The Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham, a prominent al-Qaeda backed faction in Syria, came under attack in Syria by more secular rebels and in their Western Iraqi strongholds by the Iraqi army. Amid much tension, continued unrest, and repression, Egyptians will head to the polls to vote on a new constitution. Dialogue begins in South Sudan between representatives of the central government and rebel groups led by VP Machar as hostilities continue. Turkish judiciary fires over 300 police officers in major corruption probe prompting a strong backlash from PM Erdogan. Allegations arise that NJ Governor Chris Christie authorized the closing of traffic lanes to punish a mayor who opposed his reelection. Former Israeli PM Ariel Sharon passes at 85.

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