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Middle East

[Iraqi finance minister says deal reached to ease tensions over Kurdish oil](#)

By Michael Georgy/ Reuters

“The government of Iraq and the semi-autonomous region of Kurdistan have reached a deal to ease tensions over Kurdish oil exports and payments for civil servants from Baghdad, Iraq's finance minister told Reuters on Thursday...”

[Islamic State leader urges attacks in Saudi Arabia: speech](#)

By Angus MacSwan/ Reuters

“Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi called for attacks in Saudi Arabia, said his caliphate was expanding across the Arab world, and called for "volcanoes of jihad" in a speech purported to be in his name on Thursday. Baghdadi also said a U.S.-led military campaign against his group in Syria and Iraq was failing...”

[Jordanian, Israeli leaders to discuss Jerusalem unrest with Kerry](#)

By Warren Strobel and Suleiman Al Khalid/ Reuters

“Jordan's King Abdullah and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will meet in Amman later on Thursday with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry to try to ease strife among Israelis and Palestinians in Jerusalem...”

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[Yemen's Houthi group endorse new government: presidential aide](#)

By Mohamed Ghobari and Sami Aboudi/ Reuters

“The Shi'ite Muslim Houthi group has endorsed the new Yemeni government despite opposition to some ministers, a presidential aide said on Thursday, in a move that could allow Prime Minister Khaled Bahah to focus on restoring state control over the country...”

[Iraqi PM removes dozens of commanders](#)

Al Jazeera

“Iraq's prime minister has dismissed several top military commanders in a move seen as his boldest since he came to office in September. Haider al-Abadi's decision, aimed at boosting the morale of an army battling armed groups, came following a probe into claims of corruption, prompted by military defeats that enabled fighters of the Islamic State in Iraq and Levant (ISIL) to seize large expanses of the country...”

[Lebanon's politics paralyzed by regional conflict](#)

By Oliver Holmes/ Reuters

“With Lebanon's most powerful political parties funded and often directed by regional powers, the country has for decades been affected by events in the Middle East. But extraordinary chaos is exploding around the tiny Mediterranean state and Lebanon's leaders have tried to isolate themselves as best they can...”



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[Syria rebels in south emerge as West's last hope as moderates crushed elsewhere](#)

By Tom Perry/ Reuters

“With moderate rebels facing defeat by al Qaeda in Syria's north, groups holding a corner of the south are seeking a higher profile and more help, as the last Western-backed forces holding out against both President Bashar al-Assad and the jihadists...”

[Palestinian 'shot dead by Israeli army' in Hebron](#)

BBC

“A Palestinian man has been killed in clashes with the Israeli army in the occupied West Bank, Palestinian medical sources say...”

Central Asia

[Armenia vows 'grave consequences' after helicopter downed](#)

By Emil Guliyev and Mariam Harutunyan/ Yahoo/ AFP

“Armenia threatened 'grave consequences' after Azerbaijani forces shot down a military helicopter, sparking fears of a major escalation in the conflict over the disputed region of Nagorny Karabakh.

South Asia

[Afghan Police Say Suspected Suicide Bomber Killed In Failed Attack](#)

Radio Free Europe

“Afghan police say a suspected suicide bomber was killed by international forces in eastern Afghanistan on November 13 when he tried to attack a convoy of NATO-led troops...”

[Pakistan Seeks Dissidents' Arrest](#)

By Declan Walsh/ New York Times

“A Pakistani court has issued warrants for the arrest of the opposition leaders Imran Khan and Muhammad Tahir-ul Qadri for their part in a protest movement that paralyzed the Pakistani capital last summer, state television reported late Wednesday...”

[Pakistan test-fires nuclear-capable missile](#)The Washington Post

“Pakistan’s military says it has successfully test-fired an intermediate-range missile capable of carrying a nuclear warhead...”

