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Middle East

[Yemeni president vows relentless fight against militants](#)

Author/Source: Sami Aboudi, Reuters

“The Yemeni president vowed on Monday a relentless fight against al Qaeda insurgents who killed 14 soldiers last week, as the army dispatched troops and warplanes to try and track down the militants...”

[Iraq crisis: New prime minister nominated as Maliki refuses to leave](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Iraq's new President Fouad Massoum on Monday snubbed the powerful incumbent Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and nominated the deputy parliament speaker as the new prime minister, raising fears of more government infighting as Maliki refuses to leave office and the country faces the threat of Islamic State fighters, Sunni insurgents who have taken over large parts of northern Iraq...”

[Maliki to file complaint against Iraq's president](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Iraq's embattled Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, in a surprise speech late Sunday, resisted calls for his resignation and accused the country's new president of violating the constitution, plunging the government into a political crisis at a time it is battling advances by Islamic State fighters...”

[Britain to send jets to Iraq to help direct aid drops](#)

Author/Source: William James, Reuters

“Britain will send surveillance jets to help get aid to refugees trapped on an Iraqi mountain after a plane was forced to abort a supply drop for fear the packages could hit crowds below, the government said on Monday...”

[Refugee crowds thwart British aid drop in Iraq](#)

Author/Source: William James, Reuters

“A British military plane was forced to abort a mission to deliver humanitarian supplies to refugees trapped on a mountain in northern Iraq over fears the falling aid packages could hit crowds below, Britain said on Monday...”

[Islamic State defeats Kurds in town of Jalawla northeast of Baghdad](#)

Author/Source: Michael Georgy, Reuters

“Islamic State militants captured the town of Jalawla northeast of Baghdad at dawn on Monday after weeks of clashes with Kurdish fighters, police said, extending dramatic gains that have alarmed Iraq's Western allies...”



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Islamic State beheads, crucifies in push for Syria's east

Author/Source: Oliver Holmes and Suleiman Al-Khalidi, Reuters

“Islamic State has crushed a pocket of resistance to its control in eastern Syria, crucifying two people and executing 23 others in the past five days, a monitoring group said on Monday...”

Israel, Palestinians begin indirect Gaza talks

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“Israel and the Palestinians began talks in Cairo on Monday to try and end the conflict in Gaza and lift the blockade on the coastal enclave, Egypt's state news agency MENA said...”

At talks in Cairo, Hamas wants Israel to allow Gaza airport and seaport

Author/Source: William Booth and Carol Morello, Washington Post

“The Islamist militant organization Hamas, as well as the people in the Gaza Strip, want something big in exchange for a truce with Israel...”

U.N. names panel to investigate war crimes in Gaza; Israel slams it

Author/Source: Stephanie Nebehay, Reuters

“The United Nations on Monday named experts to an international commission of inquiry into possible human rights violations and war crimes committed by both sides during Israel's military offensive in the Gaza Strip...”

Rouhani calls Iranian critics of his nuclear policy 'cowards'

Author/Source: Michelle Moghtader, Reuters

“Iranian President Hassan Rouhani called critics of his nuclear policy "cowards", state news agency IRNA reported on Monday, defending his stance to engage in talks with the West...”

Iranian MPs Vote To Ban Vasectomies, Punish Contraception Advocates

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe

“Iran's parliament has voted to ban vasectomies and other permanent forms of birth control in an attempt to increase the country's birthrate...”

Central Asia

Russia Pledges \$500 Million To Boost Kyrgyz Economy

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe

“Russia has pledged financial aid worth about \$500 million to Kyrgyzstan in support of the Central Asian republic's integration into Moscow-leg regional groups...”

South Asia

Afghan forces kill 51 militants during operations: gov't

Author/Source: Xinhua News

“About 51 Taliban militants have been killed in Afghan security forces' cleanup operations across the country within day, the country's Interior Ministry said Monday morning...”



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[Afghan Taliban Reportedly Kill 20 Civilians Over 'War Tax'](#)

Author/Source: Radio Free Europe

“An Afghan official said Taliban militants have killed 20 civilians who refused to pay them "war tax" in northern Kunduz Province...”

[Amnesty slams US over civilian deaths in Afghanistan](#)

Author/Source: Philip Victor, Al Jazeera

“The human rights group Amnesty International sharply rebuked the U.S. military justice system on Monday, saying it had failed to hold American soldiers accountable for “unlawful killings and other abuses,” giving Afghan victims little chance of seeing justice...”

[Afghan trade to rebound sharply once election deadlock over, officials say](#)

Author/Source: Mirwais Harooni, Reuters

“Uncertainty over Afghanistan's bitterly contested presidential election has helped drive a 20 percent drop in exports this year but Afghan trade officials say they expect revenue to rebound once a deadlock between rivals is resolved...”

