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DATE	STATE	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	SOURCE
26/10/2015	NSW	Aboriginal family trees: Setting the record straight and rebuilding lost connections	Elizabeth Bennett, a Barkindji woman from central-west New South Wales is trying to correctly piece together her family tree. Bennett says her original birth certificate has some mistakes and her family records do not match her family's oral history. Bennett is receiving assistance from anthropologists and historians from NTSCorp – the Native Title Service Provider for Aboriginal Traditional Owners in NSW.	ABC News , Australia, 26 October 2015
20/10/2015	NSW	Clock ticks down to debate on Lot 490 future	Labor MP Walt Secord called for a 26ha parcel of land to be rezoned in a national park in Kingscliff to ensure it remained a coastal reserve rather than be developed with home unit blocks. 'There is also news of a native title claim over the land, and this was considered a convenient and completely mischievous delay tactic to impede development', according to Secord.	Byron Shire News , Australia, 20 October 2015
09/10/2015	NSW	Land rights key issue for Aboriginal Council candidate	Wesley Fernando, a Grafton Candidate for council in the upcoming NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) elections has called for the settling of Aboriginal land rights claims, stating that this is one way his people can achieve self-determination. There are 27,000 land claims in NSW that remain undetermined since 1983.	The Daily Examiner , Australia, 9 October 2015

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07/10/2015	NSW	Land grant leads to IPA	A land grant from the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) has provided an opportunity for a new Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) to be declared. The ILC bought Mawonga station back in 2011 in conjunction with the Department of Environment, and the land has been granted to the Winangakirri Aboriginal Corporation - Ngiyampaa Wangaaypuwan people.	Koorie Mail, pg. 11, Australia, 7 October 2015
01/10/2015	NSW	Native title claim on south coast waters a test case for NSW	A local NSW Aboriginal Cultural Fishing Rights group has lodged a native title claim, and this is likely to be the first test case in NSW. Tony McAvoy SC, Australia's first Indigenous barrister admitted to the bar, describes this process in an ABC radio interview recently, suggesting that a native title claim over water has not yet been tested in NSW yet.	ABC News , Australia, 1 October 2015
28/10/2015	NT	Uluru 'hand back' 30 years on: 'Aborigines' promised jobs and social mobility are still being marginalised	Kathy Marks writes that the anniversary of the thirty year return of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park (Ayers Rock) was a celebration featuring customary dances and also speeches from mainstream politicians. However, some community leaders acknowledged that those dreams have largely disappeared. Leroy Lester said: 'People thought, my grandson will have a job and a house and a car. There'll be food in the fridge and a green lawn to water. Even the dogs will be healthy.'	Independent , Australia, 28 October 2015 7 News , Australia, 26 October 2015
28/10/2015	NT	Uluru protest: Man who cut climbing chains a 'hero', Aboriginal elder says	Some Aboriginal elders in Central Australia are praising a man for cutting climbing chains on Uluru. An activist simply known as 'John' stated in an interview that 'although he hadn't been granted permission before cutting the chains, Anangu elders were in full support of his actions.' Central Land Council chairman David Ross has also praised John's actions.	ABC News , Australia, 25 October 2015 ABC News , Australia, 27 October 2015

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25/10/2015	NT	Uluru owners let down by Aust: Scullion	The recent 30th anniversary of the Federal Government handing back the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park has sparked concern from Anangu, the traditional owners of the park, who had previously signed a 99-year lease to equally manage the park. Nigel Scullion, who was present at the celebrations, said that 'by and large the rock looks the same and, tragically, so does Mutitjulu (community).' Scullion maintains that the implicit part of the Government's agreement is that Anangu could be doing better. He maintains 'The deal isn't complete; those opportunities have never been provided in the way they should have been to the Anangu.'	News.com.au , Australia, 25 October 2015 SBS , Australia, 25 October 2015 SBS , Australia, 27 October 2015 The Daily Telegraph , Australia, 25 October 2015
25/10/2015	Australia	Hundreds gather to celebrate 30 years since Uluru handover to traditional owners	Davidson reports that back in 1985 the Northern Territory Government opposed the hand back of Uluru to Anangu. During this period the Government attempted to block it, but today ministers and other politicians will be celebrating 30 years since the land title was returned to Anangu. Many Anangu are also attending the celebration. Anangu elder Leroy Lester says 'it was a pretty emotional day, with many people coming to support us.'	The Guardian , Australia, 25 October 2015 UK News , United Kingdom, 25 October 2015
25/10/2015	NT	Uluru hand back 30th anniversary bittersweet, traditional owner says	Anangu traditional owner Sammy Wilson believes the focus is on 'tourism rather than culture' whilst reflecting on celebrations for the 30th anniversary of the hand back. Wilson also said during a guided walk around the base of Uluru is 'one of the things that Anangu Elders have said 'is that you've got the Ayers Rock Resort over there and it's like a vacuum cleaner sucking everything that [belongs] to Anangu, towards the resort.'	ABC News , Australia, 25 October 2015

