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#### **Middle East**

##### [U.S. ready to help new Iraq leader, Iran welcomes choice](#)

*Author/Source: Michael Georgy and Ahmed Rasheed, Reuters*

“Iraq's new prime minister-designate won swift endorsements from uneasy mutual allies the United States and Iran on Tuesday as he called on political leaders to end crippling feuds that have let jihadists seize a third of the country...”

##### [Yemeni Qaeda leader hails Islamic State's gains in Iraq](#)

*Author/Source: Mohammed Ghobari, Reuters*

“A top leader of al Qaeda's Yemeni branch has hailed the seizure of swathes of Iraqi territory by the Sunni guerrilla group Islamic State, raising the possibility of cooperation between two of the most active Islamist militant networks...”

##### [Car bomb in eastern Baghdad kills at least 10: police, medical sources](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“At least ten people were killed and 21 wounded by a car bomb in the mainly Shi'ite district of New Baghdad in the east of the Iraqi capital on Wednesday, police and medical sources said...”

##### [Maliki says Abadi's appointment as Iraqi PM 'has no value'](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“Nuri al-Maliki said on Wednesday the appointment of Haider al-Abadi to replace him as Iraq's prime minister violated the constitution and "had no value"...”

##### [Maliki's Dawa Party backs his replacement as Iraq PM](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“The Dawa Party of Iraq's Nuri al-Maliki on Wednesday called on Iraqi politicians to work with his replacement as prime minister, Haider al-Abadi, to form a new government...”

##### [U.S. team lands on Iraqi mountain where Yazidis are trapped](#)

*Author/Source: Arshad Mohammed and Jeff Mason, Reuters*

“A team of U.S. military and humanitarian aid personnel landed on Iraq's Mount Sinjar early on Wednesday to assess how to evacuate thousands of civilians under siege from Sunni militant fighters, a U.S. official said...”

##### [Italian journalist, three bomb disposal experts, two others killed in Gaza](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“An Italian journalist, three Palestinian bomb disposal experts and two other people were killed in Gaza on Wednesday when unexploded munitions blew up, medical officials and police said...”



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### **Gaza truce extended for five days to allow more talks: Palestinians**

*Author/Source: Stephen Kalin, Reuters*

“Israel and Palestinian factions negotiating in Cairo agreed on Wednesday to extend a truce for five more days to allow them to reach a lasting agreement to end the fighting in Gaza, the head of the Palestinian delegation said...”

### **UAE launches second food convoy for Gazans**

*Author/Source: Mu Xuequan, Xinhua News*

“Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al- Maktoum, the vice president and prime minister of United Arab Emirates (UAE), on Tuesday ordered to direct the second batch of an emergency food aid program for Palestinian refugees in the Gaza Strip, state news agency WAM reported...”

### **Israel to launch own inquiry into war crimes in Gaza**

*Author/Source: Mu Xuequan, Xinhua News*

“Israel's State Comptroller announced Wednesday to launch an inquiry into the military and political operation during the Gaza war, including possible war crimes and human rights violations...”

### **Syria crisis: Islamic State fighters seize Aleppo towns**

*Source: BBC News*

“Islamic State (IS) militants in Syria have taken control of several towns in the northern province of Aleppo, according to reports from activists...”

### **Militants kills nine in southern Yemen, 15 die in northern clashes**

*Source: Reuters*

“A bomb killed nine people in southern Yemen on Wednesday, a local official said, and tribal sources in the north said 15 more died in clashes between Shi'ite Muslim fighters and Sunnis loyal to an Islamist party...”

### **Iran's Supreme Leader says interaction with U.S. limited to nuclear talks**

*Source: Reuters*

“Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Wednesday nuclear talks with world powers would continue, but added there was no point in holding negotiations with the United States on other issues...”

### **Syria conflict: Sarin gas chemicals destroyed**

*Source: BBC News*

“The international chemical weapons watchdog says that all the precursor chemicals for sarin gas removed from Syria have been destroyed...”

## **South Asia**

### **Afghan battles kill 10 militants, Taliban attack jail**

*Author/Source: Mu Xuequan, Xinhua News*

“Clashes between Taliban militants and Afghan security forces have left 10 insurgents dead in the eastern Ghazni province, while Taliban militants attacked the prison in the northern



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Jauzjan province on Wednesday, officials said...”

### **80 militants killed in Afghanistan: gov't**

*Author/Source: Xiang Bo, Xinhua News*

“Up to 80 militants have been killed in a series of military operations in Afghan provinces within the past 24 hours, said the country's Interior Ministry on Wednesday morning...”