[USAID Offers 75 Million USD to Ministry of Finance](#)

By Geeti Mohsini/ Tolo News

“Officials at the Afghan Ministry of Finance (MoF) on Tuesday reported that the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has made available 75 million USD in aid, so that the government can ensure salary payments for all public employees are paid...”

[Second suicide attack on NATO forces convoy in Nangarhar kills 1 civilian](#)

Khaama Press

“At least one civilian was killed following the second suicide attack on NATO forces convoy



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in eastern Nangarhar province on Thursday...”

[U.S.-India Agreement Clears Way for Global Trade Deal](#)

Neha Thirani Bagri/ New York Times

“India and the United States reached an agreement on Thursday that removes a key obstacle to the implementation of a landmark global trade deal that has been stalled for months. developing countries...”

[Uber to invest \\$400 million in India to grow business, expand and hire](#)

Aditi Shrivastava/ Economic Times India

“Taxi hailing app Uber could set aside nearly half the amount from a proposed round of funding to grow business in India, its largest and fastest growing market outside of the US...”

Southeast Asia

[China offers Asean friendship as South China Sea tension bubbles](#)

Bangkok Post

“China's Prime Minister Li Keqiang proposed a friendship treaty with Southeast Asian countries on Thursday but reiterated that territorial disputes in the South China Sea should be settled directly between countries involved...”

East Asia

[Takata says subject of U.S. criminal probe on air bag flaws](#)

By Maki Shiraki and Mari Saito/ Reuters

“Japan's Takata Corp (7312.T) is the subject of a U.S. criminal investigation over potentially defective car air bags that have been linked to five deaths, a spokesman said on Thursday...”

[Japanese riot police raid Kyoto University](#)

Bangkok Post

“Scores of fully-clad riot police raided a dormitory at a leading Japanese university Thursday, reports said, in an apparently heavy-handed response to a left-wing movement that may involve students...”

[Singapore proposes East Asia Summit symposium to tackle religious extremism](#)

By Dylan Loh/ Channel News Asia

“Non-traditional security problems like the Islamic State (ISIS) and the Ebola virus outbreak are on the rise, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said at the East Asia Summit on Thursday (Nov 13)...”

Africa

[Zambia succession battle spills to courts](#)

News 24

“The battle to succeed late Zambian president Michael Sata has entered the courts, with supporters of one contender claiming that his right to take over as interim president had been



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unlawfully denied...”

Liberia lifts emergency amid progress on Ebola

San Francisco Gate

“Liberia's president is lifting a state of emergency imposed to control an Ebola outbreak that has ravaged the country and two other West African nations. In a nationwide address on Thursday, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf said that the move does not mean the outbreak is over, but that enough progress has been made to lift emergency measures...”

Abductions by Uganda's LRA rebels on the rise

News 24

“Uganda's Lord's Resistance Army rebels have launched a string of attacks across central Africa with a "steady increase" in abductions, the United Nations said in a report seen on Thursday...”

Female suicide bomber attacks Nigerian teaching college

News 24

“A female suicide bomber injured four people at a teachers' college in northwest Nigeria on Wednesday, while the US hit back at allegations it has not done enough to tackle Boko Haram militants...”

UN says sees no signs security in Liberia is worsening

News 24

“Burkina Faso general goes to France for treatmentNew York - Despite the devastating Ebola outbreak in Liberia, the United Nations is not seeing signs of deteriorating security in the country and some public authorities are even showing strength after years of post-civil war rebuilding, the UN peacekeeping chief said on Wednesday...”

Burkina roadmap agreed 'but needs top brass OK'

News 24

“Army and civil groups in Burkina Faso on Wednesday sketched out a blueprint for a transition to civilian rule that now needs the stamp of approval from top military brass, mediators said...”

Well known Moz 'drug kingpin' kidnapped in mall

Tereasa Ferrari/ News 24

A high profile businessman in Mozambique who is wanted by US authorities for his alleged involvement in drug trafficking, has been kidnapped in his mall in Maputo. According to Mozambican media, Mohamed Bachir Suleman, who was always accompanied by his own armed security details, was abducted at gunpoint from a mosque located at his Maputo Shopping Centre on Wednesday.

