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**Turkey  
Turkey bombs Kurdish rebel targets in southeast**Turkish jets bombed targets in the southeast where members of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) are based, the first strikes on the outlawed group since a 2013 ceasefire, a security source said Tuesday. Turkish F-16 jets dropped bombs late Monday on PKK targets in the village of Daglica in the Kurdish-majority Hakkari province near the border with Iraq. The fierce clashes between Islamic State (IS) insurgents and Kurdish forces in the key Syrian town of Kobane have shaken Turkey's fragile peace process with the PKK, blacklisted as a terrorist organisation by Ankara and much of the international community.   
**AFP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/turkey-bombs-kurdish-rebel-targets-southeast-source-074712296.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/turkey-bombs-kurdish-rebel-targets-southeast-source-074712296.html)

**Ukraine**

**Protesters clash with police in Ukraine capital, throw smoke bombs**A few thousand protesters clashed with police on Tuesday outside the Ukrainian parliament, throwing stones and smoke bombs and firing with air guns through the building's windows. Parliamentary deputies, who had just passed anti-corruption laws and voted in a new defence minister in what was the last day of the current parliament ahead of an 26 Oct. election, went into recess because of the disorder outside. It was not immediately clear what the demands of the protesters were.   
**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/14/us-ukraine-crisis-clashes-idUSKCN0I313U20141014**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/14/us-ukraine-crisis-clashes-idUSKCN0I313U20141014)

EAP

**Japan  
Typhoon Vongfon leaves 1 dead, 2 missing and 93 injured**Typhoon Vongfong was heading off Japan's northeast coast early Tuesday, leaving 1 person dead, 2 missing and 93 injured, as it weakened sharply from what had been the strongest typhoon to hit Japan this year. Vongfong, downgraded to a tropical storm and brought heavy rain to Tokyo through the night. More than 600 flights were cancelled nationwide on Monday and more than 60 cancellations were expected on Tuesday

**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/13/us-japan-typhoon-idUSKCN0I226X20141013**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/13/us-japan-typhoon-idUSKCN0I226X20141013)

**Thailand  
Two Thais arrested for trafficking of Bangladeshis, Rohingya**   
Thai authorities have arrested two men with human trafficking, police said on Tuesday, following the discovery of 134 suspected victims in southern Thailand at a time when the military government is under international pressure to tackle the crime. The two Thais were charged in relation to a group of 53 men found on Saturday at a rubber plantation - 38 from Bangladesh and 15 Rohingya, a mostly stateless Muslim minority from western Myanmar. If found guilty, the men face up to 10 years' jail.   
**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/14/us-thailand-myanmar-rohingyas-idUSKCN0I30PB20141014**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/14/us-thailand-myanmar-rohingyas-idUSKCN0I30PB20141014)

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**Madagascar**

**Madagascar ex-president Ravalomanana arrested on return**

The former president of Madagascar, Marc Ravalomanana, has been arrested on his return to the country after five years in exile in South Africa. Tear gas was fired and security forces were seen outside his house before he was detained, a BBC reporter says. Mr Ravalomanana's previous attempts to return were blocked by Andry Rajoelina, who seized power in 2009. Last year, the rivals agreed not to contest elections intended to end years of political unrest.

**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-29594895**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-29594895)

**South Sudan**

**Potential crisis looms as nation teeters between war and peace**

Aid agencies warn that millions of people already traumatized by conflict could face famine next year if fighting resumes. With the eyes of the world focused on conflict in Syria and Iraq, and the seemingly inexorable spread of Ebola in west Africa, the world’s newest nation stands at a critical juncture. Aid agencies warn that South Sudan faces a catastrophe unless its leaders can deliver peace to a traumatized people, who have already exhausted their resources trying to stay alive during more than nine months of conflict.

