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January 11

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February 5

Is Iran's 'Sheikh of Terror' Still At It? (English)

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February 5

Rouhani moves space program back to ministry

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February 9

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February 11

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Drug money is used in Iran's politics, Interior Minister admits (English)

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February 23

Ties with neighbors top Iran priority: Rouhani (English)

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Nuclear

February 18

Iran's Nuclear Weapons Fatwa Is a Myth (English)

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February 20

CIA's Nuclear-Bomb sting said to spur review in Iran arms case (English)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-02-20/cia-s-nuclear-bomb-sting-said-to-spur-review-in-iran-arms-case>

The Nuclear Deal

January 5

Rouhani Prepares Ground for Compromise (English)

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January 7

Iran Nuclear Talks to Resume in Geneva on January 18 (English)

<http://www.tasnimnews.com/English/Home/Single/611490>

January 9

Divisions in Iran stall nuclear deal, says ex-US negotiator (English)

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State Dept. Pressed on Iran Talks After Rouhani Declares Tehran Building New Nuclear Reactors (English)

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January 27

Iran, P5+1 now discussing details: Zarif (English)

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February 7

Iran tells West President Rouhani at risk if talks fail: Iranian officials (English)

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February 8

No nuclear deal better than bad deal: Leader (English)

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February 8

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February 10

Negotiating with Iran: Breakout and sneakout (English)

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February 12

Anatomy of bad Iran deal: A preliminary assessment (English)

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February 21

Arab nations said deeply worried by Iran nuke deal (English)

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February 23

Saudi Arabia's Undersecretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turki bin Mohammed: The final agreement between Iran and the 5+1 should remove Iran's nuclear threat from the area (Persian)

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Brigadier-general (Res.) Kuperwasser: The coming agreement will get Iran closer to the bomb (Hebrew)

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Why doesn't Turkey speak up on Iran nuclear issue? (English)

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Sanctions

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The facts and fictions of Iranian sanctions (English)

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February 14

Why the (toothless) Iran sanctions bill matters (English)

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Iranian regime's sanctions busters (English)

<http://www.iranian-americans.com/iranian-regimes-sanctions-busters/>

February 23

Sanctions Relief under the JPOA (English)

<http://defenddemocracy.org/media-hit/emanuele-ottolenghi-sanctions-relief-under-the-jpoa/>

February 24

German exports to Iran soar after sanctions eased (English)

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February 24

Exclusive: Iran smuggles in \$1 billion of bank notes to skirt sanctions (English)

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Army

January 27

Khamenei representative in Basij: we won't give in even if our enemies will drop oil prices to 30\$ (Persian)

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January 27

Iranian defense minister Dehqan: we'll army Palestinians in the west bank as response to the killing of Hezbollah operatives in the Golan (Persian)

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IRGC

February 2

Iran Revolutionary Guard: Khamenei Limited Number of Youth Allowed to Fight Abroad (English)

<http://english.al-akhbar.com/content/iran-revolutionary-guard-chief-khamenei-limited-permitted-number-youth-fight-abroad>

February 23

New documentary on IRGC's Quds forces Commander Qasem Soleimani (Persian)

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Human Rights

February 14

Denial of medical treatment still used as weapon in Iranian jails (English)

<http://irannewsupdate.com/news/human-rights/1926-denial-of-medical-treatment-still-used-as-weapon-in-iranian-jails.html>

Women in Iran

January 20

Female Genital Mutilation a Growing Problem in Iran (English)

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February 10

Iran: Hassan Rouhani government will not permit women to sing, minister says (English)

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Culture

January 27

Tehran to hold 1st Haft-seen Festival (English)

<http://theiranproject.com/blog/2015/01/27/tehran-to-hold-1st-haft-seen-festival/>

February 25

A look at Otto Piene's art exhibition in Tehran (English)

<http://theiranproject.com/blog/2015/02/26/a-look-at-otto-pienes-art-exhibition-in-tehran/>

