Finding and Searching Newswires using Factiva

What is a newswire?

Newswire agencies gather and sell news reports to media outlets on radio, TV, and the internet, as well as to newspapers and magazines. These news agencies may also be called news services, wire services, or newswire services. Some of the largest and most well-known newswires are Reuters, Associated Press, and Agence France Presse. Newswire services are usually subscription based.

At Memorial, you can access newswires through news databases such as Factiva and Lexis Nexis. To access these databases, go to the Library website. Click on Databases (under Research Tools), Search by Subject, and scroll down to and then click on News.

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Reuters newswires can be searched by selecting Reuters newswires on the front page, under Sources.

Click on the newswire service you want to search (for example, Reuters Newswires, which will search all Reuters Newswires, or choose a specific English language sub-source from the list, such as Reuters News). Your selection will appear above the search box, beside Source.

Other newswire organizations can be searched and selected on this page. You can search for them using the search box just below All Publications.
Type your search terms into the search box at the top of the page. Connect your terms with AND. Use the * symbol for truncation (ie, Syria* will search for Syria, Syrian, Syrians, etc.) Click on the date drop-down for more date options, or to set a date range.

You can add specific subject terms to your search. Type search terms into the search box and Factiva will provide suggested search terms. Ensure “AND” is checked.

You can also add a specific region to your search. Ensure “AND” is checked.

Click on “more options” toward the bottom of the search page. Limit the location where you want your search terms to appear (full article, headlines and lead paragraph, headline, etc.).
Click “search”. Your search results will be listed. You can narrow your search down by source, subject, etc. on the left side of the page.

To save search results, check the box beside the headline you want, and then click the email icon. You will be prompted to type in your email address.