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GENERAL

**Across Regions**

**Dutch authorities identify highly contagious H5N8 avian influenza strain**

Dutch authorities said on 16 November they had found a highly contagious strain of avian influenza at a poultry farm in the central Netherlands and set about destroying 150,000 chickens. The Netherlands imposed a 72-hour ban on transportation of poultry products, including birds, eggs, dung and used straw to and from poultry farms across the country, the world's leading egg exporter.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141116163645-jszix/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141116163645-jszix/?source=search)

**Italy boat migrants top 2,500 in one weekend**

The Italian navy and merchant ships picked up more than 2,500 migrants from the Mediterranean over the weekend as the flow of refugees seeking to reach Europe rose again. More than 860 migrants, mostly Syrian families, were taken to the Sicilian port of Pozzallo on 16 November, showing that many people are still ready to risk the perilous crossing from North Africa in search of a new life. And on 16 November evening, the Italian coastguard reported it had picked up a total of 320 people off the island of Lampedusa - 240 on one boat and 80 crowded onto a dinghy. The mostly Syrian refugees landed in Pozzallo on 16 November included an unusually high proportion of children, the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

**AFP -** [**http://news.asiaone.com/news/world/italy-boat-migrants-top-2500-one-weekend**](http://news.asiaone.com/news/world/italy-boat-migrants-top-2500-one-weekend)

**G20 pledges lift Green Climate Fund towards $10 billion U.N. goal**

A promise by Japan on Sunday to give up to $1.5 billion to a U.N. fund to help poor nations cope with global warming puts the fund within sight of a $10 billion goal and brightens prospects for a U.N. climate pact next year. Japan's pledge, at the G20 meeting of world leaders in Australia, raises the total promised to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to $7.5 billion, including up to $3 billion by U.S. President Barack Obama on Saturday. The United Nations has set an informal target of raising $10 billion this year.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141116181647-67eor/?source=leadCarousel**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141116181647-67eor/?source=leadCarousel)

CEE/CIS

**Across CEE/CIS**

**Uzbek border guards shoot Kyrgyz national dead**

Uzbek border guards have shot and killed a Kyrgyz citizen in the latest violent incident in the tense border between the two nations. Kyrgyz Border Guard Service officials say the incident took place near a disputed segment of the Kyrgyz-Uzbek border in the country's southern Jalal-Abad region. Uzbek and Kyrgyz border guard service officials held talks at the site after the shooting. It took place three days after Uzbek border guards opened fire at two Kyrgyz citizens, wounding one of them. Uzbek officials accused the two men of trying to bring unspecified illegal goods across the border.

**RFE/RL -** [**http://www.rferl.org/content/jajal-abad-uzbek-kyrgyz-bordr-guards-death/26689990.html**](http://www.rferl.org/content/jajal-abad-uzbek-kyrgyz-bordr-guards-death/26689990.html)

**Georgia**

**Thousands protest against Russia, own government**

Tens of thousands of Georgians protested on 15 November against Russia, accusing Moscow of trying to annex the country's breakaway regions and denouncing their own government for not doing more to defend national interests. Moscow, which opposes Georgia's flailing efforts to join the transatlantic NATO military alliance, has proposed a new treaty with Abkhazia, which is viewed in Tbilisi as a step towards full Russian annexation.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141115170447-ea39t/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141115170447-ea39t/?source=search)

**Romania**

**Romania election surprise as Klaus Iohannis wins presidency**

Opposition candidate Klaus Iohannis has won a surprise victory in Romania's presidential election, defeating PM Victor Ponta after a tight race. With most results declared, Mr Iohanni, mayor of the central city of Sibiu, had 54.5% of the vote to Mr Ponta's 45.5%. Mr Iohannis, 55 and an ethnic German, vowed to change politics and said "another kind of Romania is beginning".

**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-30076716**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-30076716)

**Ukraine**

**Five civilians including two children die in east Ukraine**

Five civilians, including two children, and three government soldiers have been killed in fighting in eastern Ukraine, officials said on 15 November. The civilian deaths came in Gorlivka, some 30 km north of Donetsk, late on 14 November, the local council in the rebel-held city said. It added that a further 12 people were also injured when artillery struck a residential area of the city, seriously damaging two apartment blocks and destroying six flats.