Religion

January 7

Islamic Unity Conference Kicks Off in Iran (English)

<http://www.tasnimnews.com/English/Home/Single/611518>

February 2

Asr-e Iran daily called on Ahmad Janati to resign after he praised the death of King 'Abdallah of Saudi Arabia (Persian)

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February 24

Ayatollah Khamenei's Letter Highlights True Islam (English)

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Education

February 20

Iranian teachers protest Rouhani's budget (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2015/02/iran-teachers-budget-protest.html#>

February 23

Iran to launch 1st industrial production line of enzymes (English)

<http://theiranproject.com/blog/2015/02/23/iran-to-launch-1st-industrial-production-line-of-enzymes/>

February 26

Iranians are having difficulty in learn Arabic (Hebrew)

<http://tinyurl.com/lf83aef>

Internet

February 3

Khamenei's fans take to Instagram (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2015/02/letters4u-iran-khamenei-instagram.html>

Economy

January 7

Energy Ministry to Trade Electricity (English)

<http://www.shana.ir/en/newsagency/232404/>

January 7

Price war has no winner (English)

<http://www.shana.ir/en/newsagency/232396>

January 20

Lack of hard currency causing chaos in Iranian port (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/in-focus/forex/lack-of-hard-currency-causing-chaos-in-iranian-port-1.1444027#.VL85eQu7yfU.twitter>

January 27

Are falling oil prices pushing Iran to make risky economic choices? (English)

<http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Middle-East/2015/0127/Are-falling-oil-prices-pushing-Iran-to-make-risky-economic-choices>

February 11

European business bodies form alliance for Iran gold rush (English)

<http://blogs.wsj.com/frontiers/2015/02/11/european-business-bodies-form-alliance-for-iran-gold-rush/>

Transportation

February 26

Iran launches \$2.7bn high-speed rail project (English)

http://www.tradearabia.net/news/CONS_276351.html

Environment

January 21

Abdolabad embankment dam (English)

<http://en.mehrnews.com/detail/Photo/105595#ad-image-0>

January 22

Pollution killed 4,600 in Tehran last year, official admits (English)

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February 4

Iran's wetlands: A smile amid grief (English)

http://www.payvand.com/news/15/feb/1016.html?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

February 9

Dust pollution shuts down major cities in Iran (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2015/02/iran-khouzestan-dust-storm.html##ixzz3RQTBN6fx>

February 12

The death of Iran's 'Dead Sea' (English)

<http://edition.cnn.com/2015/02/10/world/cnnphotos-iran-lake-urmia/index.html>

February 17

UN Must Intervene in the Environmental Crisis in Iran (English)

<http://iranhr.net/2015/02/un-must-intervene-in-the-environmental-crisis-in-iran-call-by-11-ngos/>

February 20

Water shortages a problem in cities across Iran (English)

<http://www.payvand.com/news/15/feb/1094.html>

International relations

January 7

French, German political officials arrive in Tehran (English)

<http://theiranproject.com/blog/2015/01/07/french-german-political-officials-arrive-in-tehran/>

January 26

How Iran continues to deceive the West (English)

<http://missingpeace.eu/en/2015/01/how-iran-continues-to-deceive-the-west/>

February 14

World must not appease Iran - but end its decades of oppression, British peer urges (English)

<http://www.ncr-iran.org/en/news/iran-resistance/17942-world-must-not-appease-iran-but-end-its-decades-of-oppression-british-peer-urges>

February 26

The Rise of the Iranian Empire (English)

<http://www.thetower.org/article/the-rise-of-the-iranian-empire/>

Iran – U.S. relations

February 8

Obama's 'Secret Iran Strategy' Began in 2006 with Robert Gates (English)

<http://www.meforum.org/5022/obama-iran-strategy>

February 17

Iran's Views of Jews and the U.S. (English)

<http://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/5222/iran-jews>

February 26

Guilty Plea in Iran, F-35 Data Smuggling Case

<http://www.defensenews.com/story/defense/policy-budget/industry/2015/02/26/iran-f-35-smuggling-case-guilty-plea/24053803/>