Egypt sailors missing after navy ship attacked in Med

BBC

“Gunmen have attacked an Egyptian navy ship in the Mediterranean Sea, state media say, leaving five servicemen injured and eight more missing at sea...”



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Europe

Dutch fighters intercept Russian plane over Baltic states

Thomas Escritt/ Reuters

“Two Dutch F16 fighter jets, part of a NATO force patrolling the skies above the Baltic states, intercepted a Russian Ilyushin transport aircraft after it intruded into Estonian and Lithuanian air space, the Dutch government said on Thursday...”

Northern European nations to boost military cooperation against Russia

Alister Doyle/ Reuters

“Eight northern European nations agreed on Thursday to step up cooperation to counter an increase in Moscow's military activity that has included a tripling of NATO intercepts of Russian jets this year...”

Italian engineer abducted in Libya in July freed: Italy ministry

Phillip Pullella/ Reuters

“An Italian construction engineer abducted in Libya last July has been freed, Italy's foreign ministry said on Thursday...”

Ukraine redeploys troops, fearing new rebel offensive

By Pavel Polituk and Anto Zverev/ Reuters

“Ukraine said on Wednesday it was redeploying troops in the east because of fears that separatists will launch a new military offensive, despite Russia's denials it has sent troops to reinforce the rebels...”

Four sentenced over al-Qaeda bomb plot

The Local

“The "Düsseldorf cell", named after the city in North Rhine-Westphalia where three of the men lived, had planned the attack but not yet decided on a target, the court found. The ring leader, Moroccan national Abdeladim el-Kebir, 33, was sentenced to nine years in jail for planning the attack and being a member of a terrorist group...”

Court rejects Hanover ban on hooligan march

The Local

“The decision overturns a police ban on the protest out of fears that the demonstration could devolve into violence like the "Hooligans against Salifists" protest on October 26th in Cologne...”

Students clash with riot police outside Athens University

Ekathimerini News

“Tensions rose outside the Athens University's law faculty on Thursday after a group of about 40 students trying to enter the premises clashed with riot police forces...”

Ukraine OSCE envoy says ceasefire all but dead: newspaper

Reuters



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“The ceasefire in eastern Ukraine is all but dead, Ukraine's representative to the Organisation of Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) told Austrian newspaper Die Presse....

US navy members assaulted in Turkey

By Umut Uras/ Al Jazeera

“Turkish activists have assaulted US navy sailors in Istanbul and placed sacks over their heads, in what they say is a protest action against "American imperialism"...”

US & Canada

Obama optimistic on change in Myanmar, more work to be done

Matt Spetalnick/ Reuters

“U.S. President Barack Obama said on Thursday he is optimistic about political change in Myanmar but that more work was needed to push forward with reforms. Myanmar emerged from international pariah status when a semi-civilian government took power four years ago and initiated a wave of liberal change after nearly half a century of military rule...”

Latin America and the Caribbean

Violent Crime Cost Brazil Some \$100 Billion in 2013

Latin American Herald Tribune

“Violent crime cost Brazil 258 billion reais (about \$100 billion) in 2013, a figure equivalent to 5.4 percent of the country’s GDP, according to the new Brazilian Public Safety Annual Report, in which it is stated that an average of six people died in police operations each day during the year....”

Mexico: Violent Protests Hit Acapulco's Tourism

AP/ New York Times

“Mexico's president has tried to keep the issue of violence issue separate from his focus on the economy, but the two are converging as violent protests over 43 disappeared students squelch tourism in Acapulco just before a major holiday weekend...”

8.5 Tonnes of Marijuana Bound for Chile Seized in Argentina

Latin American Herald Tribune

“Argentine border police have seized some 8.5 tonnes of marijuana worth \$4.1 million in the northeastern province of Corrientes while it was being smuggled from Paraguay to Chile, officials said...”