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GENERAL

**Across Regions**

**Britain, France, US ask UN to blacklist Libya’s Ansar al-Sharia**

Britain, the US and France have proposed that Islamist extremist group Ansar al-Sharia in Libya be blacklisted under the UN al Qaeda sanctions regime, diplomats said on Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymity. If all 15 members of the UN SC's al Qaeda sanctions committee agree, the group will be added to the list on Nov. 19 and subjected to an arms embargo and a global travel ban and asset freeze.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141104234103-fah5h/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141104234103-fah5h/?source=search)

**United Nations**

**UN SC to Consider South Sudan Sanctions**

The UN SC will consider a draft resolution on war-torn South Sudan that would impose sanctions targeting President Salva Kiir and his rival former vice president. Australian Ambassador Gary Quinlan, whose country currently chairs the 15-member Council, said Tuesday there is "considerable interest" in targeted sanctions and an arms embargo, but he did not announce a timetable.

**VOA -** [**http://www.voanews.com/content/un-security-council-to-consider-south-sudan-sanctions/2508833.html**](http://www.voanews.com/content/un-security-council-to-consider-south-sudan-sanctions/2508833.html)

**Israel committed war crimes in Gaza war: Amnesty International**

Amnesty International on Wednesday accused Israel of committing war crimes during the war in the Gaza Strip this summer, saying it displayed "callous indifference" in attacks on family homes in the densely populated coastal area.. Israel says the number of militants killed was much higher and accuses Hamas of using civilians as human shields. On the Israeli side, 66 soldiers and six civilians were killed. Amnesty said in a report released Wednesday that "Israeli forces killed scores of Palestinian civilians in attacks targeting houses full of families, which in some cases have amounted to war crimes."

**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/amnesty-israel-committed-war-crimes-gaza-war-26696098**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/amnesty-israel-committed-war-crimes-gaza-war-26696098)

Two of three children in Central Asia experience domestic violence – UNICEF Mention

UNICEF has found out that two out of three children in Central Asia are exposed to domestic violence, the press service of the organization said on November 5. Today, people cannot imagine the world where children's rights would not be legislated. Nevertheless, the level of violence against children remains unacceptably high, including the Central Asian region.

**AKI -** [**http://www.akipress.com/news:550899**](http://www.akipress.com/news:550899)

CEE/CIS

**Georgia**

**Georgia's pro-West foreign minister quits, government in crisis**

Georgian Foreign Minister Maja Panjikidze resigned on Wednesday over what she called threats to the ex-Soviet republic's pro-Western policies, deepening a crisis in the coalition government. A junior minister overseeing integration with Europe also quit, a day after Prime Minister Irakly Garibashvili fired his Western-leaning defence minister and one of the six parties in the ruling Georgian Dream coalition threatened to pull out. The Free Democrats' departure would strip the coalition of a majority in parliament, increasing political instability in the country of 4.5 million which is crossed by pipelines that carry Caspian oil and gas from Azerbaijan to Europe.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141105123640-8nxmg/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141105123640-8nxmg/?source=search)

**Ukraine**

**Poroshenko orders troops to key cities**

Ukraine's President Petro Poroshenko has ordered army reinforcements to key southern and eastern cities in case of a new rebel offensive. Mr Poroshenko said the units were to protect Mariupol, Berdyansk, Kharkiv and the north of Luhansk region. He spoke after meeting security chiefs in the wake of disputed polls in rebel-held areas of Donetsk and Luhansk. He said he was still committed to the current peace process but has proposed cancelling a key plank of the plan. Angered by the elections, Mr Poroshenko has proposed scrapping a law that gives special status to Donetsk and Luhansk.

**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-29905014**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-29905014)

**US Warns Ukraine rebels against new offensive**

The US warned pro-Russia separatists and Moscow on Tuesday against seeking to grab more territory in Ukraine, saying such a move would be a "gross violation" of recent peace deals. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said Kiev was deploying new units to the east to counter any bid by the rebels to seize more areas outside of their enclaves centered on the cities of Donetsk and Lugansk.