February 27

Before anyone asks, JPMorgan wants you to know it did \$9.00 of business in Iran last year

<http://www.businessinsider.com/jpmorgan-iran-disclosure-2015-2#ixzz3T7a9l6QZ>

Iran – Cuba relations

January 7

President Hopes for Closer Iran-Cuba Ties (English)

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January 12

Cuba, Iran -- and Where Engagement Falls Short (English)

<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/cuba-iran-and-where-engagement-falls-short>

Iran – Latin America relations

February 19

The long arm of Iranian Terror (English)

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/the-long-arm-iranian-terror-12281>

Iran- Russia relations

February 4

Iran, Russia agree to measures for business cooperation (English)

http://www.payvand.com/news/15/feb/1019.html?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

February 23

Russia offers to sell anti-aircraft missile program to Iran (English)

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2015/02/23/russia-offers-to-sell-anti-aircraft-missile-program-to-iran/>

Iran – India relations

February 23

Balancing in the Middle East: India's relations with Iran, Israel (English)

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/analysis/balancing-in-the-middle-east-india-s-relations-with-iran-israel/article1-1317731.aspx>

Iran – Thailand relations

February 10

A website in Thailand reviles details on Iran's terrorist attacks branch (Hebrew)

http://news.nana10.co.il/Article/?ArticleID=1109121&fb_ref=Default

Iran- Afghanistan relations

January 7

Iran, Afghanistan discuss expansion of energy cooperation (English)

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February 10

Elephant in the Jirga: Iran's Interests in Afghanistan (English)

http://www.geopoliticalmonitor.com/elephant-jirga-irans-interests-afghanistan/?doing_wp_cron=1424254839.4440300464630126953125

Iran- Saudi Arabia relations

January 20

The kiss that sent Saudi's Iran ambassador home (English)

http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2015/01/kiss-sends-saudi-iran-ambassador-home.html?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

February 12

Hamas is trying to maneuver between Iran and Saudi Arabia (Hebrew)

<http://tinyurl.com/pdt8n2z>

Iran – Iraq relations

January 6

Amar Hakim is in Iran, meets Rafsanjani (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/necvjs7>

February 3

Obama's Pentagon pick worried about Iranian influence in Iraq (English)

<http://thehill.com/policy/defense/231675-obamas-pentagon-pick-worried-about-iranian-influence-in-iraq>

February 11

Iran is ready to take over Iraq's troops (English)

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2015/02/11/iran-is-ready-to-take-over-iraq-s-troops.html>

February 23

Iran to open branch of Medical Sciences Univ. in Iraq (English)

<http://theiranproject.com/blog/2015/02/23/iran-to-open-branch-of-medical-sciences-univ-in-iraq/>

February 24

Iran's FM in Iraq to Discuss Expansion of Ties (English)

<http://www.tasnimnews.com/english/Home/Single/664455>

February 26

Iraqi and Iranian Citizens Can Cross Borders without Visas (English)

<http://basnews.com/en/news/2015/02/26/iraqi-and-iranian-citizens-can-cross-borders-without-visas/>

Iran - Syria

January 6

President Assad underlines importance of economic cooperation with Iran (English)

<http://www.almanar.com.lb/english/adetails.php?eid=189088&frid=23&seccatid=20&cid=23&fromval=1>

February 25

Syrian-Iranian talks to bolster scientific and technological cooperation (English)

http://www.zawya.com/story/SyrianIranian_talks_to_bolster_scientific_and_technological_cooperation-ZAWYA20150226072431/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

Iran and the war in Syria

January 19

Tabnak reviles: IRGC soldiers were killed in the Israeli attributed attack in Syria yesterday (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/nrjgdgk>

February 17

50 members of the regime forces, NDF and the Shiite militiamen from Iran and Afghanistan killed in clashes in Aleppo (English)