**France24 -** [**http://www.france24.com/en/20141115-five-civilians-including-two-children-die-east-ukraine/**](http://www.france24.com/en/20141115-five-civilians-including-two-children-die-east-ukraine/)

**Young girl among six killed in the east**

A five-year-old girl, a mine company worker and four government soldiers were killed on 14 November during fighting in war-torn east Ukraine, officials said. The child died and her mother was seriously wounded when rebel mortar fire hit a village near the frontline northwest of Lugansk, a military spokesperson in Kiev and local officials said. The pro-Kiev local governor said the mother was taking her daughter to a local clinic when the incident occurred. In another incident, a mining company official was killed and two others injured when shelling hit a coal mine northeast of Donetsk, mining firm DTEK said in a statement.

**AFP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/young-girl-among-six-killed-east-ukraine-193652615.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/young-girl-among-six-killed-east-ukraine-193652615.html)

**Rebel areas to lose state services**

Ukraine's president has ordered the withdrawal of all state services, including funding for hospitals and schools, from rebel-held areas. Petro Poroshenko [issued a decree](http://www.president.gov.ua/documents/18445.html) that also asks parliament to revoke a law granting self-rule to the Donetsk and Luhansk regions. Pro-Russian separatists held elections there last month which Mr Poroshenko condemned as illegal.

**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-30072483**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-30072483)

**Russian convoy of 20 vehicles crossed into Ukraine**

On 16 November a Russian convoy arrived at the Russian Donetsk Border Crossing Point (BCP). A total of 20 vehicles were inspected by the Russian border guard and customs services and then headed into Ukraine. This was the sixth Russian convoy crossing through the Donetsk BCP since the arrival of the Observer Mission (OM) to the Russian BCPs. The convoy consisted of ten fuel trucks, seven cargo trucks, one towing vehicle, one communications vehicle and one escort vehicle. The cargo trucks bore the inscription “Humanitarian help from the Russian Federation”.

**OSCE -** [**http://www.osce.org/om/126762**](http://www.osce.org/om/126762)

**Crimea human rights in decline: HRW**

According to HRW, Russian and local authorities have severely curtailed human rights protections in Crimea since Russia began its occupation of the peninsula in February 2014. The report, based on recent, on-the-ground research in Crimea, describes the human rights consequences of the extension of Russian law and policy to Crimea since the occupation. Russia has violated multiple obligations it has as an occupying power under international humanitarian law – in particular in relation to the protection of civilians’ rights, Human Rights Watch found.

**HRW -** [**http://www.hrw.org/news/2014/11/17/crimea-human-rights-decline**](http://www.hrw.org/news/2014/11/17/crimea-human-rights-decline)

EAP

**Across EAP**

**Rohingya relatives says thousands missing in boats en route to Malaysia**

Thousands of Rohingya boat people who have left Myanmar in the past month have yet to reach their destinations, say relatives and an advocacy group for the persecuted minority, raising fears their boats have been prevented from reaching shore. About 12,000 Rohingya have left the western Myanmar state of Rakhine since Oct. 15, said Chris Lewa of the Arakan Project, which plots migration across the Bay of Bengal. Another 4,000 boat people, both Rohingya and Bangladeshis, left neighbouring Bangladesh during the same period, said Lewa.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141115092720-e9hxp/?source=jtHeadlineStory**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141115092720-e9hxp/?source=jtHeadlineStory)

**China**

**Hong Kong protest leaders stopped from flying to Beijing**

Three Hong Kong democracy protest leaders were Saturday turned back at the airport after being denied permission to board a flight to Beijing, where they hoped to bring their demands for political reform to Chinese authorities. The leaders of the Hong Kong Federation of Students (HKFS), spearheading mass rallies that have paralysed parts of Hong Kong for six weeks, said they were informed by airline officials that their permits used for travel to the mainland had been cancelled by Chinese authorities.

**France24 -** [**http://www.france24.com/en/20141115-hong-kong-protest-leaders-stopped-flying-beijing/**](http://www.france24.com/en/20141115-hong-kong-protest-leaders-stopped-flying-beijing/)

**Indonesia**

**North Sulawesi rocked by powerful earthquake**

A major earthquake with a magnitude of 7.3 was recorded off the Moluccas in Indonesia on 15 November, the national disaster mitigation agency said, causing residents near the quake to flee their homes after a tsunami warning was issued. There were no reports of casualties or major damage. MetroTV reported power cuts in some parts of Manado, North Sulawesi province. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii said hazardous tsunamis were possible within 300 km of the quake’s epicentre, although there was no danger of a Pacific-wide tsunami.