**AFP -** [**http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/153964-u-s-warns-ukraine-rebels-against-new-offensive**](http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/153964-u-s-warns-ukraine-rebels-against-new-offensive)

**Ukraine separatists say peace moves threatened by Kiev**

Pro-Russian separatist leaders accused the Ukrainian authorities on Wednesday of undermining peace moves by deciding to suspend a law that gave the eastern regions they control a special status. The self-proclaimed Donetsk and Luhansk people's republics said in a joint statement the decision violated a protocol agreed at talks on Sept. 5 in the Belarussian capital, Minsk, under which a ceasefire went into effect in east Ukraine.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141105065142-ecxfv/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141105065142-ecxfv/?source=search)

**Ukraine PM says rebel-led regions will never receive funds from Kiev**

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseny Yatseniuk said on Wednesday Kiev would never provide any funding to rebel-controlled areas in the east because the government refused "to finance terrorists." Kiev would continue to supply gas and electricity to separatist regions, but "so long as the territories of Donetsk and Luhansk regions are controlled by imposters, the central budget will not send funding there," Yatseniuk said in a government meeting.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141105103336-eldj1/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141105103336-eldj1/?source=search)

EAP

**Resource-rich Mongolia ousts prime minister amid economic downturn**

Mongolia's parliament voted on Wednesday to remove Prime Minister Norov Altankhuyag amid concerns about a serious economic downturn as gold, copper and coal prices and foreign direct investment slump. Out of 66 members of parliament who voted, 34 were in favor of ousting Altankhuyag, Mongolian television showed. It will now be up to the coalition government to select a new candidate, who will have to be approved by the president and confirmed by parliament.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/11/05/us-mongolia-politics-idUSKBN0IP0WV20141105**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/11/05/us-mongolia-politics-idUSKBN0IP0WV20141105)

ESA

**Across Region**

**South Sudan violence spreads to Kenyan refugee camp**

At least eight people have been killed in fighting between South Sudanese refugees at a camp in northern Kenya, according to an aid agency official. Officials say the fighting, which began last Thursday following the alleged rape of a young girl, has divided Dinka and Nuer residents of Kakuma refugee camp against each other, mirroring the same ethnic divisions that have defined South Sudan's ongoing crisis. The two groups represent the biggest ethnic communities in the country, where they have been fighting since last December.

**VOA-** [**http://www.voanews.com/content/south-sudan-violence-kakuma-refugee-violence/2506530.html**](http://www.voanews.com/content/south-sudan-violence-kakuma-refugee-violence/2506530.html)

**Kenya**

**Pro-government Kenyan Muslim cleric shot dead in Mombasa**

A Kenyan Muslim cleric, who supported government efforts to stamp out radicalism among youths in the country's restive coastal region, was shot dead by unknown assailants on Tuesday, police said. Sheikh Salim Bakari Mwarangi was shot while returning home from evening prayers at a mosque in the Likoni area of Mombasa, the local police chief said. "He was rushed to a nearby local hospital, but succumbed to his injuries," the Mombasa County police commander, Robert Kitur, told Reuters. Kenya's coastal region, a tourist hub where most of Kenya's Muslims live, has been hit by a spate of bomb attacks over the past months blamed on Islamists linked to Somalia's militant al Shabaab group.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141104204700-v50y3**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141104204700-v50y3)

**Riek Machar: 'Our Desire is to Have Peace in South Sudan'**

Former South Sudan vice president turned rebel leader Riek Machar said Tuesday he is firmly committed to restoring peace in South Sudan, despite running into some difficulties during the IGAD-led negotiating process. "Our desire is to have peace... and that’s why we accepted the mediation of IGAD, the regional body, and we have been engaged since January 1st, 2014, in this forum seeking peace," Machar told *South Sudan in Focus* in an interview.

**VOA -** [**http://www.voanews.com/content/south-sudan-riek-machar-interview/2508849.html**](http://www.voanews.com/content/south-sudan-riek-machar-interview/2508849.html)

LAC

**Mexico**

**Fugitive Mexican mayor and wife captured in Mexico City**

The fugitive mayor of Iguala and his wife who are wanted in the disappearance of 43 students from a southwestern teaching college, were arrested early Tuesday in Mexico City. The arrest of Jose Luis Abarca and his wife Maria de los Angeles Pineda occurred more than a month after local police in Iguala, about 120 miles south of Mexico City, opened fire on demonstrating students from the rural college, causing six deaths and 43 disappearances. Shortly after the Sept. 26 shooting, Abarca withdrew as mayor and the couple vanished.

