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Middle East

Lebanon 'holding IS leader's daughter and ex-wife'

Author/Source: BBC

“DNA tests confirm Lebanon is holding the young daughter of Islamic State (IS) leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the country's interior minister says...”

Iran Extends Detention of Washington Post Journalist

Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“The Iranian government has decided to extend for another two months the detention of a journalist from the Washington Post newspaper, Jason Razaian, the U.S. newspaper reported Thursday, citing family sources...”

Anti-ISIS coalition to step up airstrikes, holds off on ground forces

Author/Source: Daily Star

“The U.S.-led anti-ISIS coalition will step up airstrikes on jihadi targets in Syria and Iraq, the coalition said Thursday, arguing that its four-month-long offensive has begun to show results by halting ISIS advances across the war-torn region...”

Oil pipeline bursts near Israel-Jordan border

Author/Source: Daily Star

“An oil pipeline rupture has caused thousands of cubic meters of crude oil to spill into the Arava desert in southern Israel near the border with Jordan, officials said Thursday...”

ISIS launches attack on Syrian army air base: activists

Author/Source: Daily Star

“At least 19 Syrian soldiers and militiamen were killed when ISIS attacked one of the government's last remaining strongholds in the country's east, activists said Thursday...”

Abu Dhabi police arrest suspect in slaying of U.S. teacher

Author/Source: Haaretz

“The United Arab Emirates' interior minister said Thursday that police have arrested a female suspect in the stabbing death of an American schoolteacher in the country's capital and revealed that the attacker also planted a bomb outside the home of another American...”

ISIL sympathisers say support is growing

Author/Source: Omar Shahid, Al Jazeera

“For most people in the UK and elsewhere, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) is nothing short of pure evil - severing heads and stealing women - a menace to the world that must be eliminated...”



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[Saudi Arabia reportedly suspends aid to Yemen over Houthi takeover](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Saudi Arabia has suspended most of its financial aid to Yemen, Yemeni and Western sources said, in a clear indication of its dissatisfaction with the growing political power of Shia Houthi fighters friendly with Riyadh's regional rival, Iran...”

[Yemen hostage: US reveals bid to rescue Luke Somers](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“The US has revealed it tried to rescue UK-born American hostage Luke Somers, who is being held by al-Qaeda in Yemen...”

[Kerry backs 'any' Iran strikes at IS](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“US Secretary of State John Kerry on Wednesday welcomed any Iranian military action against Islamic State jihadists in Iraq as "positive" after the Pentagon said Tehran had carried out air strikes against the group...”

[Warily, U.S. learns to live with more muscular Iran role in Iraq](#)

Author/Source: Phil Stewart and Warren Strobel, Reuters

“The United States and Iran, which dueled viciously over Iraq during the years of U.S. occupation, suddenly seem to be working in tandem as they confront what both see as a common, even mortal enemy: Islamic State...”

[Bomb near Baghdad's Green Zone kills two people](#)

Author/Source: Daily Star

“A bomb killed two people Thursday near Baghdad's Green Zone, the central district which houses most government buildings, security and medical sources said...”

[Bombs in Shi'ite, Kurdish districts kill 35 in Iraq](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Bombs in the Iraqi capital Baghdad and the northern city of Kirkuk killed 35 people on Thursday, mostly in Shi'ite Muslim and Kurdish neighborhoods, police and medical sources said...”

[World Food Program cash crisis threatens Syrian refugees](#)

Author/Source: Al Jazeera

“Nearly 2 million Syrian refugees who fled the violence of civil war and find safety in neighboring countries are now in serious danger of going hungry this winter...”

[South Asia](#)

[Afghanistan conference: John Kerry renews US commitments](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“US Secretary of State John Kerry has renewed US commitments to invest in Afghanistan and create a "powerhouse" region, after a conference in London...”



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[U.S., Britain pledge to support Afghanistan as combat troops withdraw](#)

Author/Source: Lesley Wroughton and Kyle Maclellan, Reuters

“The United States and Britain pledged on Thursday to support Afghanistan's new unity government as foreign combat troops withdraw from the country after a 13-year involvement...”