**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-30066518**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-30066518)

**France24 -** [**http://www.france24.com/en/20141115-indonesia-powerful-earthquake-tsunami-warning/**](http://www.france24.com/en/20141115-indonesia-powerful-earthquake-tsunami-warning/)

**Philippines**

**At least 20 people die in fresh unrest in the south**

Twenty people died in a single day in the southern Philippines following a fresh outbreak of unrest in the region, officials said on 15 November. The military earlier said that 15 people were killed on 14 November after heavy fighting between government forces and Al-Qaeda-linked militants in the region, where various extremist and bandit groups are active. Three plantation workers including a father and son were shot dead in the island of Basilan on 14 November in a suspected extortion attempt. On the same day, an eight-year-old girl and a 43-year-old man were killed by a mortar shell fired by the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) in the town of Pikit, said regional a military spokesperson.

**Zeenews -** [**http://zeenews.india.com/news/world/twenty-die-in-fresh-unrest-in-southern-philippines\_1499589.html**](http://zeenews.india.com/news/world/twenty-die-in-fresh-unrest-in-southern-philippines_1499589.html)

**Bomb in overpass kills one, wounds 17 people in the south**

A bomb exploded on a pedestrian overpass in a southern Philippine town threatened by rebels in the past, killing one person and wounding at least 17 people late on 16 November, near the gates of an elementary school, police said. Soldiers defused two other bombs near the scene of the first blast in the farming town of Kabacan in North Cotabato province, a Police Senior Inspector said. Authorities suspect the bombing was the handiwork of militants opposed to a peace deal forged between the government and Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), the largest rebel group, in the southern region of Mindanao.

**AP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/bomb-overpass-wounds-17-southern-philippines-152951297.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/bomb-overpass-wounds-17-southern-philippines-152951297.html)

ESA

**Across ESA**

**Polio cases confirmed in South Sudan, Madagascar**

The WHO said it had confirmed unrelated cases of polio in South Sudan and in Madagascar, blaming low vaccination coverage. The crippling disease, which usually impacts young children, had been found in two patients in Unity State hit with acute flaccid paralysis (AFP), WHO said. Vaccine-derived polio virus, this time type one, had also been confirmed in Madagascar, in one person with AFP, and in three people showing no symptoms, WHO said. The agency said around a quarter of children on the island were under-immunised against polio, in a country which has been hit with two similar events since 2001, each resulting in five cases.

**GPEI -** [**http://www.polioeradication.org/dataandmonitoring/poliothisweek.aspx**](http://www.polioeradication.org/dataandmonitoring/poliothisweek.aspx)

**WHO -** [**http://www.who.int/csr/don/14-november-2014-polio/en/**](http://www.who.int/csr/don/14-november-2014-polio/en/)

**Kenya**

**Refugee food rations cut in half due to "immense" global needs**

Food rations will be halved for half a million refugees in Kenya as aid agencies struggle to meet "immense" global humanitarian needs, WFP said on 14 November. From 15 November, the refugees will receive just over 1,000 kilocalories per day of cereals, pulses and oil as WFP does not have the $10 million a month required to provide the full daily rations. Most are Somalis and South Sudanese who have fled to Kenya from neighbouring civil wars.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141114140150-u16k6/?source=jtHeadlineStory**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141114140150-u16k6/?source=jtHeadlineStory)

**Somalia**

**Al Shabaab says fires at presidential compound**

Somalia's al Shabaab militants said they fired mortar bombs at the presidential palace in Mogadishu on Sunday, but government and police spokesmen said none had landed inside the compound. The militants attacked the president's compound on July 8 but were repulsed by security forces. The president was not there at the time. It was not clear if the president was at the palace at the time of Sunday's attack.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141116175946-xtpjn/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141116175946-xtpjn/?source=search)

**South Africa**

**Police scuffle with MPs after Nkandla vote**

South African riot police clashed with opposition MPs hours after parliament absolved President Jacob Zuma over the use of some $23m (£14m) of state money to upgrade his private home in Nkandla. Four MPs were reportedly injured in the scuffle during the late-night session. Public Protector Thuli Madonsela also accused him of unethical conduct and recommended he repay money used on non-security features in the renovation of his rural home in Nkandla, KwaZulu Natal province, which includes a swimming pool, cattle enclosure and chicken run.

