

World

[After Bin Laden, Same as Before?](#)

(National Review Online: Kathryn Jean Lopez) Even after the killing of bin Laden, al-Qaeda's "strategy of a thousand cuts" will continue to bleed America. An example is the printer cartridge bomb plot. It only cost \$4,200 succeeded in placing bombs aboard two passenger planes. The cost of defending against a repeat will far exceed the terrorists' price tag in executing it.

[Yemen and the Libya Precedent](#)

(Atlantic: Joshua Foust) In the months since the war in Libya was launched under the strategically dubious guise of a Western "Responsibility to Protect" non-westerners from their own governments, one wonders where this policy will end. Should such a policy be taken in Yemen?

[Bomb blast rocks Turkish capital](#)

(Reuters) A bomb blast rocked the center of the Turkish capital Ankara on Tuesday and some media reports said two people were killed, while a local mayor said nobody was dead but three people were seriously wounded.

National

[Brennan maps out Osama bin Laden raid doctrine](#)

(AP: Kimberly Dozier) The President's chief counterterrorism advisor contends that, under international law the U.S. can protect itself with pre-emptive action against suspects the U.S. believes present an imminent threat, wherever they are. This has been termed the OBL Raid Doctrine.

[Republican Military Deserters](#)

(Daily Beast: Eli Lake) The willingness of many in the Tea Party to take the budget knife to defense to stave off tax increases has pitted the vibrant new wing against the GOP's longtime military hawks. Democrats are eager to exploit the growing divide this fall as a congressional supercommittee tries to find at least another \$1.5 trillion in federal spending cuts over the next 10 years.

[VFW Calls White House Proposals a 'Breach of Faith'](#)

(VFW) The national commander of the nation's oldest and largest major combat veterans' organization is sounding the alarm over President Obama's deficit reduction plan because some proposals are clearly designed to balance the budget on the backs of current and future military service members, retirees and their families. "The proposals are all about money, not about people," said Richard L. DeNoyer.

Local

[Fort Leavenworth to reduce 125 positions](#)

(Topeka Capital-Journal) Fort Leavenworth will reduce 125 positions by October 2012, the Army stated in a news release Monday. The fort received guidance to reshape the workforce to no more than 441 employees, the release said. In order to achieve that goal, the fort will have to reduce about 125 positions by October 2012.

[No Death Penalty in '09 Iraq Deaths](#)

(AP) A military judge has recommended that an Army sergeant accused of killing U.S. military personnel at a mental health clinic on a base in Iraq should not face a possible death sentence because he is mentally ill. Col. James Pohl said in his recommendation issued Friday that Sgt. John Russell's serious mental illness makes execution an inappropriate punishment.

Defense

[Retiree Benefits for the Military Could Face Cuts](#)

(NYT: James Dao and Mary Williams Walsh) As the nation continues to struggle with how to cut government costs, military pension is getting attention. Making even incremental reductions to military benefits is typically a doomed political venture, but the intense push in Congress this year to reduce the debt and the possibility that the Pentagon might have to begin trimming core programs.

[Navy's Newest Ship Is Pickup Truck of the Sea](#)

(Wired: David Axe) Flexibility may be the best attribute of the 22 planned Joint High Speed Vessels (JHSV), a product of the Pentagon's recent obsession with "modular" vehicles. The idea is to build basic machines, fast and cheap, and quickly modify them with new weapons, sensors and other payloads.

[It's official: 'Don't ask don't tell' is history](#)

(WashPo: Greg Sargent) "We expect all personnel to follow our Values by implementing the repeal fully, fairly and in accordance with policy guidance. It is the duty of all personnel to treat each other with dignity and respect, while maintaining good order and discipline throughout our ranks. Doing so, will help the U.S. Army remain the *Strength of the Nation*."

[As Ban Ends, Navy Officer, Partner Wed In Vermont](#)

(AP) Just as the formal repeal of the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy took effect, Navy Lt. Gary Ross and his partner were married before a small group of family and friends in Duxbury, Vt. The two men, who'd been together 11 years, were able to recite their vows at the stroke of midnight — at the first possible moment after the ban ended.

Opinion/Editorial/Blogs

[Israel's Self-Inflicted Isolation](#)

(Daily Beast: Peter Beinart) The isolation of Israel, increasing as the Arab Spring evolves, began long before the revolutions. When Netanyahu became Prime Minister he took a far harder line than previous Israeli leaders and refused to pick up peace talks where his predecessor. Together with increased settlements, his actions have not only created an impasse with Palestinian leader Abbas, but hampered U.S. efforts to help Israel.

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[Taliban Claims Attack on Pakistani Police Official](#)

(AP) The Taliban claimed responsibility for a suicide car bombing on Monday that targeted Chaudhry Aslam, a senior police superintendent in the southern port city of Karachi. Aslam has been at the forefront of several successful operations against Taliban insurgents and other criminals in Karachi, Pakistan's largest city, which has a history of sectarian and political violence.