[Floods kill 45 in eastern India](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“Flooding in eastern India has killed 45 people and displaced more than 300,000 in the past week, a senior official said Monday, adding that water levels were now gradually receding...”

[Pakistan stocks drop as protest leader calls for unity government](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“Pakistani stocks plunged 4.5 percent on Monday over fears of a looming political crisis after opposition groups prepared to march on the capital vowing to topple the government...”

[Pakistan police and Qadri supporters in deadly clash](#)

Author/Source: BBC News

“At least six people have been killed in Pakistan's Punjab province, in clashes between police and supporters of anti-government cleric Tahirul Qadri...”

Southeast Asia

[Philippine Muslim rebels vow to win peace](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“Muslim rebels who have been waging a decades-long rebellion in the Philippines said Monday they would "do everything possible" to ensure a peace accord is implemented, as crucial talks made slow progress...”

[Myanmar ends curfew in Mandalay](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“Authorities lifted the curfew on Monday in Myanmar's second-largest city, where sectarian violence left two people dead and 17 injured last month...”



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East Asia

[Beijing hits out at US South China Sea proposal](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“Beijing accused the US of deliberately stoking tensions in the South China Sea as it rejected Washington's proposal for a freeze on provocative actions in the region, the foreign ministry said Monday...”

[China cracking down on Christian groups along North Korea border: sources](#)

Author/Source: Megha Rajagopalan and James Pearson, Reuters

“China is cracking down on Christian charity groups near its border with North Korea, missionaries and aid groups say, with hundreds of members of the community forced to leave the country and some who remain describing an atmosphere of fear...”

[China to send orbiter to moon, back](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“China will launch its first recoverable moon orbiter later this year, the government announced, in the latest step in its ambitious space programme...”

[Typhoon Halong reportedly leaves up to 10 dead in Japan](#)

Author/Source: Channel News Asia

“As many as 10 people died and dozens were injured as Typhoon Halong slammed into the Japanese archipelago over the weekend, reports said on Monday (Aug 11), with heavy rain still lashing the country's north...”

[South Korea proposes talks with North on family reunions](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“South Korea on Monday proposed a fresh round of high-level talks with North Korea to discuss another possible reunion for families separated by the 1950-53 Korean War...”

Africa

[Suicide Bombers' Trainer Nabbed With 16 Females](#)

Author/Source: Ismail Mudashir and Isa Muhammad Inuwa, Daily Trust

“The Joint Task Force (JTF) in Kano has arrested a man suspected to be the master trainer of Boko Haram female suicide bombers with 16 females who were reportedly being trained for suicide operations, Daily Trust, gathered from security sources...”

[Boko Haram: Soldiers' wives protest husbands' deployment to Gwoza](#)

Author/Source: James Bwala-Maiduguri, Nigerian Tribune

“There is tension in the 7 Division of the Nigerian Army, Maiduguri, as angry wives of soldiers at the Giwa Barracks, blocked the entrance to the barracks, vowing not to allow their husbands to proceed to Bama as directed by the General Officer Commanding (GOC), General Mohammed Ibrahim...”



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[After Boko Haram Attacks, More Security for Senior Cameroon Officials](#)

Author/Source: Moki Edwin Kindzeka, Voice of America

“In Nigeria, when virtually any official travels, they move in large security convoys. Their homes are heavily fortified...”

[Nigeria Confirms 10 Ebola Cases](#)

Author/Source: Heather Murdock, Voice of America

“Nigerian officials on Monday said one new Ebola case was diagnosed over the weekend, raising the country's total to 10 confirmed cases...”

[Liberia puts third province under Ebola quarantine](#)

Author/Source: News 24

“The Liberian army has put a third province under quarantine to check the spread of the deadly Ebola virus, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf announced on Monday...”

[East Africa seeks help to stem surge in heroin smuggling: U.N.](#)

Author/Source: Drazen Jorgic, Reuters

“East African states worried by a surge in heroin smuggling via their Indian Ocean ports want to boost intelligence sharing and possibly try suspected traffickers in local courts, an official at the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime (ODC) said on Monday...”

[Central African rebels reject new PM, refuse to join government](#)

Author/Source: Crispin Dembassa-Kette, Reuters

“Central African Republic's northern Seleka rebels said on Monday they would not take part in a national unity government as they were not consulted about the choice of prime minister and said they may rethink last month's ceasefire deal...”

[US Outraged as South Sudan Peace Deal Deadline Passes](#)

Author/Source: Voice of America

“U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is sharply criticizing South Sudan's warring factions after they missed a key deadline to form a transitional government, saying it is an insult to the country's citizens...”

