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Middle East

Nuclear Talks Resume With Iran in Vienna

Author/ Source: Laurence Norman/ Wall Street Journal

“Nuclear talks between Iran and six world powers resumed Tuesday in the Austrian capital, the start of a week of negotiations aimed at reaching a final agreement by the deadline next Monday...”

Iran to resist 'excessive' demands in push for nuclear deal

Author/ Source: Fredrik Dahl and Parisa Hafezi/ Reuters

“Iran said it would resist Western pressure to make what it considered to be excessive concessions in nuclear talks that started on Tuesday, highlighting obstacles that could prevent a historic deal being reached by a Nov. 24 deadline...”

Amnesty slams UAE repression behind F1 glitz

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“Amnesty International has accused the United Arab Emirates, which hosts a Formula One race this weekend, of repression it said is the "ugly reality" behind the glitz and glamour of the event...”

Five Jordanians jailed for ISIL membership

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“A Jordanian court has sentenced five people to between three and five years in jail for being members of the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), and promoting the armed group on the Internet...”

Frenchman identified in ISIL beheading video

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“French authorities have identified one of the men seen in a video by the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group, purportedly showing the beheading of US aid worker Peter Kassig and 12 Syrian military personnel, as one of its nationals...”

Oman considers life after Qaboos

Author/ Source: Jillian Kestler-D'amours/ Al Jazeera

“For the first time since he took power more than four decades ago, Oman’s Sultan Qaboos bin Said al-Said will not attend the country’s national day celebrations...”

Tunisian dilemma: Deal or no deal?

Author/ Source: Ahmed El Amraoui/ Al Jazeera

“Official results in Tunisia’s first free legislative elections have restored the strongly secular tradition of the country’s politics, handing a relative majority to secular party Nidaa Tounes (Tunisian Call) and entitling it to nominate the prime minister and to lead a ruling coalition...”



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Clashes after attack on Jerusalem synagogue

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“Fighting has broken out between Israeli police and Palestinians in occupied East Jerusalem following an attack on a synagogue in the west of the city in which four Israelis were killed by two Palestinian men...”

East Jerusalem under 'collective punishment'

Author/ Source: Gregg Carlstrom/ Al Jazeera

“After months of unrest, municipal officials in Jerusalem have begun a widespread crackdown on the Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem, enforcing the finest points of the law in what rights groups have dubbed an act of "collective punishment...”

Iraqi army claims control of Beiji refinery

Author/ Source: Al Jazeera

“Iraqi security forces have entered the country's largest refinery for the first time after months of battling fighters who had surrounded it, according to an Iraqi police colonel and state television...”

South Asia

Pakistan's Musharraf warns of proxy war with India in Afghanistan

Author/ Source: Bangkok Post

“The departure of NATO combat forces from Afghanistan could push India and Pakistan towards a proxy war in the troubled nation, Pakistan's former military ruler General Pervez Musharraf warned in an interview with AFP...”

SMS alerts cut deaths caused by elephants in rural India

Author/ Source: Bangkok Post

“Geetha Thomas owes her life to a text message. The 38-year-old tea plantation worker was able to scramble onto the roof of her home in southern India as a herd of elephants rampaged through her village thanks to an alert on her mobile phone...”

Southeast Asia

Thailand Is Searching for Scores of Uighurs Who Fled China

Author/ Source: Edward Wong/ New York Times

“The Thai authorities said Tuesday that they were searching for about 120 ethnic Uighurs who fled China and were detained in southern Thailand by the police earlier this year but escaped this month from a shelter there...”

Myanmar army opposes charter change

Author/ Source: Bangkok Post

“Myanmar's powerful army has told parliament it opposes changing a junta-drafted constitution that bars opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi from becoming president, days after US President Barack Obama called for it to be amended...”



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Myanmar rules out constitutional change before 2015 polls

Author/ Source: Bangkok Post

“Myanmar's parliament speaker said Tuesday the current junta-drafted constitution, which bars opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi from becoming president, cannot be changed before elections in November 2015...”

Source:

Myanmar students vow national protest

Author/ Source: Bangkok Post

“After four consecutive days of defying threats of arrest by rallying in the crumbling former capital, Yangon, the students gave the government 60 days to meet their demands, said Phyto Phyto Aung, general secretary of the All Burma Federation of Students Union...”

East Asia

U.N. committee urges consideration of North Korea court referral

Author/ Source: Mirjam Donath and David Brunnstrom/ Reuters

“The U.N. General Assembly committee dealing with human rights passed a resolution on Tuesday calling for the U.N. Security Council to consider referring North Korea to the International Criminal Court (ICC) for alleged crimes against humanity.”

Abe set to call snap Japan poll, delay tax hike

Author/ Source: Bangkok Post

“Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is set later Tuesday to call a snap election and seek voters' endorsement for more economic reforms after Japan slipped into recession...”

