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GENERAL

**Across Regions**

**U.N. Security Council plans to suppress foreign extremist fighters**  
The U.N. Security Council plans to demand countries "prevent and suppress" the recruitment and travel of foreign fighters to join extremist militant groups like Islamic State by ensuring it is considered a serious criminal offence under domestic laws. The United States circulated a draft resolution late on Monday, to the 15-member Security Council and hopes it can be unanimously adopted at a high-level meeting chaired by U.S. President Barack Obama on September 24.

Reuters - <http://af.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idAFKBN0H408O20140909>

**Ban Ki-moon: "The commitment to protect is being severely tested today"**

At an interactive General Assembly discussion on 'Responsibility to Protect', UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said that the commitment to protect "is being severely tested today" with so many conflicts around the world. He noted that the world faces a series of conflicts that feature acts that shock the global conscience -- from the horror unfolding in Iraq and Syria, to persistent violence against civilian populations in South Sudan, the Central African Republic, Ukraine, Northern Nigeria, Pakistan Gaza and elsewhere.

**CIHAN -** [**http://en.cihan.com.tr/news/Ban-Ki-moon-The-commitment-to-protect-is-being-severely-tested-today-\_2364-CHMTUyMjM2NC80**](http://en.cihan.com.tr/news/Ban-Ki-moon-The-commitment-to-protect-is-being-severely-tested-today-_2364-CHMTUyMjM2NC80)

CEE/CIS

**Ukraine**

**Ukraine crisis: EU adopts new sanction on Russia**

European Union member states have formally adopted new sanctions on Russia over the Ukraine crisis. The new measures include restrictions on large Russian state-owned oil companies raising money on European financial markets. However, the new measures will come into effect "in the next few days", not on Tuesday as some had expected. Russia denies accusations by Ukraine and the West that it has been sending troops to help pro-Russian rebels. [EU Council President Herman van Rompuy said](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/ec/144839.pdf) the measures were aimed at "promoting a change of course in Russia's actions destabilizing eastern Ukraine".

**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-29119885**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-29119885)

**Pro-Russia rebels release 20 Ukrainian prisoners of war under Minsk ceasefire**

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has reportedly said that almost 20 Ukrainian prisoners of war have been released under the ceasefire agreement signed between Kiev and pro-Russian rebels in Minsk, Belarus last week. Ukraine's counterterrorist operation press office said that the prisoners were Ukrainian soldiers and were released on Monday in exchange for a "terrorist".

**ANI -** [**http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ani/pro-russia-rebels-release-20-ukrainian-prisoners-of-war-under-minsk-ceasefire-agreement-114090900200\_1.html**](http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ani/pro-russia-rebels-release-20-ukrainian-prisoners-of-war-under-minsk-ceasefire-agreement-114090900200_1.html)

**CNN -** [**http://www.cnn.com/2014/09/08/world/europe/ukraine-crisis/index.html**](http://www.cnn.com/2014/09/08/world/europe/ukraine-crisis/index.html)

ESA

**Lesotho**

**Lesotho army denies reports of insurgency**

The Lesotho military on Monday refuted rumors that deposed army chief Tlali Kamoli has seized weapons and fled to the mountains to prepare an insurgency. Prime Minister Thomas Khabane deposed Kamoli, a move that trigged a military coup late last month. The Lesotho military has accused Thabane of trying to turn what is a political crisis into a military one. After returning home following the coup, Thabane pledged to re- open parliament on Sept. 19. But due to differences over the fate of Kamoli, Thabane reportedly postponed plans to reopen parliament.

**Shanghai Daily -** [**http://www.shanghaidaily.com/article/article\_xinhua.aspx?id=239953**](http://www.shanghaidaily.com/article/article_xinhua.aspx?id=239953)

**Somalia**

**Al-Shabaab bombs two convoys, killing at least 12**

Al-Shabaab bombed African peacekeepers and government vehicles on Monday in twin attacks that left at least 12 civilians dead, marking al-Shabaab's first major attack since promising revenge for the killing of its leader last week. The blasts within an hour of each other on the same road southwest of Mogadishu targeted a convoy of African Union (AU) troops and a Somali government convoy of police and national security forces. Civilian buses near the first blast were hit.

