutors told Efe...”



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[Ex-Governor's Son Transferred to Prison in Central Mexico](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Rodrigo Vallejo Mora, the son of former Michoacan Gov. Fausto Vallejo, has been moved to a medium-security prison in central Mexico, police spokesmen said Monday...”

[U.S. Sent Latin American Youths to Cuba to Push for Political Change](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“The U.S. government used an HIV-prevention program in Cuba to offer Cuban citizens tools to effect political change on the island, the State Department acknowledged Monday...”

US & Canada

[Rabbis Ask Obama to Negotiate with Cuba for Release of Gross](#)

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Three-hundred rabbis from across the United States on Monday asked President Barack Obama to negotiate with Havana to secure the release of Alan Gross, a U.S. government subcontractor serving a 15-year sentence in Cuba on a conviction for subversion...”

[Toledo mayor lifts drinking water ban affecting 400,000 residents](#)

Author/Source: The Guardian

“A water ban that had hundreds of thousands of people in Ohio and Michigan scrambling for drinking water has been lifted, Toledo’s mayor announced Monday...”

[Google tipped off police over emailed child abuse images](#)

Author/Source: Alex Hern, The Guardian

“A tip-off from Google about the contents of a Gmail account led to the arrest of a 41-year-old Texan for possession of child abuse material, police revealed last week...”

[Pakistani man held at US facility denied legal counsel during decade-long hold](#)

Author/Source: Spencer Ackerman, The Guardian

“For years, as he was caged in a barely acknowledged detention facility on the outskirts of Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan, Yunus Rahmatullah’s captors denied him access to a lawyer...”

[US Army Corps ordered to disclose more information about dam pollution](#)

Author/Source: The Guardian

“For the first time in its history, the US Army Corps of Engineers will have to disclose the amount of pollutants its dams are sending into waterways in a groundbreaking legal settlement that could have broad implications for the Corps’ hundreds of dams nationwide...”

[Kurds ask U.S. court to scrap seizure order, allow crude delivery](#)

Author/Source: Terry Wade and Anna Driver, Reuters

“The Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) of Iraq asked a U.S. court on Monday to throw out an order to seize some 1 million barrels of disputed crude oil and allow the cargo to be freely delivered in Texas...”