**LA Times -** [**http://www.latimes.com/world/mexico-americas/la-fg-mayor-iguala-arrested-20141104-story.html**](http://www.latimes.com/world/mexico-americas/la-fg-mayor-iguala-arrested-20141104-story.html)

MENA

**Across MENA**

**Jordan recalls envoy to Israel over Jerusalem "violations"**

Jordan on Wednesday recalled its ambassador to Israel in protest against what it described as Israeli "violations" in Jerusalem and its holy sites, the first time it has done so since the countries made peace in 1994, Jordanian officials said. Israel last week closed for a day the compound housing the Al-Aqsa mosque, Islam's third holiest site, amid increasing Israeli-Palestinian violence around it. The move infuriated Jordanian King Abdullah, who is custodian of the sacred compound that also houses the Dome of the Rock mosque.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141105122939-wh1ti/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141105122939-wh1ti/?source=search)

**Egypt**

**School bus crash in Egypt kills 16 -state news**

At least 16 people, mostly children, were killed on Wednesday when a school bus crashed into three other vehicles on a desert road in the Nile Delta north of Cairo, state television said. Photos published online by privately-owned news outlets showed the bus engulfed in flames and later reduced to a charred metal frame, suggesting many of the victims were burned alive. Eighteen people were also wounded in the crash and transported to hospital.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141105082203-l0czr/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141105082203-l0czr/?source=search)

**Iraq**

**Baghdad attacks targeting Shiites kill at least 16**

A suicide bombing and shelling targeting Shiites in Baghdad killed at least 16 people ahead of major religious commemorations, Iraqi security and medical officials said on Tuesday. Shelling struck a street in the Tunis area of northern Baghdad where Shiites were distributing refreshments from a tent on Monday, after which a suicide bomber detonated explosives in the same area, a police colonel said.

**AFP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/baghdad-attacks-targeting-shiites-kill-least-16-162759216.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/baghdad-attacks-targeting-shiites-kill-least-16-162759216.html)

**As cold weather hits displaced persons, UN steps up humanitarian appeal**

As temperatures drop across Iraq amid a steadily advancing cold season, humanitarian resources are urgently required in order to satisfy the needs of over 1 million IDPs scattered across the country, a senior UN official in Iraq warned today. “Winter is here, and in many parts of the country displaced populations are already being hit with heavy rains, winds, storms and low temperatures,” Jacqueline Badcock, the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq, said in a press release. “Warm winter clothes and shoes for a minimum of 450,000 people, including 225,000 children are urgently needed.”

**UN News –** [**http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=49243#.VFoHzK0o7Gg**](http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=49243#.VFoHzK0o7Gg)

**State of Palestine**

**Palestinians to submit UN resolution 'this Month'**

The Palestinians will submit a draft resolution to the UN Security Council later this month calling for an end date for Israeli occupation, a senior official said on Tuesday. The text, which the Palestinians have been preparing for weeks, is expected to be vetoed by permanent member the United States. But officials in Ramallah have said that will not deter them after round upon round of failed peace talks with Israel.

**AFP -** [**http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/153878-palestinians-to-submit-u-n-resolution-this-month**](http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/153878-palestinians-to-submit-u-n-resolution-this-month)

**Clashes rock flashpoint Jerusalem mosque compound**

Israeli police clashed with stone-throwing protesters inside Jerusalem's flashpoint Al-Aqsa mosque compound on Wednesday, police spokeswoman Luba Samri said. "Dozens of masked protesters threw stones and firecrackers at security forces who then entered the Temple Mount and pushed the demonstrators back inside the mosque," the spokeswoman said, using the Jewish term for the compound, which is revered by both faiths.