**The Guardian -** [**http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2014/oct/13/south-sudan-potential-crisis-looms-war-peace**](http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2014/oct/13/south-sudan-potential-crisis-looms-war-peace)

**S. Sudan's opposition youth leadership advocates overthrowing president**The leadership of South Sudan's armed opposition wants to see president Salva Kiir Mayardit and his government replaced with a new administration, its deputy head of the youth wing, Peter Mabior Riiny said in a statement on Sunday. The comments signal an apparent shift from the rebel faction's concession to share power with the Kiir administration during a transitional period in which a government of national unity would be established. Riiny called on South Sudanese youth, specifically those from his home region of Bahr el Ghazal, of which president Kiir also hails, to "rise up against undemocratic acts and dictatorship and free themselves once and for all".   
**Sudan Tribune -** [**http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article52716**](http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article52716)

**Zimbabwe**

**Uproar over Harare demolitions**Thousands of residents in Zimbabwe's capital Harare and surrounding areas are facing eviction from their homes as local authorities embark on an operation to demolish all illegal structures. At the end of last month, city authorities turned 70 residential and business buildings into rubble overnight in the town of Chitungwiza, 25km north of Harare, and served 324 settlers in the high-density suburb of Glen Norah with 48-hour eviction notices. However, the demolitions in Glen Norah did not proceed, as residents armed with axes, knobkerries and other objects faced off with police who eventually retreated.   
**IRIN -** [**http://www.irinnews.org/report/100709/uproar-over-harare-demolitions**](http://www.irinnews.org/report/100709/uproar-over-harare-demolitions)

LAC

**El Salvador**

**7.4 magnitude earthquake off El Salvador coast**A powerful earthquake of magnitude 7.4 struck in the Pacific off El Salvador late Monday, prompting a tsunami warning, US government agencies said. The quake hit 170 km southeast of the capital San Salvador, at a depth of 70 km, the USGS said. The shaking of the earth was felt as far as the capital of Nicaragua, Managua, and other cities, but no immediate injuries or damage were reported. Electricity and cell phone service in some areas were cut off.   
**NBC -** [**http://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/7-3-magnitude-earthquake-strikes-el-salvador-coast-n225056**](http://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/7-3-magnitude-earthquake-strikes-el-salvador-coast-n225056)

**Mexico  
Protests, clashes in Mexico amid student disappearances**A mob of students and teachers in Mexico set fire to a local government building Monday, after demanding news of more than 43 students missing since last month, a report said. Several hundred protesters had gathered outside the offices in Chilpancingo, captial of Guerrero state, for hours demanding information concerning 43 students aged 15 to 25 detained on 26 September. Also Monday, several more bodies were found in the region in mass graves, but any connection with the missing students was not clear, amid alleged links to a local organized crime gang.   
**AP -** [**http://online.wsj.com/articles/protesters-burn-state-building-in-southern-mexico-1413256714**](http://online.wsj.com/articles/protesters-burn-state-building-in-southern-mexico-1413256714)

MENA

**Iraq**

**Thirty killed in three bombings in Shiite parts of Baghdad**

Three bombs exploded in Shiite parts of Baghdad on Monday, killing 30 people, police and medical officials said, continuing a wave of attacks targeting Iraq's majority religious group. Baghdad's largest Shiite neighborhood, Sadr City, was rocked by two blasts: a bomb in the late afternoon that killed six people near a marketplace, and a car bomb at a police checkpoint that killed 16 people and wounded 30, according to medical and police officials. In Kahdimiya, in western Baghdad, a car bomb killed eight civilians and wounded 21 others at the main checkpoint to the district, police and medical officials said.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/13/us-mideast-crisis-iraq-blast-idUSKCN0I21SA20141013**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/13/us-mideast-crisis-iraq-blast-idUSKCN0I21SA20141013)

**Libya**

**Libya tribal clashes kill at least 21**

At least 21 people were killed and more than 60 wounded in tribal clashes west of the Libyan capital over the weekend, hospital sources said on Sunday. Witnesses said nationalist militia from the hill town of Zintan, southwest of Tripoli, attacked the neighboring town of Kekla which supports their Islamist-led Libya Dawn rivals.