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21/10/2015	NT	Agreement reached over Darwin Land	The NT Chief Minister, Adam Giles, has said that the Northern Territory Government will work with the Gwalwa Daraniki Association (GDA) to develop a master plan for the three square kilometres of Crown land between Ludmilla Creek and Nightcliff. This will involve converting the land into freehold title which will benefit the GDA's members including 'delivering more jobs for a community that is determined to break the cycle of welfare dependency,' Giles said.	Koorie Mail,pg. 29, Australia, 21 September 2015
20/10/2015	NT	Ancestry and local knowledge spurs remote Indigenous tourism business to success	At the 7th Indigenous economic development forum in Alice Springs, Reuben and Dawn Cooper talked about their successful camping and fishing business based at Wiligi Outstation in Arnhem Land's Cobourg Peninsula region, which has been running for the last 20 years. 'We started a fishing and camping business and we wouldn't change it for the world', Mr Cooper said. He also said that 'his father and great-grandmother were traditional owners of the area.'	ABC Rural , Australia, 20 October 2015
19/10/2015	NT	Uluru resort deal sparks call for reforms after millions lost in Indigenous Land Corporation acquisition	Millions of tax payers' dollars were lost when the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) purchased Ayers Rock Resort near Uluru back in 2010. Dawn Casey, who is ILC's outgoing chair, says 'that this demonstrates that there is an urgent need for reforms to the way Federal statutory authorities are regulated.' Casey also suggests that the 'finance department's role of monitoring sector corporations should be given to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), and the Australian National Audit Office should be more independent of government.'	ABC News , Australia, 19 October 2015

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07/10/2015	NT	Aṅangu Care for Country	Aṅangu traditional owners have declared the land surrounding the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park an Indigenous Protected Area (IPA). The IPA is an agreement signed by the Commonwealth Government and it offers Aṅangu traditional owners resources to fight significant threats, such as to cultural sites, native plants and animals. Ruby James, one of the first Indigenous rangers from Kaltukatjara (Docker River) said 'the IPA would help protect country'.	Indian Country Today Media Network , New Mexico, 23 October 2015 Koorie Mail, pg. 6, Australia, 7 October 2015 SBS , Australia, 3 October 2015
07/10/2015	NT	Mine Extension rejected	The Kakadu National Park is the country of the Mirarr traditional owners. The Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation (GAC), which represents the Mirarr, has rejected any extension of the mining operation beyond its term of January 2021.	Koorie Mail, pg. 11, Australia, 21 October 2015
01/10/2015	NT	Traditional owners enter mine over fears Glencore could avoid clean-up cost	The McArthur river mining operation near Borroloola in the Gulf region of the Northern Territory mines one of the world's largest zinc deposits. However, traditional owners have walked onto the site with the intention of visiting their own sacred sites, and to draw attention to ongoing fears that the mining giant could avoid financial liability for pollution and clean-up costs.	The Guardian , Australia, 1 October 2015
30/10/2015	QLD	'Don't forget us': Residents on remote Mer Island call on Malcolm Turnbull to honour Tony Abbott's commitment	The community of the local Meriam community was full of hope that the Government would know their struggles after handing Tony Abbott a letter, back in August when he visited Mer Island in the Torres Strait. The women of Mer Island believe Mr Abbott assured them of a response to the letter within a fortnight. Whilst the leadership has changed, Turnbull has an obligation to consider the letter and provide a response quickly. Melora Noah who is one of the group leaders says that 'Mr Turnbull has an obligation to consider the letter and provide a response.'	ABC News , Queensland, 30 October 2015