### **Huge 'march of independence' sparks fears of clashes in Pakistan**

*Author/Source: Paul Armstrong and Sofia Saifi, CNN*

“Tens of thousands of anti-government protesters are expected to join a march on Pakistan's capital as the country celebrates its independence...”

## **East Asia**

### **Japan angry at Russian army drills on disputed islands**

*Source: BBC News*

“Japan says it will strongly protest to Russia over military exercises it is staging on disputed islands off northern Japan...”

## **Southeast Asia**

### **Singapore police says crimes shifting online**

*Author/Source: Fu Peng, Xinhua News*

“The number of cheating cases involving e-commerce in Singapore surged to 504 cases in the first half of this year, compared with 96 cases in the first half of 2013, the police said Wednesday...”

### **Suspected Australian militant holding severed heads offers \$1,000 bounty**

*Author/Source: Hilary Whiteman, CNN*

“Security has been stepped up around a prominent Australian Muslim leader after Twitter threats from a Sydney-based militant seen in recent photos clutching severed heads in Syria...”

## **Africa**

### **Libya crisis: Parliament votes for foreign intervention**

*Source: BBC News*

“Libya's parliament has called for foreign intervention to protect civilians from deadly clashes between rival militia groups...”

### **Egypt's Mubarak 'did not order killing of protesters'**

*Source: BBC News*

“Former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has told a court that he did not order the killing of protesters in 2011...”



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### **Mozambique passes amnesty law for opposition leader ahead of vote**

*Author/Source: Manuel Mucari, Reuters*

“Mozambique's parliament has approved an amnesty law that will allow opposition Renamo party leader Afonso Dhlakama to leave his hideaway in the bush, sign a peace accord with President Armando Guebuza and run in an Oct. 15 election, lawmakers said...”

### **At least five killed by rocket fire in Libyan capital: official**

*Source: Reuters*

“At least five people were killed and families were forced from their homes when rockets hit neighborhoods in western Tripoli during clashes between rival armed factions, officials and witnesses said on Wednesday...”

### **One child killed and two wounded in Sinai rocket attack**

*Source: Reuters*

“One child was killed and two others were wounded when a rocket landed on their home in the Egyptian town of el-Mattallah south of Rafah, near the border with Gaza, security and medical sources told Reuters on Wednesday...”

### **Consignment of experimental Ebola drug arrives in Liberia**

*Author/Source: Clair MacDougall, Reuters*

“A consignment of experimental Ebola drugs arrived by plane in Liberia on Wednesday to treat two doctors suffering from the virus, which has killed more than 1,000 people across four West African countries...”

## **Europe**

### **Spain sees surge of migrants by sea from Morocco**

*Source: BBC News*

“More than 1,200 migrants have entered Spain illegally by sea over two days amid Spanish denials that Morocco failed to carry out patrols...”

### **Czechs looking at ways to supply arms to Iraqi Kurds - foreign minister**

*Source: Reuters*

“The Czech government is looking for ways to supply weapons to Iraqi Kurds battling Islamic State militants, including through private companies, Czech Foreign Minister Lubomir Zaoralek was quoted as saying on Wednesday...”

### **EU's Ashton ready to call special meeting on Iraq, Ukraine**

*Source: Reuters*

“European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton is ready to call a special foreign ministers' meeting as early as this week and is talking to EU governments about it, a spokesman said on Wednesday...”

### **Ukraine crisis death toll doubles in two weeks to August 10: U.N.**

*Source: Reuters*

“The estimated death toll in the Ukraine conflict nearly doubled to at least 2,086 as of Aug. 10 from 1,129 on July 26, the United Nations human rights office said on Wednesday...”



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### **[Twelve Ukrainian nationalist fighters killed in separatist ambush](#)**

*Source: Reuters*

“Twelve Ukrainian nationalist fighters, battling a pro-Russian insurgency in eastern Ukraine, were killed early on Wednesday and an unknown number taken captive when rebels ambushed their bus, a spokesman for their group said...”

### **[UK's Cameron cuts short holiday over Iraq, resists calls for air strikes](#)**

*Author/Source: Andrew Osborn and William James, Reuters*

“British Prime Minister David Cameron cut short his holiday to return to Britain to chair a meeting to discuss the Iraq crisis on Wednesday, but resisted calls to intervene there militarily and ruled out recalling parliament for now...”

### **[Swiss expand ban on defense sales to Russia, Ukraine](#)**

*Source: Reuters*

“Switzerland's government said on Wednesday it would expand an export ban on defense materials to Russia and Ukraine and look to beef up measures to stop Russians using the country to bypass sanctions...”

