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Middle East

Middle East Updates / Iraqi forces recapture most of strategic oil town from IS militants

Author/Source: Haaretz

“Iraqi soldiers battling the Islamic State group recaptured most of the town of Beiji, home to the country's largest oil refinery, state television and a provincial governor said Tuesday...”

Syria Kurds 'recapture' areas of Kobani from ISIS

Author/Source: Daily Star

“Kurds battling ISIS in Kobani were making advances in the flashpoint Syrian town on the border with Turkey, local officials and an activist group said...”

Syrian opposition leader criticizes 'confused' US-led policy

Author/Source: Daily Star

“The leader of the moderate Syrian opposition accused the U.S.-led coalition in an interview Tuesday of having a "confused" strategy in Iraq and Syria that targeted jihadists but turned "a blind eye" to crimes by Syrian President Bashar Assad...”

Yemen rebels clash with airport security; 4 killed

Author/Source: Daily Star

“Yemeni security officials say Shiite rebels who overtook the capital, Sanaa, tried to impose their authority at the city's international airport, setting off clashes with security personnel that left four dead...”

Assad says U.N. truce plan worth studying

Author/Source: Daily Star

“Syrian President Bashar Assad said Monday that the U.N. envoy's proposal to implement a cease-fire in the embattled northern city of Aleppo was “worth studying.”...”

Iran claims successful test flight of replica American drone

Author/Source: Daily Star

“Iran said Monday that a copy of an American drone downed over its territory in 2011 had successfully completed its first test flight, promising to release footage of the experiment...”

Roadside bomb kills 3 Yemeni army soldiers

Author/Source: Xinhua

“A roadside bomb struck a car with army soldiers in Yemen on Tuesday, killing three soldiers killed and injuring two others, a government source said...”



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Islamic state crisis: US troops sent into Iraq's Anbar

Author/Source: BBC

“The US has deployed 50 troops to an air base in Iraq's troubled Anbar province to help in the fight against Islamic State (IS)...”

Al Qaeda member killed in Yemen strike, official says

Author/Source: Greg Botelho, CNN

“An al Qaeda leader in Yemen was among those killed in what a Yemeni official called a "counterterrorism strike," the latest such strike at a time of intensified fighting in the Arab nation...”

Suicide bomber kills 8 in Iraqi city of Baiji

Author/Source: Daily Star

“A suicide bomber killed eight people including six soldiers on Tuesday in the northern Iraqi city of Baiji where government forces are trying to reassert control to break an Islamic State siege of the country's largest refinery nearby...”

Palestinian 'shot dead by Israeli army in Hebron'

Author/Source: BBC

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

South Asia

Indian PM Narendra Modi begins trip to Myanmar, Australia and Fiji

Author/Source: BBC

“Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set off on a tour which will take in summits and key bilateral talks in Myanmar, Australia and Fiji...”

Bomb blasts kill 3, wounds 25 in Quetta, Pakistan

Author/Source: Xinhua

“Rescuers transfer an injured man to a hospital from a bomb blast site in southwest Pakistan's Quetta on Nov. 11, 2014...”

6 killed in U.S. drone strike in NW Pakistan

Author/Source: Xinhua

“At least six people were killed when U.S. pilot less aircraft launched missiles strikes in Pakistan's northwest tribal town of Datta Khel on Tuesday night, local media reported...”

India, Pakistan troops trade fire on Kashmir LoC*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“The troops of India and Pakistan Tuesday violated cease-fire agreement and targeted each other's positions on Line of Control (LoC) dividing Kashmir, officials said...”



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[Afghan forces kill 10 insurgents, Taliban attack kills 2 civilian](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua

“Afghan security forces targeted Taliban hideouts and killed 10 militants in the northern Kunduz province while rockets fired by Taliban claimed the life of a civilian in the eastern Nangarhar province on Tuesday, officials confirmed...”

[RAF Tornados leave Afghanistan for last time](#)

Author/Source: Ben Farmer, The Telegraph

“Britain’s RAF’s Tornado GR4 jets have flown their final missions in Afghanistan and are heading back to the UK after five years of operations in the country...”

[East Asia](#)

[Apec summit: Chinese trade pact plan backed by leaders](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“Asia-Pacific leaders meeting in China have agreed to move towards a new free trade zone strongly backed by Beijing...”