[Afghan President Ghani promises to appoint cabinet in two-four weeks](#)

Author/Source: Reuters

“Afghan President Ashraf Ghani said on Thursday he would have a cabinet in place within a month, promising to end a delay that officials and businesses have complained is hurting the economy and threatens to dent donor confidence...”

[East Asia](#)

[Hong Kong Student Leaders Consider Whether to End Protest Camps](#)

Author/Source: Chris Buckley and Alan Wong, New York Times

“A student organization at the forefront of the protests in Hong Kong said on Thursday that it would decide within about a week whether to abandon the street camps that have divided the city’s pro-democracy forces...”

[Africa](#)

[France begins withdrawing Central Africa troops as U.N. deploys](#)

Author/Source: John Irish, Reuters

“France is withdrawing troops from Central African Republic as a United Nations peacekeeping force nears its full deployment, but will keep a presence to support the U.N. with a rapid reaction force, officials and diplomats said...”

[Kenya breaks 'Chinese-run cyber crime network'](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“Kenyan police say they have cracked a cyber crime centre run by 77 Chinese nationals from upmarket homes in the capital, Nairobi...”

[Kenyan military plane crashes in Somalia, rebels say shot down](#)

Author/Source: Edmund Blair and Feisal Omar, Reuters

“A Kenyan warplane crashed in southern Somalia on Thursday, with the Kenyan military saying the crash was due to technical problems while Somali rebels said they had shot it down with a missile...”

[Europe](#)

[President Putin urges Russian resilience for hard times](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“President Vladimir Putin has warned Russians of hard times ahead and urged self-reliance, in his annual state-of-the nation address to parliament...”



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[Putin compares West with Adolf Hitler in desire to subjugate Russia](#)

Author/Source: Tom Parfitt, The Telegraph

“Vladimir Putin excoriated the West in a speech on Thursday, comparing his foreign opponents to Adolf Hitler in their desire to destroy Russia while reminding foes that his armed forces were "polite but menacing"..."

[Russia Chechnya: Deadly rebel attack rocks Grozny](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“Rebel gunmen have shot their way into the heavily fortified Chechen capital, Grozny, in a night-time attack which left as many as 16 people dead..."

[Ukraine, pro-Russia rebels announce December 9 truce](#)

Author/Source: Bangkok Post

“Ukraine and the pro-Russian rebels said on Thursday they had agreed to halt fire across the eastern war zone on December 9 under the terms of a Kremlin-brokered truce..."

[At least 20 killed in fighting in Russia's Chechnya](#)

Author/Source: Vladimir Soldatkin and Alexei Anishchuk, Reuters

“Gunmen attacked a police post and stormed a building on Thursday in Grozny, capital of Russia's southern province of Chechnya, killing 10 policemen in clashes in which 10 of the attackers were also killed..."

[Austria sends armoured vehicles to rescue people trapped by ice storms](#)

Author/Source: Justin Huggler, The Telegraph

“Austrian authorities have sent armoured vehicles to get supplies to people trapped in their homes after their town was cut off by severe ice storms that have brought large areas of the country to a standstill..."

[US & Canada](#)

[U.S. and Iran Both Attack ISIS, but Try Not to Look Like Allies](#)

Author/Source: Tim Arango and Thomas Erdbrink, New York Times

“Iranian fighter jets struck extremist targets in Iraq recently, Iranian and American officials have confirmed, in the latest display of Tehran's new willingness to conduct military operations openly on foreign battlefields rather than covertly and through proxies..."

[Thousands protest in N.Y. after officer cleared in chokehold death](#)

Author/Source: Daniel Bases, Zachary Goelman and Robert Macmillan, Haaretz

“Thousands of demonstrators disrupted New York City traffic into early Thursday after a grand jury decided not to bring charges against a white police officer in the chokehold death of an unarmed black man..."



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[Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

[Mexico sends federal forces to violence-ridden region](#)

Author/Source: BBC

“Federal security forces have been sent to dozens of towns in the Mexican states of Guerrero, Mexico, Michoacan and Morelos...”