**Al Arabiya -** [**http://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/middle-east/2014/10/12/Libya-tribal-clashes-kill-at-least-21-.html**](http://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/middle-east/2014/10/12/Libya-tribal-clashes-kill-at-least-21-.html)

**State of Palestine  
Palestinians clash with Israeli police at Jerusalem's al-Aqsa compound**

Israeli police came under a barrage of rocks and flares from Palestinians in clashes in Jerusalem's al-Aqsa mosque compound, the third holiest shrine in Islam, on Monday and four protesters were arrested. Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said officers went to the elevated compound, also known as Temple Mount by Jews, after receiving information that protesters had planned to start a riot and disrupt visits there. Palestinians holed up in the mosque threw projectiles at police with riot shields outside as they removed a makeshift obstruction of barbed wire and planks before sealing off the building with the protesters inside.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/13/us-mideast-jerusalem-mosque-idUSKCN0I220G20141013**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/13/us-mideast-jerusalem-mosque-idUSKCN0I220G20141013)

**British MPs back recognition of Palestine**

British MPs have voted in favour of recognising Palestine as a state in a move which will not alter the government's stance on the issue, but which carries a symbolic value for Palestinians in their pursuit of international recognition. The UK does not classify Palestine as a state, but says it could do so at any time if it believed it would help peace efforts between the Palestinians and Israel.

David Cameron, UK prime minister, abstained from the vote, which was called by an opposition MP, and Cameron's spokesman earlier said that foreign policy would not be affected whatever the outcome.

**Al Jazeera -** [**http://www.aljazeera.com/news/europe/2014/10/british-mps-back-recognition-palestine-20141013214237623951.html**](http://www.aljazeera.com/news/europe/2014/10/british-mps-back-recognition-palestine-20141013214237623951.html)

**UN chief Ban visits war-scarred Gaza Strip**UN chief Ban Ki-moon made a brief visit Tuesday to war-ravaged Gaza, two days after donor states pledged $5.4 billion in aid to rebuild after a devastating Israeli offensive. After meeting members of the newly convened Palestinian consensus government, Ban told reporters that the devastation he had seen was far worse than that caused in the previous Israel-Gaza conflict of winter 2008-2009. On Tuesday he urged Israeli and Palestinian leaders to revive collapsed peace talks without delay.   
**AFP -** [**http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/151107-u-n-chief-ban-visits-war-scarred-gaza-strip**](http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/151107-u-n-chief-ban-visits-war-scarred-gaza-strip)

**Syria**

**Syria security chiefs fired after protests by Assad loyalists**Two high ranking Syrian security officials have been fired in what residents and a rights group say is a response to protests by government loyalists angered by the death of 41 children in a bombing in Homs city. Official concessions to popular demands are rare in Syria. But many loyalists are starting to feel abandoned by the government for whom they have sacrificed much to defend. In the days after a double suicide bombing on Oct. 1 at a school in the heavily guarded loyalist neighborhood of Akramah, residents demanded the resignation of top security officials and criticized state run media for not acknowledging the high number of dead and missing among loyalists in other recent attacks.   
**Reuters -** [**http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-2792307/Syria-security-chiefs-fired-protests-Assad-loyalists.html**](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-2792307/Syria-security-chiefs-fired-protests-Assad-loyalists.html)

**Yemen**

**Yemen's Houthi rebels move on key Red Sea port**Houthi rebels Tuesday reportedly took control of security checkpoints around Yemen's main Red Sea port city of Hudeida, weeks after seizing effective control of the capital Sana'a. Shiite movement's fighters took control of entrances to Hudeida port and surrounded the city's airport. The development came a day after the rebels welcomed the appointment of Yemeni UN envoy Khaled Mahfouz Bahah as prime minister-designate. Under a UN-brokered deal signed after the rebels took control of Sana'a on 21 September, Houthi camps and checkpoints around the capital are to be dismantled with the formation of a new government.   
**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/yemeni-shiite-rebels-close-red-sea-port-city-26176703**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/yemeni-shiite-rebels-close-red-sea-port-city-26176703)

SA

**Afghanistan  
One dead as suicide car bomber hits foreign convoy in Kabul**At least one person died and three others were injured after a suicide car bomber hit a foreign convoy in Kabul on Monday, media reports said. The explosion had reportedly occurred in east Kabul along the road to Jalalabad which comprises of a U.S. military base and a housing compound for the U.N. and other international contractors and aid workers. Reports further say that the Taliban insurgents have claimed the responsibility of the attack as Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Majahid had tweeted that the target was a foreign military convoy.   
**ANI -** [**http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ani/one-dead-as-suicide-car-bomber-hits-foreign-convoy-in-kabul-114101400215\_1.html**](http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ani/one-dead-as-suicide-car-bomber-hits-foreign-convoy-in-kabul-114101400215_1.html)