**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-30051725**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-30051725)

**South Sudan**

**50,000 and not counting: South Sudan's war dead**

The International Crisis Group (ICG), estimates at least 50,000 people have died since conflict broke out in December 2013, but it admits the true figure could even be double that. It also says the failure to count the dead is a scandal - both as a dishonour to the victims and as something that has kept the country's suffering off the international radar. "It's shocking that in 2014, in a country with one of the largest UN peacekeeping missions in the world, tens of thousands of people can be killed and no one can even begin to confirm the death toll," ICG researcher Casie Copeland told AFP.

**AFP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/50-000-not-counting-south-sudans-war-dead-205218445.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/50-000-not-counting-south-sudans-war-dead-205218445.html)

LAC

**Colombia**

**President suspends FARC peace talks after kidnapping of general**

The Colombian President suspended peace talks with the FARC rebels following the kidnapping of an army general, throwing into crisis the nation's efforts to end 50 years of war. General Ruben Dario Alzate, who heads the Titan task force in the Pacific department of Choco, was captured on 16 November afternoon, with another military official and a civilian.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/11/17/us-colombia-rebels-idUSKCN0J10AR20141117**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/11/17/us-colombia-rebels-idUSKCN0J10AR20141117)

**Guyana**

**Assembly seeks Commonwealth intervention in dispute with president**

The speaker of the Guyana National Assembly urged the Commonwealth Secretariat to intervene in the political crisis spurred by the president's decision to suspend parliament. "The Guyana Parliament, as a Member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, urges you to use your good offices, together with the entire weight of the Association, to intervene so that we could have a return to normalcy," The speaker of the Guyana National Assembly wrote in a letter to Commonwealth Secretary-General.

**EFE -** [**http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/politics/2014/11/14/guyana-assembly-seeks-commonwealth-intervention-in-dispute-with-president/**](http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/politics/2014/11/14/guyana-assembly-seeks-commonwealth-intervention-in-dispute-with-president/)

**Mexico**

**Country detects first case of mosquito-borne chikungunya virus**

Mexico has detected its first domestic case of the painful mosquito-borne viral disease chikungunya in the southwest of the country, the state government of Chiapas said on Saturday. Chikungunya is spread by two mosquito species, and is typically not fatal. But it can cause debilitating symptoms including fever, headache and severe joint pain lasting months. The government of Chiapas, which borders Guatemala, said an 8 year old girl became the first person to contract the disease in Mexico, and that she was treated in hospital in the town of Arriaga.

**Reuters-** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141115182048-3i3xd/?source=jtTheWire**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141115182048-3i3xd/?source=jtTheWire)

MENA

**Across MENA**

**Islamic State liable for mass war crimes: UN**

The Islamic State group is committing war crimes and crimes against humanity on a large scale in areas under its control in war-ravaged Syria, UN investigators said Friday. In its first report focused squarely on acts by the IS group, the UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria presented a horrifying picture of what life is like in areas controlled by the extremist jihadists, including massacres, beheadings, sexual enslavement and forced pregnancy. The latest report by independent UN investigators is based on interviews with more than 300 men, women and children who fled or still live in Islamic State's northeastern stronghold, including Aleppo.

**VOA -** [**http://www.voanews.com/content/isis-committing-mass-war-crimes-un/2520861.html**](http://www.voanews.com/content/isis-committing-mass-war-crimes-un/2520861.html)

**Egypt**

**Egypt to try five students in military court on riot charges**

Five Egyptian students were transferred to a military court on Sunday on charges of rioting at a university, a judicial source said, weeks after a law was passed allowing military trials of civilians for damaging state property. A Cairo criminal court transferred the students after ruling that the charges of rioting, belonging to a "terrorist" group and arson, fell outside its remit, the source said. The five were arrested in January and accused of setting fire to part of the engineering faculty at Al Azhar, one of the oldest Islamic universities in the world, and preventing staff from doing their jobs.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141116183017-oqgig/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141116183017-oqgig/?source=search)

**Libya**

**Four people killed in clashes around Tripoli airport**

Deadly fighting between militias and forces backed by Libya's internationally recognised government on 16 November forced the closure of an airport in eastern Tripoli, military sources said. At least four people were killed and 10 wounded in clashes between the Fajr Libya (Libya Dawn) and fighters loyal to the government around the Mitiga air base, the sources said. An airport official said that Mitiga was closed to air traffic due to the violence. Libyan carriers moved civilian flights to Mitiga after Tripoli's main international airport was damaged by fierce fighting between state-backed fighters and militias in July.