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28/10/2015	QLD	Native title awarded to Mithaka traditional owners in south-west Queensland	The Federal Court has recognized the Mithaka traditional owners as the claimants of native title over a large area of land and water that is approximately 55,425 square kilometres, approximately 12,000 square kilometres less than Tasmania. The claim was lodged 13 years ago and encompasses the Barcoo and Diamantina Shires and the 'ghost town' of Betoota.	Green Left Weekly , Australia, 31 October 2015 ABC News , Australia, 27 October 2015
27/10/2015	QLD	Cape York Land Council faces revolt over native title claim	Aboriginal elders from the Cape York region are challenging the legitimacy of Australia's biggest native title claim because they believe they have been locked out of the native title process. The claim covers 14.6 million hectares of land and inland waters on the far-north Queensland peninsula. The Elders have joined approximately 150 people to support local Federal Liberal MP Warren Entsch in calling for intervention by Attorney-General George Brandis.	The Australian , Australia, 27 October 2015 ABC News , Australia, 27 October 2015
24/10/2015	QLD	End to Stradbroke Island sandmining set in stone: Trad	The State Government of Queensland has suggested that 2019 is the year to end mining on North Stradbroke Island. This was discussed at a recent Electrical Trade Union's meeting at the Little Ship Club at Dunwich, where Ms Trad, representing the State Government, immediately crushed speculation the premier was considering extending the 2019 deadline.	Brisbanetimes.com.au , Australia, 24 October 2015
23/10/2015	QLD	Native title land claim forces Long Jetty boatshed to close	Following a native title claim, owners of the Central Coast business Long Jetty Catamaran and Boat Hire are set to 'walk away with virtually nothing'. The Owners lease the Crown land from the NSW Department of Lands, but despite two offers for the business to be bought, the department advised them it is not prepared to allow a lease transfer until the land title claim matter is resolved in the Federal Court.	News Local , Australia, 23 October 2015

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20/10/2015	QLD	Bypass won't be delayed by indigenous site: TMR	There are currently no delays expected despite concerns by an Aboriginal heritage consultancy group that there could possibly be damage to an Indigenous site in the development area. Jagera Daran, a member of the Jagera people, has suggested to the Government 'that the route of the crossing be adjusted to protect the site'. The Department of Transport and Main Roads have engaged an independent archaeologist to address the matter.	The Chronicle , Australia, 20 October 2015
13/10/2015	QLD	South-west Qld Indigenous residents asked to share water knowledge with Qld Government	The State Government of Queensland is providing the Aboriginal people from Cunnamulla and Eulo with the opportunity to contribute to their water management plan in the Warrego, Paroo and Bulloo catchments. Natural Resources Minister Anthony Lynham said 'that Indigenous people have a strong cultural connection to their lands and to their waters.'	ABC News , Australia, 13 October 2015
13/10/2015	QLD	Council signs off on Indigenous Land Use Agreement	The Bundaberg Regional Council has provided an endorsement for an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) over land within the Bundaberg, Fraser Coast, Gladstone and North Burnett area, and this is one step closer to establishing native title in the region for the Port Curtis Coral Coast People.	News Mail , Australia, 13 October 2015
03/10/2015	QLD	Traditional owners appealing to United Nations over native title process on Adani coal project	The Wangan and Jagalingou Family Council are requesting urgent intervention under the UN's Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to stop the Adani Carmichael coal mining project. Spokesman Adrian Burragubba said 'we haven't consented to them destroying our traditional homelands, and we don't take any of their offers.' Mr Burragubba also said 'that a separate action before the Federal Court was challenging a native title process that was overriding the rights of traditional owners.'	ABC News , Australia, 3 October 2015 7 News , Australia, 3 October 2015