**France 24 -** [**http://www.france24.com/en/20141105-clashes-rock-flashpoint-jerusalem-mosque-compound/**](http://www.france24.com/en/20141105-clashes-rock-flashpoint-jerusalem-mosque-compound/)

**Car rams pedestrians in East Jerusalem in possible attack**

A car rammed into pedestrians in East Jerusalem on Wednesday, causing several casualties in what Israeli police said may have been a deliberate attack. Israeli media said as many as eight people had been injured in the incident. On Oct. 22, a Palestinian motorist drove through a nearby train station, killing two people before he was shot dead by Israeli police.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141105103006-hmjbe/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141105103006-hmjbe/?source=search)

**Lack of stability in Gaza risks return to war, says UN**

There is still not an effective or united Palestinian government in place in Gaza and unless stability is achieved rapidly, another conflict will engulf the territory, a senior UN official said on Tuesday. Robert Turner, director of operations for the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) in Gaza, said the extent of damage and homelessness after the July-August war was worse than first thought. The latest estimates suggested reconstruction would take two to three years if all went well, he said. "If we do not have political stability, I think if we do not have a national Palestinian government, I think if we do not have at least an easing of the blockade, yes there will be another war," Turner told reporters.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141104153654-ocr4h/?source=jtOtherNews2**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141104153654-ocr4h/?source=jtOtherNews2)

**Sudan**

**Sudan expresses confidence in African efforts to facilitate dialogue process**

Sudanese presidential aide Ibrahim Ghandour on Tuesday expressed confidence in the efforts of the African Union to facilitate the national dialogue process. Ghandour made his remarks following a meeting with the head of the African Union High Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP), Thabo Mbeki, who arrived in Khartoum after a two day visit to Cairo where he met with the Egyptian president.

**Sudan Tribune -** [**http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article52953**](http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article52953)

**Syria**

**Eleven children killed when mortars hit Damascus school -monitoring group**

At least 11 children were killed in Damascus when mortars fell on a school in an eastern district of the Syrian capital, a monitoring group said on Wednesday. The attack occurred in Qaboun, a district in the east of the city, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said. The death toll was expected to rise because a number of those wounded were in critical condition, it said.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141105124610-jg39r/?source=jtTheWire**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141105124610-jg39r/?source=jtTheWire)

**Tunisia**

**Analysts optimistic about success of Tunisian democracy**

With a new secular alliance emerging victorious in Tunisia's recent legislative elections, winning 85 of the 217 seats in parliament, analysts say Tunisia’s democracy is on the right path. “It is another big step toward a democratic transition in Tunisia that stands in contrast to the upheavals elsewhere since the birth of Arab Spring,” said Amy Hawthorne, a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council’s Hariri Center for the Middle East. The alliance Nidaa Tounes - whose name means "Call for Tunisia" - took the most votes, but not enough for a majority of seats. Hawthorne said she detected some fear among voters that the alliance victory comes with many figures from the old regime who could lead to a government that does not embrace democratic practices.

**VOA -** [**http://www.voanews.com/content/analysts-optimistic-for-success-of-tunisian-democracy/2507632.html**](http://www.voanews.com/content/analysts-optimistic-for-success-of-tunisian-democracy/2507632.html)

**Yemen**

**Algerian killed, Frenchman wounded in Yemen attack-police source**

An Algerian national was shot dead and a Frenchman was wounded on Wednesday by unidentified assailants in the southern part of the Yemeni capital Sanaa, a police source said. The source said no further details were available and that police were still gathering information on the victims and the assailants.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141105130511-jeazv/?source=jtTheWire**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141105130511-jeazv/?source=jtTheWire)

**Senior al Qaeda operative killed in US strike in Yemen-sources**

A senior al Qaeda official wanted by the US and a local leader of the militant group's affiliate, Ansar al-Sharia, were killed in a drone strike in central Yemen overnight, tribal sources said on Wednesday. Nabil al-Dahab, leader of Ansar al-Sharia in Yemen's al-Bayda province, was killed along with four other al Qaeda members, including Shawki al-Badani, the sources said. Badani is a leader of al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula who is wanted by the US.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141105050610-13cw0/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141105050610-13cw0/?source=search)

**UN poised to slap sanctions on former Yemen strongman**

The UN SC is poised to impose sanctions on Yemen's former president Ali Abdullah Saleh and two Huthi rebel leaders for obstructing peace in the country. A US-drafted proposal to the council would slap a visa ban and an assets freeze on Saleh and two of his allies, Shiite Huthi rebel leaders Abdulmalik al-Huthi and Abdullah Yahya al-Hakim. Saleh is seen as prime backer of the rebel Huthi movement that seized the capital Sanaa in September and has since spread its control into central and west Yemen, in defiance of a UN peace plan.