**WFP cuts food rations for 1 million Afghans over funding issues**Funding shortfalls have forced the WFP to cut rations for up to 1 million people in Afghanistan, an official said, an early sign that aid money may dwindle as the international combat mission winds down. WFP faces a gap of about $30 million for its program in Afghanistan, country director Claude Jibidar told Reuters in an interview. The agency has only about six weeks left in which to deposit advance stores of food meant to supply mountainous areas of Afghanistan that usually get cut off during its harsh winter. The WFP helps feed a total of 3.7 million Afghans, or about 10% of the population.   
**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/14/us-afghanistan-aid-idUSKCN0I310G20141014**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/14/us-afghanistan-aid-idUSKCN0I310G20141014)

**India  
Cyclone Hudhud’s toll mounts to 22, Visakhaptanam is a city in ruins**  
The severity of destruction caused by Cyclone Hudhud emerged a day after it ravaged coastal Andhra Pradesh with human fatalities reaching 22 on Monday. Fifteen people were killed in Visakhapatnam, six in Vizianagaram and one in Srikakulam, said government spokesman Parakala Prabhakar, adding that more than 6,600 houses were destroyed and 1,780 animals had perished. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will survey the cyclone-affected districts on Tuesday from air. Trees, electricity and telephone poles have been flattened all over. Hospitals are packed with people seeking refuge and essentials like food and water, apart from a sliver of power to charge their phones.   
**The Times of India -** [**http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Cyclone-Hudhuds-toll-mounts-to-22-Visakhaptanam-is-a-city-in-ruins/articleshow/44807185.cms**](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Cyclone-Hudhuds-toll-mounts-to-22-Visakhaptanam-is-a-city-in-ruins/articleshow/44807185.cms)

WCA

**Cameroon**

**Cameroon vows to 'totally wipe out' Boko Haram after hostages' release**

Cameroon's President, Paul Biya, on Monday vowed his government would go after Boko Haram until it's totally wiped out. He made the promise as he received 10 Chinese and 17 Cameroonians freed last week after spending months as hostages of armed men thought to belong to Boko Haram. The 27 Cameroonians and Chinese were delivered to authorities on Friday night. The government has not said how they were freed, but a security source said that "a ransom" was paid and around 20 imprisoned Islamists were freed in exchange.

**Daily star -** [**http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/World/2014/Oct-13/273926-cameroon-vows-to-totally-wipe-out-boko-haram-after-hostages-release.ashx**](http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/World/2014/Oct-13/273926-cameroon-vows-to-totally-wipe-out-boko-haram-after-hostages-release.ashx)

**Nigeria**

**Schoolgirls flee Boko Haram after 3-week hike through jungle**

Four of the more than 200 Nigerian schoolgirls kidnapped by the militant Islamist sect Boko Haram in Cameroon have escaped, raising hopes for the young prisoners still held captive. The free girls, all between ages 16 and 18, escaped with the help of a teenage boy prisoner, who managed to get them out of the camp. The girls, guided by the setting sun, walked west for three weeks, finally arriving in a Nigerian village, starving and traumatized. The girls had been told that if they fled Boko Haram, their families would be killed.

**NY post -** [**http://nypost.com/2014/10/13/4-of-the-200-kidnapped-nigerian-schoolgirls-escape-boko-haram/**](http://nypost.com/2014/10/13/4-of-the-200-kidnapped-nigerian-schoolgirls-escape-boko-haram/)

**Protesters mark six months since Nigerian schoolgirls' kidnap**

Protesters calling for the release of 219 Nigerian schoolgirls kidnapped by Boko Haram militants were set Tuesday to mark the six-month anniversary of their abduction with a march on the presidency. Members of the Bring Back Our Girls campaign were planning to walk to President Goodluck Jonathan's official residence in Abuja to keep up the pressure on the government to bring the missing teenagers home.

**AFP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/protesters-mark-six-months-since-nigerian-schoolgirls-kidnap-024540223.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/protesters-mark-six-months-since-nigerian-schoolgirls-kidnap-024540223.html)

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