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EUROPE

TURKEY/QATAR

Qatar's Emir Hamad visited Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan in Istanbul. The prime minister's office subsequently announced Erdogan cancelled a planned trip to Qatar. (*Today's Zaman*)

RUSSIA

NATO Secretary General Rasmussen said Russian President Medvedev's remarks about Russian countermeasures against the European missile defense system might be election rhetoric, contrary to President Medvedev's assertion they were not. Rasmussen added he was optimistic about the Russia-NATO summit planned for May 2012. (*RIA Novosti*)

MIDDLE EAST

ISRAEL

Interior Minister Yishai said the approximately 50,000 African migrants in Israel are "infiltrators" with no political standing to seek asylum, and he will work to expel them from Israel. (*Jerusalem Post*)

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY/UNITED NATIONS

UNESCO announced the Palestinian Authority's flag will be raised at UNESCO's Paris headquarters December 13. (*Dawn*)

AFRICA

KENYA/SOMALIA/AFRICAN UNION

The Kenyan parliament unanimously voted to authorize the Kenyan Defense Forces in Somalia to serve under the AU Mission to Somalia. (*All Africa*)

SOUTH AFRICA/AUSTRALIA

At the UN Climate Change Conference in Durban, Australian Climate Change Minister Combet announced Australia will provide \$25 million to help African countries adapt manage water resources and boost food security. (*Sydney Morning Herald*)

SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA

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PAKISTAN/IRAN

Iranian security forces shot at Pakistani fishermen when their vessel entered Iranian waters, killing three and injuring two. The dead and injured men are in Iranian custody. (*The Express Tribune*)

EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC

JAPAN/CHINA

Prime Minister Noda canceled his trip to Beijing at the request of Chinese officials, who expressed concern anti-Japanese sentiment might increase around the December 13 anniversary of the 1937 Nanjing Massacre. (*The Japan Times*)

PHILIPPINES/CAMBODIA

Cambodia and the Philippines signed an agreement in Phnom Penh to boost bilateral cooperation on trade, investment, tourism, and agriculture. (*The Philippine Star*)

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO/CARICOM/CUBA

Ten heads of state of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and Cuban President Castro will meet in Port of Spain December 8. (*Caribbean News Now*)

MEXICO

Mexican prosecutors announced three men allied with the Zeta drug cartel were arrested for the November murder of 26 people in Guadalajara. (*Miami Herald*)

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