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23/10/2015	SA	SA Royal Commission: Nuke waste dump on Aboriginal land? Really?	According to Noel Wauchope 'there is a possibility that Australia is likely to become a nuclear waste dump site, and there is a certainty that it will be located on Aboriginal land in South Australia.' However, Wauchope maintains that there is uncertainty in relation to whether Aboriginal people want the waste site on their country, because there are very few published submissions from Aboriginal people or organisations.	Independent Australia , Australia, 23 October 2015
16/10/2015	SA	Aboriginal women reaffirm fight against nuclear waste dump in South Australia	Aboriginal women from Coober Pedy in South Australia are fighting against the establishment of a nuclear waste dump on their country. The women are concerned because a shipment of 25 tonnes of waste has begun its journey to Australia from pre-processing in a French depot, and it will arrive on Australian shores by the end of the year.	Nuclear Waste , Australia, 21 October 2015 ABC News , Australia, 16 October 2015
15/10/2015	SA	BP's Bight oil drilling approvals process is 'flawed', says Nick Xenophon	BP has plans to drill for oil far off the South Australian coastline and this could possibly affect marine life and devastate fisheries in the Western Australian region, and also as far east as Victoria and Tasmania, according to the Wilderness Society. Nick Xenophon described the approval process as 'flawed' and attacked the national offshore petroleum regulatory body NOPSEMA for their lack of oversight.	The Sydney Morning Herald , Sydney, 15 October 2015
09/10/2015	SA	Aboriginal community worried about services as Alinta closes Leigh Creek mine	Recently Alinta Energy, the company which is operating a coal mine between Leigh Creek and Arkaroola in South Australia, announced that it will close in a month's time. The closure has sparked community anxiety over the proposed shutdown of services in the region, including health care, schools and supermarkets.	ABC News , Australia, 9 October 2015

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07/10/2015	SA	Windfall for title holders	New laws have been implemented in South Australia allowing for energy developers to apply for 25 year licences to use pastoral lease land. Under the new legislation, 95% of wind farm licence payments will go to pastoral lease holders and native title recipients.	Koorie Mail, pg. 36, Australia, 7 October 2015
12/10/2015	TAS	4WD damage in Arthur-Pieman would not be of national significance: Tasmania's solicitor-general	According to the Tasmanian Government any damage that occurs to Aboriginal cultural heritage from four-wheel-drive vehicles in the Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area would be of national significance. Lawyers representing Tasmania's Aboriginal community said 'that the Aboriginal heritage should be protected from such vehicles'. However, Mr O'Farrell from the State said that 'opening up the tracks for four-wheel driving would not impact the national heritage values outlined by the Federal Environment Minister.'	ABC News , Australia, 12 October 2015
01/10/2015	VIC	Indigo Shire stresses importance of Indigenous community to heritage plan	The Indigo Shire Council based in north-east Victoria says 'Indigenous heritage is a central part of its plan to safeguard sites of historical significance.' The council is working with the Yorta Yorta nation to identify areas of significance to both the Indigenous population and the council. There will also be a review of the heritage act in relation to guidelines for new buildings in heritage areas.	ABC News , Australia, 2 October 2015
30/10/2015	WA	Ngadju ranger program officially handed over to Indigenous community in Norseman	The Ngadju Indigenous ranger team based at Norseman in Western Australia is established, trained, certified and now working on country. The conservation program has also been handed over to the community and this has been a significant milestone for the ranger group.	ABC Rural , Australia, 30 October 2015