**AFP -** [**http://www.ndtv.com/article/world/four-killed-in-libya-clashes-around-tripoli-airport-621808**](http://www.ndtv.com/article/world/four-killed-in-libya-clashes-around-tripoli-airport-621808)

**State of Palestine**

**Palestinians wounded in Jerusalem clashes**

At least one Palestinian was wounded on Saturday evening in clashes between protesters and Israeli security forces during a demonstration in occupied east Jerusalem, police said. "Demonstrators threw rocks and fireworks at police, who used anti-disturbance measures to disperse them," police spokeswoman Luba Samri said. The Al-Aqsa mosque compound in the Old City, a site holy to Jews and Muslims, has been the focus of months of unrest that recently spread to the occupied West Bank and Arab communities across Israel and raised fears of a new Palestinian uprising.

**AFP -** [**https://en-maktoob.news.yahoo.com/palestinians-wounded-jerusalem-clashes-211915879.html**](https://en-maktoob.news.yahoo.com/palestinians-wounded-jerusalem-clashes-211915879.html)

**Yemen**

**Women among 15 killed in shelling by Houthis**

At least 15 people, including five women, have been killed in shelling by a Yemeni Houthi militia targeting a district, local officials and tribal sources said on Friday. Heavy Houthi shelling of a northern district of the central town of Rada killed five women late Thursday and displaced thousands and left at least 25 more people wounded. 30 Houthis were also killed in fighting around Rada.

**AFP -** [**http://www.timesofoman.com/News/42698/Article-Women-among-15-killed-in-shelling-by-Houthis**](http://www.timesofoman.com/News/42698/Article-Women-among-15-killed-in-shelling-by-Houthis)

SA

**Across SA**

**Pakistan Assures Support for Afghan Peace Process**

Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Saturday pledged his support to the Afghan president in his attempt to bring the Taliban to the negotiating table, a sign of warming ties between the two neighbors. Sharif met with visiting Afghan President Ashraf Ghani at his sprawling office in the capital, Islamabad. Ghani arrived in Pakistan on Friday for a two-day visit, seeking to repair a relationship between the two nations that was often tense in recent years.

**ABC -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/pakistan-assures-support-afghan-peace-process-26934812**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/pakistan-assures-support-afghan-peace-process-26934812)

**Afghanistan**

# Suicide attack in Kabul wounds female MP

A suicide bomber tried to assassinate a prominent female member of Afghanistan's parliament on Sunday, killing three people and wounding the lawmaker, a senior official said. Shukria Barakzai was slightly wounded in the attack on her vehicle as she was heading to parliament. Another three people, including a young girl, were killed. Earlier, the ministry's deputy spokesman Najib Danish said at least a dozen others were wounded. Barakzai, 42, is a high-profile advocate of women's rights and media freedom. She has been a member of parliament for 10 years and her work has been recognized internationally with a number of awards.

**AP -** [**http://bigstory.ap.org/article/e3e4bbb53f644663b8aefb77eccb6d88/suicide-attack-wounds-dozens-afghan-capital**](http://bigstory.ap.org/article/e3e4bbb53f644663b8aefb77eccb6d88/suicide-attack-wounds-dozens-afghan-capital)

**India**

**India sterilisation: Police arrest drug factory owners**

Indian police have arrested the owners of two pharmaceutical factories as part of the investigation into the deaths of 15 women after sterilisation surgery. The doctor who conducted the surgery has also been detained. He denies negligence, saying the medicine administered may have been faulty. Sterilisation camps are frequently held to carry out mass tubectomy operations for women - or vasectomies for men - and in some states, health workers receive money for each person they bring to a clinic to be sterilised.