[22 Sentenced to Prison in Ethnically Split Chinese Region of Xinjiang](#)

Author/Source: Andrew Jacobs, New York Times

“The authorities in Xinjiang, an ethnically divided region in northwest China, have imprisoned 22 people in a mass sentencing that included charges of rape, disturbing public order and “illegal preaching,” a state news media outlet reported on Tuesday...”

[Hong Kong official warns protesters: leave or face arrest](#)

Author/Source: The Telegraph

“Pro-democracy protesters who have been camped out on main streets in Hong Kong for more than six weeks face arrest after a court authorized police to help bailiffs clear them from occupation sites, a senior government official warned Tuesday...”

[Africa](#)

[Boko Haram crisis: Nigeria fury over US arms refusal](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“Nigeria’s ambassador to the US has criticised Washington for refusing to sell his government “lethal” weapons to fight militant Islamists...”

[Hunger amid tragedy for South Sudan refugees](#)

Author/Source: Hannah McNeish and Peter Nicholls, Al Jazeera

“The water at the Lietchor refugee camp has gone from waist to knee high, but it was still deep enough last month for a five-year-old to drown as his mother went to collect her weekly grain rations...”



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Egypt's main terror group supports IS

Author/Source: Arab News

“Egypt’s deadliest militant group, Ansar Beit Al-Maqdis, pledged its allegiance to the Islamic State organization in Iraq and Syria, in a recording posted on its Twitter account on Monday...”

War crimes may be occurring in Libya: UN prosecutor

Author/Source: Daily Star

“The chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court said Tuesday there were indications of war crimes being committed in Libya, warning that the strife-torn country was "on the wrong path." ...”

Europe

Russia steps up nuclear plans in Iran as talks near deadline

Author/Source: Josh Levs, CNN

“Russia has announced plans to build new nuclear reactors in Iran -- a move with international repercussions as a deadline looms...”

Italian police arrest North African men after finding Isil flag and guns

Author/Source: Nick Squires, The Telegraph

“Italian police arrested two North African men after finding the black flag of Isil and a map of Rome among their possessions, along with two hand guns...”

Violence in eastern Ukraine 'escalating', says OSCE

Author/Source: David Blair, The Telegraph

“The bloodshed in eastern Ukraine risks “escalating” because a ceasefire agreement is steadily unravelling, international observers gave warning yesterday...”

Germany: Nuclear talks with Iran nearing ‘make-or-break’ moment for deal

Author/Source: Brian Murphy, Washington Post

“The West is facing a “make-or-break moment” to reach a deal with Iran over its nuclear program, Germany’s foreign minister said Tuesday after high-level negotiations again failed to reach a breakthrough...”

US & Canada

Last known US Ebola case 'virus free'

Author/Source: BBC

“The last known person in the US with Ebola has recovered and has been released from hospital. Craig Spencer, an American doctor who became the first person to be diagnosed in New York, "has been declared free of the virus", officials said...”



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[Google to lease former Nasa airfield for space research](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“Google latest "moonshot" is an apt one - it is investing in a Nasa-owned airfield to expand research into space exploration and robotics...”

[U.S.-China deal on technology trade clears way for global accord](#)

Author/Source: David Nakamura, Washington Post

“The United States and China agreed Tuesday on a plan to eliminate tariffs on dozens of high-tech products — including GPS devices, medical equipment and game consoles — in a breakthrough that U.S. officials said could boost trade and create jobs...”

[Griesa Allows Citibank to Make Payments in Argentine Debt Case](#)

Author/Source: Latin America Herald Times

“U.S. judge Thomas Griesa, who is handling the case involving Argentina and U.S. hedge funds, has given Citibank the green light to pay the bondholders restructured debt maturing on December 31, 2014 for a value of \$85 million...”

[Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

[Mexico missing: Protesters block Acapulco airport](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“Thousands of Mexicans blocked the access to Acapulco airport on Monday in protest at the authorities' handling of the case of 43 missing students...”

[Eight Killed in Two Localities near Colombia-Venezuela Border](#)

Author/Source: Latin America Herald Times

“Eight men, including five Colombians, have been murdered in two Venezuelan towns bordering Colombia for reasons not yet known, the Colombian ambassador to Venezuela, Luis Eladio Perez has said...”

[Private plane crashes in the Bahamas, claims 9 lives](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua

“A private plane carrying nine people crashed in the Bahamas on Sunday, killing all on board, according to reports reaching here from Nassau, the capital of the Bahamas...”