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GENERAL

**Across Regions**

**Malala and Kailash Satyarthi win Nobel Peace Prize**

Pakistani child education activist Malala Yousafzai and Kailash Satyarthi an Indian child rights campaigner have jointly won the Nobel Peace Prize. At the age of just 17 Malala is the youngest recipient of the prize. The teenager was shot in the head by Taliban gunmen in October 2012 for campaigning for girls' education. She now lives in Birmingham in the UK. The Nobel committee praised the pair's "struggle against the suppression of children and young people". Mr Satyarthi, 60, has maintained the tradition of Mahatma Gandhi and headed various forms of peaceful protests, focusing on the grave exploitation of children for financial gain.

**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-29564935**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-29564935)

CEE/CIS

**Ukraine**

**No sanctions relief for Russia until forces leave Ukraine-US diplomat**

A senior U.S. diplomat said on Thursday there should be no sanctions relief for Russia until all foreign forces and equipment have left Ukraine, Kiev's sovereignty over its border has been restored and all hostages have been released. "Today there is a peace deal on paper in Ukraine, there is thankfully peace across a lot of Ukraine, but the peace deal is still being violated in key sectors," U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland said in a speech at an Aspen Institute conference in Berlin on transatlantic relations.

**Reuters -** [**http://townhall.com/news/politics-elections/2014/10/09/no-sanctions-relief-for-russia-until-forces-leave-ukraine-us-diplomat-n1902852**](http://townhall.com/news/politics-elections/2014/10/09/no-sanctions-relief-for-russia-until-forces-leave-ukraine-us-diplomat-n1902852)

**Turkey**

**Two policemen killed in Turkey's east; fresh clashes erupt**

The violence came at a time of growing tensions in Turkey, with local Kurds furious over what they see as government indifference to the situation in neighbouring [Syria](http://uk.reuters.com/places/syria), where Islamic State militants have laid siege to the Syrian Kurdish town of Kobani. The policemen came under attack in Bingol city centre while they were inspecting shops damaged in demonstrations earlier this week. There were no further details and no group claimed responsibility for the killings.

**Reuters -** [**http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/10/09/uk-turkey-kurds-attacks-idUKKCN0HY2AR20141009**](http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/10/09/uk-turkey-kurds-attacks-idUKKCN0HY2AR20141009)

EAP

**DPRK**

**Kim Jong-un 'no show' increases N Korea speculation**

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un missed a key political anniversary ceremony, state media said, amid speculation over his absence from public view. On Friday his name was not on a list of those who visited a mausoleum to mark the ruling party's anniversary. Mr Kim has not been seen for more than a month, the longest hiatus since he came to power in 2011.

**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-29563837**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-29563837)

**Japan**

**Japan braces as super typhoon Vongfong powers north**

Japan was bracing on Friday for its strongest storm this year, a super typhoon powering north towards Okinawa. As of 4 p.m. ET, the storm had maximum sustained winds of 150 miles per hour, making it a Category 4 storm, and just barely meeting the minimum standard to be called a "super" typhoon. The typhoon is moving extremely slowly, which raises the danger of landslides and flooding.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141010022504-r6o63**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141010022504-r6o63)

ESA

**South Sudan**

**War-torn South Sudan passes though security laws**

South Sudanese lawmakers have passed tough new laws granting security forces sweeping powers to arrest without a warrant, a bill that rights groups have condemned as "flawed", reports said on Thursday. The law boosts the already powerful and much feared National Security Service (NSS), although all whom they arrest must appear in court within 24 hours.Human Rights Watch said the bill -- which must still be signed by President Salva Kiir before formally becoming law -- sanctions the "national security service's abusive and unlawful detentions and interrogations."

**AFP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/war-torn-south-sudan-passes-tough-security-laws-075417304.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/war-torn-south-sudan-passes-tough-security-laws-075417304.html)

LAC

**Mexico**

**Mexico missing students: New mass graves found in Iguala**

Four more mass graves have been found near the southern Mexican town of Iguala, where 43 students went missing last month. There is no word on the number of the bodies discovered in pits on Thursday. The discovery came during a huge operation to find the students who disappeared after clashing with police. They were last seen being bundled into vehicles. Last week 28 burnt bodies were found in six shallow graves, but have yet not been identified.