[HRW chief denied entry to Egypt](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“The executive director of Human Rights Watch and another senior staff member have been denied entry to Egypt after being held at Cairo's international airport for 12 hours...”

Europe

[Turkey Election: Erdogan Wins Landmark Victory](#)

Author/Source: Joe Parkinson and Emre Peker, Wall Street Journal

“Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan swept to a landslide victory in Turkey's first direct presidential election, extending his 12-year grip on power and securing a mandate to fulfill his pledge of creating a "new Turkey."...”



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[NATO says would help defend Turkey if threatened by Islamic State](#)

Author/Source: Adrian Croft, Reuters

“NATO would take all steps necessary to defend alliance member Turkey if it were threatened by Islamic State fighters who have made gains in neighboring Iraq and Syria, Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said on Monday...”

[Shell hits prison in Ukraine's Donetsk, one inmate killed: city council](#)

Author/Source: Richard Balmforth, Reuters

“An artillery shell fired in fighting between government forces and separatist rebels hit a high-security prison in the Ukrainian city of Donetsk on Sunday night, killing one inmate, the city council said on Monday...”

[NATO chief sees "high probability" of Russian intervention in east Ukraine](#)

Author/Source: Adrian Croft, Reuters

“NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen said on Monday he saw a "high probability" that Russia could intervene militarily in eastern Ukraine and that NATO detected no sign that Moscow was pulling back thousands of troops from close to the Ukrainian border...”

[Kosovo arrests 40 over Iraq and Syria combat](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Police in Kosovo have arrested 40 men on suspicion of having fought with rebel groups in Syria and Iraq in a crackdown aimed at deterring recruitment of volunteer fighters, authorities have said...”

[Two injured at NI anti-internment parade](#)

Author/Source: RTE News

“Two people have been injured after a republican parade through Belfast city centre...”

[Spain gets rare Ebola drug to treat stricken priest](#)

Author/Source: Liz Szabo, Detroit Free Press

“A Spanish priest has received one of the world's few doses of an experimental Ebola drug, raising ethical questions about how to allocate scarce medicines for a fatal disease at a time when the virus has infected at least 1,779 people in West Africa...”

[Sailors rescued after 80 boats capsize in Northern Ireland storm](#)

Author/Source: Conor Humphries, Reuters

“Northern Ireland's coastguard launched a rescue operation on Monday after around 80 small sailing boats capsized during a storm...”

[U.N. aviation task force to look at enforcing intelligence sharing](#)

Author/Source: Allison Martell, Reuters

“A United Nations aviation task force, set up following the downing of a Malaysian airliner over Ukraine last month, will consider whether authorities should be forced to share safety intelligence, according to documents obtained by Reuters...”



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US & Canada

[US sending arms to Kurds amid Iraq political crisis](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“The Obama administration has begun directly providing weapons to Kurdish forces, who have started to make gains against Islamic State fighters in northern Iraq, senior U.S. officials said Monday...”

[Australia to sign 25-year US Marine agreement](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“Australia and the United States will sign a 25-year deal allowing 2,500 US Marines and air force personnel to train Down Under, Defence Minister David Johnston said Monday, describing it as a "win-win situation"...”

Latin America and the Caribbean

[Mexican president signs landmark energy reform into law](#)

Author/Source: Noe Torres, David Alire Garcia, and Adriana Barrera, Reuters

“Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto on Monday signed a package of laws that will serve as a rule book for comprehensive energy reform designed to lure billions of dollars in investment to the country's ailing oil, gas and electricity sectors...”

[Mexican Police Arrest 7 Salvadoran Gang Members](#)

Author/Source: Latin America Herald Tribune

“Seven members of El Salvador’s Barrio 18 street gang were arrested in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas, prosecutors said...”

[Seven Dead in Truck-Bus Crash in Venezuela](#)

Author/Source: Latin America Herald Tribune

“At least seven people were killed and seven others injured Monday when a truck and a bus collided in the western Venezuelan state of Trujillo, firefighters said...”

[Venezuela 'anti-smuggling' troops deployed near Colombia](#)

Author/Source: BBC News

“Venezuela says it has deployed 17,000 troops along its border with Colombia, which was closed on Monday for the first time as part of an anti-smuggling operation...”

[Colombia Peace Accord Won't Be Ready This Year, FARC Says](#)

Author/Source: Latin America Herald Tribune

“Negotiators for the Colombian government and the FARC rebel group will not meet President Juan Manuel Santos’ goal of finalizing a peace accord by the end of this year, the leader of the guerrillas said Monday...”