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27/10/2015	WA	Traditional hunters and western science join forces in the fight against feral cats	In 2014, Central Desert Native Title Services (CDNTS) introduced a bounty for cats program into the Kiwikurra traditional lands, to encourage people to put more effort into hunting feral cats. Rachel Patridge, an ecologist assisting with the program, says 'We don't often find any bilbies in cat stomachs in central Australia but that partly reflects the low numbers of bilbies in the area – we'd have to be lucky to get the one cat that ate a bilby.'	The Guardian , Australia, 27 October 2015 The Australian , Australia, 24 October 2015 Physorg , Australia, 14 October 2015
26/10/2015	WA	Traditional owner moved on by police for fracking protest near Kimberley gas well	Micklo Corpus, a Yawuru traditional owner of country in and around Broome, has been moved by police for blocking Buru Energy vehicles from accessing a gas fracking site. While Buru Energy has plans to frack two wells at a site 70 kilometres east of Broome to test the potential of the process to produce commercial quantities of gas, Corpus's intention is 'to protect his country'.	ABC News , Australia, 21 October 2015
26/10/2015	WA	Aboriginal site disturbed by Water Corp, Indigenous leader says	Kado Muir, a West Australian Indigenous leader in the state's Goldfields region, has reported that the Water Corporation has conducted ground-disturbing works at Tank Hill. Although it is not a registered heritage site by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs it has been 'lodged' as a site pending determination of whether it meets the requirements of the <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972</i> . Muir has stated that the 'hill is a culturally significant site featuring an important men's Dreamtime story'.	ABC News , Australia, 26 October 2015
23/10/2015	WA	Fracking ruled out in prime farming area in Western Australia's south-west	The possibility of hydraulic fracking being undertaken in Western Australia's south-west region has been rejected by the State Government. Director of the Government's exploration department Jeff Haworth has ruled out exploration in the region because previous surveys indicated that the geology of the area was not suitable for hydraulic fracking.	ABC News , Australia, 23 October 2015

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17/10/2015	WA	Unlocking the North's potential	There have been talks with pastoralists, Indigenous community leaders and local government representatives about how to better develop the far north of Western Australia. Governments are therefore faced with the challenge of developing a policy framework to attract large scale economic investment into the region.	Queensland Country Life , Australia, 17 October 2015
16/10/2015	WA	On the Horizon: the reimagining of an ancient wilderness	Horizontal Falls located in the Kimberley is moving closer to becoming a jointly managed marine park. The proposed marine park plan will see copper mining (and mining employment) disappear; however, there will potentially be more opportunities for marine park ranger jobs for Aboriginal people living north of Broome and closer to the Northern Territory border.	The Guardian , Australia, 17 October 2015 The Australian , Australia, 16 October 2015
14/10/2015	WA	South-west Native Title deal introduced to WA Parliament as Noongar leaders laud deal	200,000 square kilometres of land from Jurien Bay to Ravensthorpe, including the Perth metropolitan area, has been recognised as Noongar country. The Noongar Recognition Bill was part of the \$1.3 billion South West Native Title Settlement, signed by the State Government and Noongar people in June. This recognition will provide housing and other benefits to 30,000 Aboriginal people over 12 years.	ABC News , Australia, 14 October 2015 The West Australian , Australia, 15 October 2015 Aboriginal Australia Directory , Australia, 14 October 2015 Koorie Mail, pg. 12, Australia, 21 October 2015
13/10/2015	WA	Ngarluma Aboriginal Corporation announced as sublessee of Rio Tinto cattle station in the Pilbara	Rio Tinto has proposed that Ngarluma Aboriginal Corporation will be the sublessee of Karratha Station in Western Australia's Pilbara. The mining company that owns six stations across the Pilbara will add 31,160 hectares to its existing 202,342.	The Land , Australia, 15 October 2015 ABC News , Australia, 13 October 2015

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07/10/2015	WA	Goonyinandi receives native title funding	The Goonyinandi Corporation will receive almost \$200,000 from the Federal Government to assist native title holders to enjoy the benefits of owning their own land. Nigel Scullion says 'that this is the first time funding has been allocated directly for native title holders and follows the Commonwealth's announcement of over \$20 million to support native title as part of the White Paper on Developing Northern Australia.'	Koorie Mail, pg. 36, Australia, 7 October 2015
07/10/2015	WA	Joint Venture will ensure benefits	Sandfire Resources has awarded a two-year contract to the Yagahong Alliance. This is a joint venture between Central Earthmoving based in Geraldton and the Yugunga-Nya people. This contract will ensure that the Yugunga-Nya people benefit through training and employment.	Koorie Mail, pg. 36, Australia, 7 October 2015
02/10/2015	WA	Traditional owners' company dismisses manager	Traditional owners of the Nyamba Buru Yawuru (NBY) have dismissed its general manager for community programs, Tony Lee. NBY chairman Patrick Dodson made the announcement as part of changes to NBY management. Mr Dodson 'commended Mr Lee for his contribution to Yawuru's development over the past 18 months.'	The West Australian , Western Australia, 2 October 2015
02/10/2015	WA	'Government knows best' approach to remote communities must end: WA Indigenous leader	Martin Sibosado has accused his own community of being 'passive recipients' of government services and challenged them to tackle chronic unemployment and disadvantage head on. Sibosado, who is on the West Australian Government's advisory council on remote communities, challenged ministers and Indigenous people to honestly address their 'weaknesses' to ensure real change in West Australian communities.	ABC News , Australia, 2 October 2015