**Reuters -** [**http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFKBN0H31I220140908**](http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFKBN0H31I220140908)

LAC

**Brazil**

A huge fire destroyed around 500 homes in a shantytown - or "favela" - here in Brazil's largest city, leaving about 2,500 people homeless, the fire department said Monday. The blaze destroyed about 80 percent of the rickety shacks making up Buraco Quente, a slum in southern Sao Paulo, but there were no reports of any serious injuries or worse. The people who lost their homes were taken to a church near the shantytown, where they were registered by Civil Defense personnel so that they may benefit from the social programs that are available to help them in circumstances like this.

EFE - <http://www.laprensasa.com/309_america-in-english/2698289_fire-in-brazil-shantytown-leaves-2-500-homeless.html>

**Chile**

**Bomb blast in Chile wounds 14; government blames 'terrorists'**

A bomb exploded next to an underground train station in the Chilean capital of Santiago on Monday afternoon, wounding at least 10 people, and the government said it bore the signs of "a terrorist" act. Cameras show device being planted, suspects escaping in car. No group claims responsibility. Chile, which returned to democracy in 1990 after a 17-year dictatorship, is normally one of Latin America's most stable countries and has not suffered an attack of this magnitude in at least 20 years.

Reuters - <http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/explosion-chile-subway-injures-25354114>

MENA

**Across Regions**

**Arab States Back New UN Appeal by Palestinians**

Arab foreign ministers have backed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's appeal to the United Nations to set a deadline for Israel to end its occupation of lands captured in the 1967 war and make way for an independent Palestinian state. The Palestinian Ambassador to Egypt, Jamal al-Shobaki, said Monday that the Arab resolution issued a day earlier calls for the Arab League chief to push the idea in the U.N. Security Council and other regional and international groups. Al-Shobaki said the foreign ministers are discussing the draft resolution.

ABC - <http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/arab-states-back-appeal-palestinians-25349260>

**Iraq**

**UN chief hails new government in Iraq**

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki- moon Monday welcomed the formation of a new government in Iraq, saying that it "is a positive step towards political stability and peace in the country". "The secretary-general welcomes today's announcement of the formation of a new inclusive government in Iraq and congratulates Haider al-Abadi on his confirmation as Iraq's prime minister". "At this challenging moment for Iraq and the region, today's decision by the Iraqi Council of Representatives is a positive step towards political stability and peace in the country."

Xinhua - <http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-09/09/c_133628632.htm>

**Iraqi Parliament Approves Partial New Cabinet**

Iraq's parliament officially named Haider al-Abadi the country's new prime minister late Monday and approved most of his proposed Cabinet amid calls by the Arab League for its members to combat the Sunni militant group violently advancing across Iraq and Syria**.** Speaking before parliament, Al-Abadi vowed to "back the military operations in all the areas of confrontation against the armed gangs and the forces of terrorism and ensuring their continuation till victory is achieved." Outgoing Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi and former Speaker of Parliament Osama al-Nujeifi were given the largely ceremonial posts of co-vice president. Kurdish politician and former Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari was named as one of three deputy prime ministers. Former premier Ibrahim al-Jafaari was named foreign minister.

AP - <http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/bomber-hits-iraq-sunni-tribal-gathering-kills-16-25341485>

**Bomber hits Iraq Sunni tribal gathering, kills 16**

Iraqi officials say a suicide bomber targeted a meeting between security forces and Sunni militiamen in a small town north of Baghdad, killing at least 16 people. A police officer says Monday's attack took place in Duluiyah, some 80 kilometers (45 miles) north of Baghdad. The bomber drove his explosives-laden Humvee into the gathering of a major Sunni tribe, the Al-Jabour.

AP - <http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/bomber-hits-iraq-sunni-tribal-gathering-kills-16-25341485>

**Yemen**

## **Yemeni police open fire at Shiite protesters marching on PM's office in capital, killing 2**

Yemeni police have opened fire on Shiite protesters marching toward the prime minister's office in the capital, Sanaa, killing at least two people. The shooting erupted during a rally on Tuesday by supporters of Shiite Hawthi rebels who have been fighting against Sunni tribesmen in the country's north.

As the demonstrators marched up to the government headquarters, the police first fired tear gas to try and disperse the crowds, then started shooting.

Medical officials said two people died. Witnesses at the scene said at least three were wounded by gunshots while several were injured in a stampede that erupted after the shooting, as the protesters tried to get away from the scene.