**France24 -** [**http://www.france24.com/en/20141105-un-poised-slap-sanctions-former-yemen-strongman/**](http://www.france24.com/en/20141105-un-poised-slap-sanctions-former-yemen-strongman/)

SA

**Across Region**

**Taliban group threatens to attack India following border blast**

A Pakistani Taliban group behind this week's devastating suicide bombing on the Pakistani-Indian border has said the attack was as much aimed at India as Pakistan, suggesting that Indian targets might be next. In a tweet issued after the attack, the splinter group, Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan Jamaat Ahrar (TTP-JA), said it was determined to attack both sides.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/11/05/us-pakistan-india-attacks-idUSKBN0IP0IU20141105**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/11/05/us-pakistan-india-attacks-idUSKBN0IP0IU20141105)

**India**

**Air pollution slashes India's potential grain yields by half**

Air pollution seems to have a direct, negative impact on grain production in India, a study warned on Monday, with recent increases in smog decreasing projected yields by half. Analysing 30 years of data, scientists developed a statistical model suggesting that air pollution caused wheat yields in densely populated states to be 50 percent lower than what they could have been in 2010. Up to 90 percent of the decrease in potential food production seems linked to smog, made up of black carbon and other pollutants, the study said.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141104042550-bojb3/?source=jtDontmiss**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141104042550-bojb3/?source=jtDontmiss)

**Pakistan**

**4 Killed in Northwest Pakistan Bombings**

Two bomb attacks killed at least four people Tuesday in Pakistan's northwest tribal region of Khyber.

In the first blast, two paramilitary officers and at least one civilian member of a peace committee were killed when a roadside bomb exploded in the village of Painda Cheena. As people tried to assist the victims of the initial blast, a second bomb exploded, killing one person and injuring several others.

No group has claimed responsibility for the bombings.

**VOA -** [**http://www.voanews.com/content/four-killed-in-northwest-pakistan-bombings/2508228.html**](http://www.voanews.com/content/four-killed-in-northwest-pakistan-bombings/2508228.html)

WCA

**Across Region**

**African Union leaders to press Burkina army for power handover**

The presidents of Ghana, Nigeria and Senegal are due to arrive in Burkina Faso to press the military for a speedy handover of power to a civilian ruler. The AU says the army acted unconstitutionally when it took over after President Blaise Compaore was forced to resign last Friday. The AU on Monday gave the army a two-week deadline. Interim leader Lt Col Isaac Zida later promised to comply. The three presidents are expected to arrive in the capital Ouagadougou later on Wednesday.

**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-29910029**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-29910029)

**AFP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/burkinas-army-leader-vows-power-back-civilians-130139938.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/burkinas-army-leader-vows-power-back-civilians-130139938.html)

**Africa – tackle malnutrition head on**

Eight hundred and five million of the world's people are chronically hungry, according to estimates by the FAO. But this figure represents only a fraction of the world's population whose lives have been blighted by a lack of adequate nutrition. Malnutrition is believed to be the underlying cause of death for 2.6 million children annually. At least two billion people do not get enough of the micronutrients – vitamins, minerals and trace elements – essential for their cognitive and physiological development, especially during early childhood.

**All Africa -** [**http://allafrica.com/stories/201411041183.html**](http://allafrica.com/stories/201411041183.html)

**CAR**

**Gold, diamonds fuelling conflict in Central African Republic**

Gold and diamond sales are being used to finance conflict in Central African Republic and UN peacekeepers should monitor mining sites to clamp down on illicit trade, a UN panel of experts said. In a report, the panel also said the peacekeeping mission (MINUSCA) should deploy troops to the remote north of the country and use drones to monitor the rebel-controlled region to put an end to simmering violence there.

The mission, which launched in September, is operating at only two-thirds of its planned 12,000-strong capacity.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141104193429-j0jyk/?source=leadCarousel**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141104193429-j0jyk/?source=leadCarousel)

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