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## **EUR**

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### **Russia: taking sides in Arab Spring endangers region**

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - Russia's foreign minister told NATO counterparts trying to influence upheavals in the Arab world risked adding to tensions, especially sectarian ones, which could "blow this whole geopolitical space up."

### **Cameron's own MPs pile pressure on him over EU**

LONDON (Reuters) - Conservative legislators urged Prime Minister Cameron to ensure he wins adequate protection for Britain's financial services industry at a European Union summit.

## **SCA**

### **NATO fuel tankers attacked in Pakistan**

**QUETTA (AP) - Pakistani police said assailants fired rockets at tankers carrying fuel for U.S.-led troops in Afghanistan, setting at least 10 vehicles on fire. The tanker attack took place at a roadside terminal close to the southwestern city of Quetta. There were no immediate reports of casualties.**

**Pakistan's Zardari stable, to undergo more tests**

ISLAMABAD (Reuters) - Pakistani President Zardari is stable and resting in a Dubai hospital and will undergo further tests, according to his doctor.

**India police charge Tibetan leader in money probe**

DHARMSALA (AP) - Indian police charged Tibetan Buddhism's third most important leader and three of his followers after an investigation into \$1.35 million in cash discovered at his headquarters in northern India.

**NEA**

**Yemen: 9 militants, soldier killed in clashes**

SANAA (AP) - Yemeni officials say al-Qaida-linked fighters attacked an army post in Abyan province, sparking a battle in which nine militants and one soldier were killed.

**UN envoy urges new Yemen government to bring stability**

SANAA/ADEN (Reuters) - UN envoy Jamal Benomar, who helped broker a deal to ease Yemeni President Saleh from power, urged the new government to bring stability, adding he would submit his report to a United Nations Security Council meeting on December 14.

**Rights group urges Yemen to ban child marriage**

CAIRO (AP) - Human Rights Watch is urging Yemen to set 18 as the minimum age for marriage to improve girls' opportunities for education and to protect their human rights.

**Major Syrian oil pipeline blown up**

BEIRUT (Reuters) - A Syrian pipeline carrying oil from the east of the country to a refinery in Homs was blown up, an activist group said.

**Anti-Asad camp calls for strike across Syria**

BEIRUT (Reuters) - Syrian activists have called for a nationwide strike December 11 as the first stage in a campaign of civil disobedience against the government of President Asad. The Local Coordination Committees said the campaign would include sit-ins, shop closures, and strikes by public service workers and students.

**Bahrain drops charges, halts trials of athletes**

MANAMA (AP) - Bahrain halted trial proceedings for over 100 athletes and dropped all charges related to their participation in street protests against the monarchy. The king officially "forgave" the athletes who insulted him.

**Palestinian security reports car explosion in Gaza**

GAZA CITY (AP) - Palestinian security officials said a car carrying three people has exploded near a public garden in Gaza City.

**AF****Liberia, Senegal to let women pass on citizenship**

GENEVA (AP) - Liberia and Senegal pledged to reform their laws so women can confer citizenship on their children. The countries made the pledge at a ministerial meeting in Geneva marking the 50th anniversary of the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

**Unidentified fighter jets bomb south Somali town**

MOGADISHU (Reuters) - Fighter jets bombed the southern Somali town of Baardheere, killing at least one civilian, local residents and the al Shabaab rebel group said.

**Review of rich-poor divide underpins climate talks**

DURBAN (AP) - The head of the group of developing countries, Argentinean Sylvia Merega, said the outcome of UN climate negotiations boils down to whether the two-tiered system of rich and poor countries should continue, or whether all nations should be treated more equally.

**Rocket attack kills three at Ivorian election rally**

ABIDJAN (Reuters) - Three people were killed and three others wounded following a rocket blast at an election campaign rally in south-west Cote d'Ivoire.

**Sudan's new cabinet won't solve crisis - opposition**

KHARTOUM (Reuters) - Sudan's main opposition parties reacted negatively to a new cabinet formed by President al-Bashir, which includes more opposition figures, saying it would not help overcome the economic crisis.

**Nigeria militia group fires rifles, protests**

LAGOS (AP) - A militia group from Nigeria's southwest walked through the streets of the commercial capital firing rifles as police and security forces fled. Members of the Oduduwa People's Congress carried rifles through the streets though it was not immediately clear what they were protesting.

**WHA****Church confirms Pope to visit Cuba in spring**

HAVANA (AP) - A senior Roman Catholic Church official in Cuba confirms that Pope Benedict XVI will visit the island in the spring. The date of the visit will be announced December 12.