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Middle East

[UNRWA Eyes Gaza's Post-Conflict Needs](#)

Author/Source: Margaret Besheer, Voice of America

“United Nations schools in the Gaza Strip have sheltered some 270,000 displaced Palestinians during the current hostilities between Israel and Hamas militants...”

[Sistani Calls on Iraqis to Unite Against Islamic State Danger](#)

Author/Source: Reuters via Voice of America

“Iraq's top cleric called again on compatriots on Friday to unite against the ‘big danger’ posed by Islamic State militants, whose advances prompted U.S. President Barack Obama to authorize limited bombing...”

[Fighting Resumes as Gaza Truce Expires](#)

Author/Source: Voice of America

“Israel pounded Gaza with a series of airstrikes Friday after Hamas resumed rocket attacks against Israel when talks broke down on extending a three-day truce...”

[Hariri Back in Lebanon for First Time in 3 Years](#)

Author/Source: Reuters via Voice of America

“Former Lebanese prime minister Saad al-Hariri returned home on Friday for the first time in three years, on a visit seen as reasserting his leadership over the Sunni community following a deadly incursion by Islamist militants in northeast Lebanon...”

[FAA bans US airlines from flying over Iraq after air strikes begin](#)

Author/Source: Jessica Glenza, The Guardian

“The Federal Aviation Administration banned commercial US airlines from flying over Iraqi airspace on Friday, after the launch of air strikes against Islamist militants...”

[US begins air strikes against Isis targets in Iraq, Pentagon says](#)

Author/Source: Dan Roberts and Spencer Ackerman, The Guardian

“American warplanes began bombing Islamic militant targets outside the Kurdish city of Irbil on Friday, in the first offensive action by the US in Iraq since it withdrew ground troops in 2011...”

[Tens of thousands pour into Iraq's Kurdish north as US jets bomb Isis](#)

Author/Source: Martin Chulov, Owen Bowcott, and Sam Jones, The Guardian

“The moment the Kurds had been waiting for arrived in mid-afternoon; two US jets streaked low through a hazy sky dropping precision bombs on an artillery piece that Islamic State (Isis) militants had been using to attack Irbil...”



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Asia

[Afghanistan's presidential rivals reach agreement after Kerry flies into Kabul](#)

Author/Source: May Jeong, The Guardian

“The two candidates in Afghanistan's disputed presidential election have reached a political agreement that would outline the terms of a power-sharing deal, both camps said on Friday...”

[Detective hired by GlaxoSmithKline jailed for spying in China](#)

Author/Source: Jonathan Kaiman, The Guardian

“A British private investigator has been sentenced to two and a half years in jail by a Chinese court after becoming embroiled in a sex and whistleblowing scandal at the drug firm GlaxoSmithKline...”

[Australia Slams Russia's 'Retaliatory' Sanctions](#)

Author/Source: Phil Mercer, Voice of America

“Australia has issued a stern statement following Russia's decision to impose sanctions on a range of western countries...”

[Asio and federal police seek to clear up confusion over metadata collection](#)

Author/Source: Daniel Hurst, The Guardian

“Australia's intelligence and police chiefs have moved to clear up confusion over the reach of the government's proposed mandatory data retention scheme...”

[Immigration official fled for India with \\$1.2m after alleged visa fraud](#)

Author/Source: The Guardian

“An immigration department official allegedly ran a migration scam before escaping to India with \$1.2m...”

Africa

[UN Delegation Holds Talks in Tripoli to Broker Militia Cease-fire](#)

Author/Source: Reuters via Voice of America

“A U.N. delegation was holding talks in Tripoli on Friday to try to broker a cease-fire between armed factions who have turned the Libyan capital into a battleground after the worst fighting since the fall of Muammar Gadhafi...”

[VP Urges Diaspora Liberians to Help Educate Relatives about Ebola](#)

Author/Source: James Butty, Voice of America

“Liberian Vice President Joseph Boakai is appealing to Liberians in the United States and elsewhere in the diaspora to assist the government in educating Liberians about the dangers of Ebola by calling relatives and family members and asking them to cooperate with service providers...”

[WHO Declares Ebola Outbreak a Global Health Emergency](#)

Author/Source: Lisa Schlein, Voice of America

“The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the Ebola outbreak in West Africa to be



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a public health emergency of international concern. A WHO committee of experts is calling for a coordinated international response to stop this deadly disease at its source and prevent it from spreading to other countries...”

Liberia, Sierra Leone Deploy Troops to Contain Ebola

Author/Source: Anne Look, Voice of America

“Liberia and Sierra Leone are reporting hundreds of confirmed or suspected cases of Ebola. With public health systems overrun, both countries have declared states of emergency and sent security forces to quarantine affected areas, setting up roadblocks and taking other measures to limit people's movements as part of the efforts to contain the spread of the deadly virus...”