**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-30049221**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-30049221)

**Pakistan**

**Pakistan airstrikes kill 30 militants in northwest**

The Pakistani military says its fighter jets have struck militant hideouts in a northwestern tribal region bordering Afghanistan, killing at least 30 insurgents. It says local and foreign militants were among the 30 "terrorists" killed in the strikes. The North Waziristan tribal area has been the scene of a major military operation since mid-June.

**AP -** [**http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/14/3811104/pakistan-airstrikes-kill-30-militants.html**](http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/14/3811104/pakistan-airstrikes-kill-30-militants.html)

WCA

**Burkina Faso**

**Authorities name Michel Kafando as transitional president**

Authorities in Burkina Faso named former foreign minister Michel Kafando as transitional president on 17 November in an important step towards returning the country to democracy after a brief military takeover. Kafando was chosen as part of a charter hammered out after long-time President Blaise Compaore was toppled on 31 October after mass protests. Burkina Faso's military ruler said he had restored the constitution that was suspended when President Blaise Compaore was toppled after mass protests last month.

**AFP –** [**https://news.yahoo.com/diplomat-chosen-burkina-fasos-interim-president-043217333.html**](https://news.yahoo.com/diplomat-chosen-burkina-fasos-interim-president-043217333.html)

**Mali**

**Mali tries to trace 343 contacts in second Ebola wave**

Mali is trying to trace as many as 343 people linked to confirmed and probable Ebola victims in an effort to control its second Ebola outbreak, health officials said. Mali's government said on Friday afternoon 256 contacts had been identified and would be monitored. A spokeswoman for the WHO said the number of contacts that needed monitoring had risen to 343 by Friday evening, underscoring the scale of the task health workers have in containing the second wave of cases. Cases are being traced in a number of locations across Bamako and on the porous border with Guinea.

**Reuters -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/mali-traces-over-200-contacts-second-ebola-wave-121637447.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/mali-traces-over-200-contacts-second-ebola-wave-121637447.html)

**Nigeria**

**Nigeria army ‘retakes Chibok’ from Boko Haram**

The Nigerian army says it has recaptured the north-eastern town of Chibok, which was seized by Boko Haram militants on Thursday. The group, which says it is fighting to create an Islamic state in Nigeria, has repeatedly targeted villages in Borno state in recent months. There are reports of many Boko Haram members being killed in Sunday's raid. Correspondents say Chibok was retaken late on Saturday, after dozens of military vehicles were seen heading to the village.

**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-30073702**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-30073702)

**CNN -** [**http://www.cnn.com/2014/11/16/world/africa/nigeria-boko-haram-town/index.html?hpt=wo\_c2**](http://www.cnn.com/2014/11/16/world/africa/nigeria-boko-haram-town/index.html?hpt=wo_c2)

**The Guardian -** [**http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/nov/16/nigerian-army-retakes-chibok-boko-haram**](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/nov/16/nigerian-army-retakes-chibok-boko-haram)

**Suicide attack targets market in Nigeria**

A suicide bomber has blown herself up at a mobile phone market in northeast Nigeria, killing at least 13 people, police have said. The attack happened in the town of Azare in Bauchi state, which neighbours the three states worst hit by attacks by the armed Boko Haram group. "So far, 13 persons were confirmed dead while 65 others sustained various degrees of injuries" Haruna Mohammed, Bauchi state police spokesman, said in a statement.

**Al Jazeera -** [**http://www.aljazeera.com/news/africa/2014/11/suicide-attack-targets-market-nigeria-20141116183413772753.html**](http://www.aljazeera.com/news/africa/2014/11/suicide-attack-targets-market-nigeria-20141116183413772753.html)

**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/suicide-bomber-kills-13-northeastern-nigeria-26955841**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/suicide-bomber-kills-13-northeastern-nigeria-26955841)

**Senegal**

**Senegal partially reopens borders with worst-hit Ebola states**

Senegal has reopened air and sea borders with Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, the countries worst hit by the Ebola virus. The frontiers had been closed since August 21, but the restriction was lifted with immediate effect, Senegalese Interior Minister Abdoulaye Daouda Diallo said Friday. This measure applies only to air and maritime borders excluding the land border. Guinea shares a land border with Senegal, which will remain closed.

**France24 -** [**http://www.france24.com/en/20141115-senegal-partially-reopens-borders-with-worst-hit-ebola-states/**](http://www.france24.com/en/20141115-senegal-partially-reopens-borders-with-worst-hit-ebola-states/)

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