Investors shun H. Kong-Shanghai link

Author/ Source: Bangkok Post

“Investors largely turned away from the link-up between the Hong Kong and Shanghai stock exchanges on Tuesday, a day after it launched to much fanfare and ambitions for billions of dollars in daily cross-border transactions...”

Hong Kong clears main protest camp

Author/ Source: Bangkok Post

“Hong Kong authorities on Tuesday cleared part of the city's main pro-democracy protest camp, the first of several planned evictions to shrink mass sit-ins that have blocked major thoroughfares for seven weeks...”

Africa

Kafando sworn in as Burkina Faso transitional president

Author/ Source: Mathieu Bonkoungou and Nadoun Coulibaly/ Reuters

“Michel Kafando was sworn in as transitional president of Burkina Faso on Tuesday, faced with the task of leading the West African country to elections in a year following a brief military takeover...”



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Ivory Coast soldiers protest over benefits, bonuses

Author/ Source: Ange Aboa and Joe Bavier/ Reuters

“Former rebels now serving in Ivory Coast's army erected barricades and blocked streets outside barracks across the country on Tuesday in protest over unpaid salaries and bonuses, military sources and witnesses said...”

Congo police executed 51 in anti-gang operation -Human Rights Watch

Author/ Source: Aaron Ross/ Reuters

“Human Rights Watch (HRW) accused police in the Democratic Republic of Congo on Tuesday of summarily executing at least 51 people in an anti-gang operation and of being responsible for the disappearance of at least 33 more...”

Europe

Al Qaeda branch releases video of French, Dutch hostages

Author/ Source: France 24

“Al Qaeda's North African branch, al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), released a video Monday purporting to show a French and a Dutch hostage who have been held in the Sahara since being kidnapped separately in Mali in November 2011...”

Top German spy says Berlin under cyber attack from other states

Author/ Source: Thorsten Severin/ Reuters

“German government and business computers are coming under increasing cyber attack every day from other states' spy agencies, especially those of Russia and China, Germany's domestic intelligence (BfV) chief said on Tuesday...”

Romania's next president says may try to topple government

Author/ Source: Luiza Ilie And Radu-Sorin Marinas/ Reuters

“Romania's incoming president Klaus Iohannis said on Tuesday his party might try to topple Prime Minister Victor Ponta's government next year, an early sign of the instability that might follow his surprise victory...”

Putin says United States will never 'subdue' Russia

Author/ Source: Gabriela Baczyńska/ Reuters

“The United States wants to subdue Moscow, but will never succeed, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday...”

NATO warns of 'very serious' Russian military build-up in Ukraine

Author/ Source: Bangkok Post

“NATO warned on Tuesday of a "very serious" build-up of Russian soldiers and weapons inside Ukraine and on the border, as Germany's foreign minister urged Kiev and Moscow to respect a tattered peace plan...”

US & Canada



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[Senate Defeats Bill on Keystone XL Pipeline in Narrow Vote](#)

Author/ Source: Ashley Parker And Coral Davenport/ New York Times

“Senate Democrats, by a single vote, stopped legislation that would have approved construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, one of the most fractious and expensive battles of the Obama presidency...”

Latin America and the Caribbean

[Argentina Bolsters Reserves with New Currency Swap with China](#)

Author/ Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“The Argentine Central Bank activated the second installment of its currency-swap agreement with China, issuing a request that resulted in a boost to its foreign reserves equivalent to \$500 million...”

[Requests for Asylum in Brazil Rose 930% in 3 years](#)

Author/ Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Asylum requests in Brazil increased 930 percent in three years, rising from 566 in 2010 to 5,882 in 2013, while so far this year there have been 8,302 requests, the national office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees reported Tuesday...”

Source:

[Teachers Take Over Judicial Branch HQ in Mexico Protest Over Disappeared](#)

Author/ Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Teachers in the southern Mexican state of Guerrero on Tuesday took over the state judicial branch headquarters and held workers there for four hours as part of protests associated with the disappearance of 43 teaching students...”

[TalCual: Venezuela’s ‘Cartel of the Frogs’](#)

Author/ Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“We have all become suspects in Venezuela. In previous years that category was limited to those confronting the authoritarianism of the late Hugo Chávez and his people...”

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

[VenEconomy: The Sham of the Bolivarian Enabling Laws](#)

Author/ Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“The enabling laws are special powers that have been granted not only in Venezuela since last century to legislate in times of natural disasters and war situations, but also in cases of financial and economic emergencies...”

[Colombian General’s Capture by FARC Guerillas Threatens Peace Talks](#)

Author/ Source: William Neuman/ New York Times

“Government troops and airplanes scoured northwestern Colombia searching for General Rubén Dario Alzate on Tuesday, as his capture by guerillas over the weekend threatened to upend peace talks meant to end a 50-year insurgency...”

[Mexican Drug Lord Beltran Levya Pleads Not Guilty in U. S.](#)



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Author/ Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Alfredo Beltran Leyva, the alleged leader of one of Mexico’s major drug trafficking cartels, has pleaded not guilty in a U.S. federal court where he was extradited on international drug trafficking charges...”