Nigerians Hope to Complete Hajj Amid Ebola Outbreak

Author/Source: Heather Murdock, Voice of America

“Nigeria confirmed two more Ebola cases Friday and said six other new patients are showing symptoms. Despite the outbreak, Nigerian officials are calling on Saudi Arabia to keep its borders open to Nigerian Muslims for this year's pilgrimage to Mecca, after the Kingdom suspended thousands of visas in other countries in West Africa...”

South Sudan Government Dismisses Report on Atrocities

Author/Source: Lucy Poni and Philip Aleu, Voice of America

“The South Sudanese government has dismissed as “blanket blame” a report by Human Rights Watch (HRW) that says acts of violence and cruelty that amount to war crimes have been committed by both sides in South Sudan's conflict...”

Mugabe's Wife Poised to Take Role in Zimbabwe's Ruling Party

Author/Source: Sebastian Mhofu, Voice of America

“Zimbabwe's first lady, Lady Grace Mugabe, is set to become part of the ruling party's highest-decision making body and possibly the country's next president...”

Nigeria Declares State of Emergency Over Ebola

Author/Source: Voice of America

“Nigeria's president has declared a national emergency over the Ebola outbreak, while the World Health Organization says the epidemic now constitutes an international public health emergency...”

Guinea Closes Borders in Bid to Stop Ebola Virus from Spreading

Author/Source: Voice of America

“West African countries hardest hit by Ebola are ramping up efforts to stop the virus from spreading...”

Europe

Russia: Anonymous Wi-Fi Access Banned

Author/Source: Voice of America

“Russia is now requiring users of public Wi-Fi networks to provide identification in order to connect...”



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Kyiv Battles Separatists Along Border; Proposes New Sanctions

Author/Source: Voice of America

“Ukrainian government forces battled Russian-backed separatists in eastern regions Friday, a top official said, as Kyiv proposed sanctions against dozens of Russian companies and individuals...”

Russian resigns to make way for Ukrainian as new head of 'Donetsk People's Republic'

Author/Source: Christopher Miller, Kyiv Post via The Guardian

“The Russian prime minister of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People’s Republic has announced his resignation in a move aimed at dampening claims that the rebellion in eastern Ukraine is being masterminded by Moscow...”

Three civilians killed and 10 injured in overnight shelling of Donetsk

Author/Source: AP via The Guardian

“At least three civilians have been killed and another 10 wounded in overnight shelling of the main rebel stronghold in eastern Ukraine besieged by government forces, officials said...”

HSBC accused of closing UK bank accounts held by Syrians

Author/Source: Lisa Bachelor, The Gua

“HSBC has been accused of unfairly targeting Syrians living in the UK after it was revealed the bank has written to a number of customers telling them it will close their accounts...”

Britain commits to humanitarian relief, but not attacks on Isis

Author/Source: Patrick Wintour, The Guardian

“UK air operations to provide humanitarian help to the Yazidi community sheltering from extremists in northern Iraq will not extend to joining US air strikes against Islamic State (Isis) military positions, the defence secretary, Michael Fallon, said on Friday...”

Latin America and the Caribbean

Guatemala Receives Deported Children from U.S.

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Guatemala has received a fourth group of children deported from the United States since the humanitarian crisis of children travelling alone to the U.S. began, an official source said...”

Mexican Politician’s Son Indicted for Links to Drug Cartel

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“A Mexican court on Friday formally charged the son of the former governor of the western state of Michoacan with obstruction for his refusal to answer questions about his videotaped meeting with a drug kingpin...”

Busy Mexican Highway Blocked by Protesters

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“The expressway linking the Mexican capital with the Pacific resort city of Acapulco was re-



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opened early Friday after being blocked for more than 10 hours by peasants demanding that authorities do more to fight crime, the Guerrero state government said...”

Argentine 'stolen grandson' Hurban in joyful reunion

Author/Source: BBC News

“A 36-year-old Argentine music teacher has made his first public appearance since finding out he is the grandson of a prominent human rights campaigner...”

US & Canada

Arab Bank in US Faces Trial Over Hamas Funding

Author/Source: Reuters via Voice of America

“Arab Bank PLC goes on trial next week in New York over claims that it provided material support to the Palestinian group Hamas, in what one of the plaintiffs' lawyers said is the first terrorism financing case against a bank to go to trial in the United States...”

White House Explains Reasoning for Iraq Air Strikes

Author/Source: Luis Ramirez, Voice of America

“White House officials said reports of the dire and deteriorating situation of Iraqi Christians and Kurds, along with the gains made by militants in the past week, triggered President Barack Obama's decision to authorize airstrikes and other military action in Iraq...”

US Almond Growers Feel Impact of Russian Import Limits

Author/Source: Reuters via Voice of America

“With Russia pitting itself against the United States, the European Union and other major trading partners with bans on agricultural imports, an outsized share of the trade dispute is falling where Vladimir Putin may never have expected: On the almond growers of central California...”

Woman arrested at Los Angeles airport after second stowaway attempt

Author/Source: AP via The Guardian

“Los Angeles airport's police chief suspected that a woman caught after sneaking onto a Los Angeles-bound flight earlier this week would end up back at his airport...”