**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-29563379**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-29563379)

**Venezuela**

**US Senators urge Kerry to oppose Venezuela joining UN Security Council**

A bipartisan group of senators urged Secretary of State John Kerry Thursday to oppose Venezuela’s bid to land a rotating seat on the UNSC. The U.N. is expected to hold a vote on the Security Council seat later this month. In addition to President (Nicolas) Maduro’s vocal disdain for the United Nations, his government’s actions, at the U.N. and at home run counter to the founding principles and norms of the U.N. Charter, namely the pursuit of international peace and security and the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all people,’ the senators wrote.

**News Observer -** [**http://www.newsobserver.com/2014/10/09/4219775\_senators-urge-kerry-to-fight-venezuelas.html?rh=1**](http://www.newsobserver.com/2014/10/09/4219775_senators-urge-kerry-to-fight-venezuelas.html?rh=1)

MENA

**State of Palestine**

**Palestinian unity government meets in Gaza**

The Palestinian unity government has held its first meeting in Gaza, the first cabinet session since 2007, when a brief armed confrontation soured relations between Hamas and Fatah faction. Thursday's meeting was the first in the besieged enclave, and the first that Gaza-based ministers could attend, after Israel blocked their travel to the West Bank to be sworn in. Gaza's former prime minister and one of Hamas leaders Ismail Haniya urged Fatah to follow through with their reconciliation pledges.

**Al Jazeera -** [**http://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2014/10/palestinian-unity-government-meets-gaza-2014109122916902695.html**](http://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2014/10/palestinian-unity-government-meets-gaza-2014109122916902695.html)

**Syria**

**Islamic State fighters seized more than a third of the Syrian border town of Kobani**

Islamic State seizes large areas of Syrian town as U.S.led air strikes failed to halt their advance and Turkish forces looked on without intervening. "ISIS control more than a third of Kobani - all eastern areas, a small part of the northeast and an area in the southeast," said Rami Abdulrahman, head of the Observatory, which monitors the Syrian civil war.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/09/us-mideast-crisis-idUSKCN0HX0XF20141009**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/09/us-mideast-crisis-idUSKCN0HX0XF20141009)

**UN envoy calls on Turkey to prevent massacre in Kobani**

Staffan de Mistura, the United Nations' envoy to Syria, called on Turkey on Friday to help prevent a slaughter in the Syrian border town of Kobani at the hands of Islamic State fighters. Staffan de Mistura appealed to Ankara to let "volunteers" cross the frontier so that they can reinforce Kurdish militias defending the town that lies within sight of Turkish territory. Turkey has stationed tanks on hills overlooking Kobani but so far refused to intervene without a comprehensive deal with the United States and other allies on the Syrian civil war. It has also prevented Turkish Kurds from crossing the frontier to reinforce their fellow Kurds defending the town.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141010123350-v2uxu/?source=jtOtherNews1**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141010123350-v2uxu/?source=jtOtherNews1)

**Yemen**

**Suicide bombings in Yemen kill 67 after premier quits**

Suicide bombers targeting Yemen's powerful Shi'ite Houthi group and an army camp killed at least 67 people in two separate attacks on Thursday, hours after a political crisis forced the new prime minister to step down. At least 47 people were killed, including four children, when a suicide bomber detonated a belt packed with explosives at a Houthi checkpoint in the centre of the capital Sanaa where Houthi supporters were preparing to hold a rally.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141009133447-tznnf/?utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=AlertNet+Weekly+Digest+9+October+2014&utm\_content=AlertNet+Weekly+Digest+9+October+2014+CID\_ea4c785ca46e9e23482aef9bfc8beeb1&utm\_source=Campaign%20Monitor&utm\_term=Yemens%20powerful%20Shiite%20Houthi%20group**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141009133447-tznnf/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=AlertNet+Weekly+Digest+9+October+2014&utm_content=AlertNet+Weekly+Digest+9+October+2014+CID_ea4c785ca46e9e23482aef9bfc8beeb1&utm_source=Campaign%20Monitor&utm_term=Yemens%20powerful%20Shiite%20Houthi%20group)

**Libya**

**100,000 Libyans flee fighting near Tripoli**

About 100,000 people have fled fighting near the Libyan capital Tripoli in the past three weeks, adding to a growing problem of internal displacement, UNHCR said on Friday, with fighting among rival armed groups intensifying in a number of areas of Libya, we are seeing growing displacement - now estimated at 287,000 people in 29 cities and towns countrywide.