<http://syriahr.com/en/2015/02/50-members-of-the-regime-forces-ndf-and-the-shiite-fighters-from-iran-and-afghanistan-killed-in-clashes-in-aleppo/>

February 23

Iran Strongly Condemns US Unrelenting Support for Terrorists in Syria (English)

<http://english.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=13931204000575>

Iran – Israel relations

January 21

Iran Looking for Missile Base against Israel, Not Nuclear Peace (English)

<https://www.commentarymagazine.com/2015/01/21/iran-looking-missile-base-israel-not-nuclear-peace/>

February 2

Iranian website Mashregh: As opposed to the claims of Israel, Ron Arad is not held be Iran or Hezbollah (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/mkdorby>

February 6

Uruguay expels Iranian envoy suspected of helping place bomb near Israeli embassy (English)

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/.premium-1.641101>

February 8

Israel is poised to strike Iran (English)

<http://blogs.timesofisrael.com/israel-is-poised-to-strike-iran/>

February 22

Iran Lobby Spends \$200K on anti-Netanyahu New York Times Ad (English)

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/191669#.VOW1LHyUdFt>

February 28

Al-Jarida: In 2014 Obama threatened to fire on Israeli jets attacking Iran (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/pqcg38>

Iran – Oman Relations

January 8

Iran and Oman in negotiation to cancel the requirement for visas between them (Persian)

<http://ebtekarnews.com/Ebtekar/Article.aspx?AID=32243#143947>

Iran – Morocco relations

February 1

Morocco received new Iranian ambassador's treaty after 6 years of diplomatic severance between the countries (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/psbbb8o>

Iran – Lebanon relations

February 24

Iran Favors Political Consensus on President Election in Lebanon (English)

<http://www.tasnimnews.com/english/Home/Single/664617>

Iran – Hamas relations

February 17

The relationship between Hamas and Iran Tightens - Tehran will financially support the movement again (Hebrew)

<http://www.maariv.co.il/news/world/Article-463832>

Iran – The West Bank

January 27

Fatah official: Powerful Iran will benefit Palestine (English)

<http://theiranproject.com/blog/2015/01/27/fatah-official-powerful-iran-will-benefit-palestine/>

Iran-Sudan relations

February 25

Sudan has shutdown Iranian cultural centers for national security, president Bashir says (English)

<http://www.ncr-iran.org/en/news/terrorism-fundamentalism/18002-sudan-has-shutdown-iranian-cultural-centers-for-national-security-president-bashir-says>

Iran- Portugal relations

January 27

Tehran, Lisbon sign cultural MoU (English)

<http://www.yjc.ir/en/news/6136/tehran-lisbon-sign-cultural-mou>

Iran-Azerbaijan relations

February 22

Iran ready to create joint science, technology parks with Azerbaijan (English)

<http://theiranproject.com/blog/2015/02/23/iran-ready-to-create-joint-science-technology-parks-with-azerbaijan/>

The Arab countries of the Persian Gulf

The GCC

January 1

GCC prepares for leadership change and the new world energy order (English)

<http://edmundosullivan.com/gcc-prepares-for-leadership-change-and-the-new-world-energy-order/>

January 5

The curious case of the Gulf woman (English)

<http://foreignpolicyblogs.com/2015/01/05/the-curious-case-of-the-gulf-woman/>

January 6

Oil prices: eventually the Gulf States will run out of power (English)

http://theconversation.com/oil-prices-eventually-the-gulf-states-will-run-out-of-power-35867?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_term=%2AMideast%20Brief&utm_campaign=2014_The%20Middle%20East%20Daily_1.7.15

January 8

China's growing interest in the Persian Gulf (English)

<http://www.diiis.dk/node/4684>

January 9

Gulf States pursue unique approaches to falling oil prices (English)

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2015/01/09/gulf-states-pursue-unique-approaches-to-falling-oil-prices/>

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January 10

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January 20

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January 4

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January 8

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January 5

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January 7

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January 5

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January 7

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January 7

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Other Countries of the Arab world

Syria

January 5

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January 7

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February 8

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