Star - <http://www.startribune.com/world/274440541.html>

**Syria**

**FSA leader declares second round of war against ISIS**

Syrian rebel leader Jamal Maarouf has issued a second declaration of war against ISIS militants, as western powers led by the United States are expected this week to unveil their plans to defeat the Al-Qaeda splinter group that controls territory in Iraq and Syria**.** Maarouf heads the Syria Rebel Front, one of several groups from the rebel Free Syrian Army that is receiving American weapons and training.

Daily Star - <http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Middle-East/2014/Sep-09/270024-fsa-leader-declares-second-round-of-war-against-isis.ashx#axzz3Cm38NQNg>

SA

**Across Region**

**DISASTER ON EPIC SCALE**

A HEROIC rescue effort led by the armed forces is underway in flood- ravaged Jammu and Kashmir, but the gargantuan scale of the unforeseen disaster threatens to overwhelm it. The worst- ever floods in Jammu and Kashmir, caused by torrential rains that lashed the Valley as well as Jammu region last week, have grown into a catastrophe. The Central and state governments have already thrown everything they have at the disaster, but relief is still a long way off.

DailyMail - <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/indiahome/indianews/article-2748392/Disaster-unforeseen-impact-underestimated-Scale-Kashmir-s-floods-dwarfs-heroic-relief-efforts-death-toll-hits-200.html>

**Relief efforts after flooding in India and Pakistan underway**

Authorities in India and Pakistan made frantic efforts to pluck tens of thousands of people to safety from floods which have killed at least 350 people as desperate residents huddled on rooftops. With phone lines down and roads cut off, the full scale of the disaster in the cross-border Kashmir region and in Pakistan's Punjab province was still to emerge but video footage shot from army helicopters showed entire villages under water, with only tin roofs visible. As Pakistan's premier toured some of the worst-hit areas, Indian authorities deployed naval commandos as part of a massive relief effort that saw thousands of blankets distributed as well as tents.

**AFP -** [**http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/india-pakistan-flood/1352468.html**](http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/india-pakistan-flood/1352468.html)

**Afghanistan**

**Afghan power sharing hope dims as Abdullah reiterates win**

Afghan presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah insisted on Monday that he won the country's disputed election run-off, dimming hopes that a power-sharing deal could soon be agreed to end the prolonged political crisis. Abdullah repeated claims that massive ballot-rigging had denied him victory over his rival Ashraf Ghani in the race to lead Afghanistan as US-led Nato troops withdraw from their long war against Taliban insurgents. The bitter stalemate over alleged fraud in the June 14 vote has raised fears of renewed ethnic violence as the 13-year international military and civilian development effort winds down.

AFP - <http://www.timesofoman.com/News/39435/Article-Afghan-power-sharing-hope-dims-as-Abdullah-reiterates-win>

WCA

**Sierra Leone**

**Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone infects WHO doctor**

A doctor with the World Health Organization in Sierra Leone has tested positive for the Ebola virus. The doctor was working at the Ebola treatment centre in the Kenema Government Hospital, which is run by Sierra Leone's health ministry. The physician had symptoms on Saturday that were confirmed yesterday as Ebola, and the evacuation is scheduled for Monday.

CBCNews - <http://www.cbc.ca/news/health/ebola-outbreak-in-sierra-leone-infects-who-doctor-1.2759470>

**Cameroon**

**Cameroon ‘kills over 100 Boko Haram fighters’**

The Cameroonian government has said its soldiers had killed "over 100" Boko Haram fighters during an attempted incursion by the Nigeria-based fighters into its territory. The Cameroonian army has dealt "a severe setback" to Boko Haram, government spokesman Issa Tchiroma Bakary said in a statement read out on state radio on Monday, adding that the clashes took place in the north of the country on Saturday.

It was not immediately possible to independently verify the information. According to the government statement, Boko Haram fighters fired two shells on the town of Fotokol in Cameroon's northern tip, on the border with Nigeria, at around 1:00 pm (1200 GMT) on Saturday.

"There were no casualties reported on the Cameroonian side after the attack," the statement said.

Al Jazeera - <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/africa/2014/09/cameroon-kills-over-100-boko-haram-fighters-20149822435540376.html>

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