### **[Denmark earmarks funds to help fight terror in Somalia](#)**

*Author/Source: Miah Song, Xinhua News*

“Denmark has granted 19 million Danish kroner (3.4 million U.S. dollars) to help the Somali military fight against terrorism, the Danish minister for trade and development announced Wednesday...”

### **[Russia calls 'absurd' suspicions aid to Ukraine is cover for invasion](#)**

*Source: Reuters*

“Russia said on Wednesday suggestions it could use a humanitarian aid convoy to Ukraine as a cover for invasion were absurd...”

### **[EU looking at how to stop Islamic State oil sales from Syria](#)**

*Author/Source: Adrian Croft, Reuters*

“The European Union is looking into how it could tighten sanctions to stop Islamic State militants from selling oil from fields they have overrun in Syria, a European diplomat said on Wednesday...”

### **[ICRC says it needs detailed list of convoy goods from Russia](#)**

*Source: Reuters*

“Russia has given a "general list" of goods on its relief convoy to Ukrainian authorities and the International Committee of the Red Cross, but the aid agency needs a detailed inventory to be able to receive them, an ICRC spokeswoman said on Wednesday...”

### **[NATO nears agreement on beefing up presence in eastern Europe: Poland](#)**

*Author/Source: Marcin Goettig and Christian Lowe, Reuters*

“NATO member states are close to reaching consensus over steps to beef up the alliance's military presence in eastern Europe in response to Russia's intervention in Ukraine, Polish Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski said on Wednesday in an interview...”



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### **[Swiss agree to extend some sanctions on Iran until mid December](#)**

*Source: Reuters*

“Switzerland said on Wednesday it would maintain a suspension of sanctions against Iran on trade in precious metals and in petrochemical products until Dec. 12, in light of an agreement between world powers and Teheran to extend negotiations...”

## **US & Canada**

### **[United States sends another 130 military personnel to Iraq](#)**

*Source: Reuters*

“The Obama administration has sent about 130 additional military personnel to Iraq, U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said on Tuesday, as Washington seeks to help Iraq contain the threat posed by hardline militants from the Islamic State...”

### **[U.S. threatens sanctions on those blocking peace deal in South Sudan](#)**

*Source: Reuters*

“The United States is considering sanctions on anyone impeding attempts to reach a peace agreement in South Sudan and, in particular, anyone committing human rights abuses, State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said on Wednesday...”

### **[Kerry says constructive relations with China needed for regional stability](#)**

*Author/Source: Leslie Wroughton, Reuters*

“A constructive relationship between Washington and Beijing is necessary to maintaining regional stability despite China's behavior in the South China Sea, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said on Wednesday at the end of an eight-day trip to Asia...”

### **[Canada to donate Ebola vaccine to WHO](#)**

*Source: BBC News*

“Canada says it will donate up to 1,000 doses of an experimental Ebola vaccine to help battle the disease's outbreak in West Africa...”

## **South and Central America and the Caribbean**

### **[Colombia sends more troops to ELN rebel stronghold](#)**

*Source: BBC News*

“The military in Colombia says it is sending more troops to the eastern province of Arauca, a rebel stronghold, to deal with a recent wave of attacks...”

### **[Chile fires airport security chief after huge robbery](#)**

*Source: BBC News*

“Chile has fired the security chief of the country's main airport after an "embarrassing" robbery of more than \$10m (£6.2) at the cargo terminal...”

### **[Colombian gov't, FARC resume peace talks in Cuba](#)**

*Author/Source: Mu Xuequan, Xinhua News*

“Colombia's government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) rebel



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group Tuesday resumed peace talks in Havana, Cuba...”

### **Bolivia takes preventive steps against Ebola**

*Source: Xinhua News*

“Bolivia Tuesday announced it was taking measures to prevent an Ebola outbreak within its borders, by issuing a health emergency to step up monitoring and detection of any suspected cases...”

### **International Organizations**

### **Pope writes to U.N. to highlight 'the tears and cries' of Iraqi Christians**

*Source: Reuters*

“Pope Francis renewed his appeal on Wednesday for international action to stop suffering among religious minorities in war-torn northern Iraq, calling for help in a letter to U.N. Secretary General Ban-Ki Moon...”

### **U.N. Security Council urges swift creation of inclusive Iraqi government**

*Source: Reuters*

“The U.N. Security Council said on Wednesday it was encouraged by the nomination of Iraq's Prime Minister-designate Haider al-Abadi as it was an important step toward creating an inclusive government representing all parts of the country's society...”