**(Reuters)** [**http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-2787772/100-000-Libyans-flee-fighting-near-Tripoli-UNHCR-says.html**](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-2787772/100-000-Libyans-flee-fighting-near-Tripoli-UNHCR-says.html)

SA

**Across SA**

**India and Pakistan warn each other over attacks**

India and Pakistan have traded warnings over a surge in violence in Kashmir which has killed at least 19 people. Pakistani Defense Minister Khawaja Asif said his country would respond befittingly to Indian aggression but it did not want confrontation. His Indian counterpart, Arun Jaitley had earlier said Pakistan would be made to pay an unaffordable price if it persisted with adventurism. Each side accuses the other of starting hostilities which broke out a week ago.

**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-29547581**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-29547581)

**India**

**India braces for Cyclone Hudhud**

A cyclone moving across the Bay of Bengal is growing in intensity Indian authorities said Friday as they prepared for Cyclone Hudhud to hit India’s eastern coast over the weekend. The cyclone is expected to pack winds of between 130 and140 kilometers an hour (81 miles an hour to 87 miles an hour) with gusts as high as to 155 kilometers an hour, the [India Meteorological Department said](http://www.rsmcnewdelhi.imd.gov.in/images/bulletin/indian.pdf). India has already started assembling disaster-management teams, stocking up on emergency supplies and planning mass evacuations. Heavy to very heavy rainfall is expected in a few places in northern Andhra Pradesh and southern Orissa.

**WSJ -** [**http://blogs.wsj.com/indiarealtime/2014/10/10/india-braces-for-cyclone-hudhud/**](http://blogs.wsj.com/indiarealtime/2014/10/10/india-braces-for-cyclone-hudhud/)

WCA

**Across WCA**

**Ebola is 'entrenched and accelerating' in West Africa**

WHO has warned that Ebola is now entrenched in the capital cities of all three worst-affected countries and is accelerating in almost all settings. WHO deputy head Bruce Aylward warned that the world's response was not keeping up with the disease in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Speaking on Thursday, Mr Aylward said the situation was worse than it was 12 days ago. "The disease is entrenched in the capitals, 70% of the people affected are definitely dying from this disease, and it is accelerating in almost all of the settings," he said.

**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-29563530**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-29563530)

**EU and UNICEF partner to air-lift vital equipment in the fight against Ebola**

The European Union is helping to deliver nearly 100 metric tons of aid to regions in the three countries in West Africa hit hardest by the Ebola virus. The European Commission's Humanitarian aid department has made €1 million available to UNICEF in order to transport these vital supplies to help our partner in their efforts to stop the spread of the epidemic. The first of several flights has left today from Amsterdam's Schiphol airport, providing medical isolation equipment and sanitation materials to health centres and families in Sierra Leone. Additional flights will be taking off in the coming weeks to Liberia and Guinea

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141010122035-mfdib/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141010122035-mfdib/?source=search)

**CAR**

**Peacekeeper Killed in C. African Republic**

A U.N. peacekeeper from Pakistan was killed in a crash in Central African Republic after a convoy was attacked in the capital, Bangui. The death is the first since the U.N. took over peacekeeping duties on Sept. 15. Soldiers from the French and U.N. peacekeeping mission patrolled the KM-5 area, witnesses said. The ambush, however, occurred in the KM-11 neighborhood on the outskirts of the city.

**ABC -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/1st-peacekeeper-killed-african-republic-26083586**](http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/1st-peacekeeper-killed-african-republic-26083586)

**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/09/us-centralafrica-fighting-idUSKCN0HY0X520141009**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/09/us-centralafrica-fighting-idUSKCN0HY0X520141009)

**Eight killed, 25 wounded in fighting**

Gunfire and explosions rang out in Bangui on Thursday in fighting that has left at least eight dead and 25 wounded. The violence began on Tuesday when a Muslim man was lynched, decapitated and torched by a mob who accused him of lobbing a grenade into a crowd. Muslims in KM-5 killed a taxi driver in revenge. The unrest also included two days of demonstrations outside the headquarters of the U.N. mission in the country, the spokeswoman said, adding that the head of the mission, General Babacar Gaye, condemned the violence and called for dialogue.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20141009184524-nkpxc/?source=dpagetopic**](http://www.trust.org/item/20141009184524-nkpxc/?source=dpagetopic)

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