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24/10/2015	Australia	Troubled Waters: Locals Fear Mysterious Tiwi Islands Port Is Being Eyed Off By The United States Military	In May this year the ABC disclosed that a \$130 million development known as Port Melville in the Tiwi Islands was being built to service the Top End's offshore oil and gas industry without any environmental conditions in place. Traditional owners are concerned that the port has been established to appease the United States considering they have strategic interests in the area.	New Matilda , Australia, 24 October 2015
21/10/2015	Australia	Water changes spark concerns	Aboriginal groups in the Murray-Darling Basin are worried about their water. Considering that Aboriginal native title rights and interests have not yet been determined, and a legal challenge has not been ruled out, traditional owner groups from the southern Murray Darling basin – the Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN) – have called for a comprehensive assessment in relation to cultural impacts of water allowances to irrigators.	The Guardian: The Worker's Weekly , Australia, 21 October 2015
21/10/2015	Australia	Paul Keating lets rip (again): Indigenous recognition could make Australia great	Former Labor Prime Minister Paul Keating has stated in a wide-ranging discussion with ABC presenter Kerry O'Brien that 'no great country has the flag of another country in the corner'. He additionally acknowledged the Mabo legislation, which was passed during his term, was his greatest 'emotional commitment'.	The Guardian , Australia, 21 October 2015
19/10/2015	Australia	Indigenous security company wins \$9m DFAT contract	An Indigenous security services company is set to provide security services to DFAT offices across NSW and ACT from early December. A \$9.2 million contract was settled with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), and this is the largest security deal signed under the Federal Government's Indigenous Procurement Policy. Mr Fields, a spokesman for the company, said, 'It gives us the ability to develop infrastructure we normally don't have, as well as an opportunity to get out there in the market place and compete with other larger companies.'	NITV , Australia, 19 October 2015

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16/10/2015	Australia	Paul Keating pushes 'unfinished business' of Indigenous treaty and republic	The former Prime Minister Paul Keating has pushed for a treaty with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, saying it is the 'unfinished business of the nation', and that it should precede Indigenous recognition in the constitution. In an interview with Fairfax Media, Keating said 'Indigenous constitutional recognition has lost direction, and that it needs to be given shape by someone who believes in a treaty, someone who believes that the Aboriginal peoples need to be dealt with as a nation.'	The Sydney Morning Herald , Australia, 16 October 2015 The Guardian , Australia, 21 October 2015
14/10/2015	Australia	Turnbull meets with Indigenous council	Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull recently met with the Indigenous Advisory Council for the first time since taking the new job. For Turnbull issues of economic management and growth in Indigenous communities are a high priority. During a meeting with Council head, Warren Mundine, Mundine commemorated Mr Turnbull 'for approaching Indigenous Affairs more broadly than his predecessor'. He also said 'It's not just about training people for a job it's about training people for beyond that.'	SBS News , Australia, 14 October 2015 7 News , Australia, 14 October 2015
01/10/2015	Australia	The next generation of Indigenous leaders shows great promise for Australia's future	Charles Prouse writes that 'Indigenous Leaders such as Marcia Langton, Noel Pearson, Patrick Dodson, Michael Mansell, Pat Turner, Larissa Behrendt and Galarrwuy Yunupingu are some of the most charismatic and intellectually accomplished leaders in Australia and also the world'. Charles maintains that this recognition of Australian Indigenous leadership was galvanised in 'a raw event that saw Government House in Kirribilli host 40 key Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders from around Australia' to discuss constitutional recognition with then prime minister Tony Abbott and opposition leader Bill Shorten.'	The Guardian , Australia, 1 October 2015

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28/10/2015	International	Sacred Aboriginal landmark built in Nose Hill Park	There is a new landmark in Nose Hill Park, Canada where Canadian Aboriginal elders have built a circle of stones that sit on the top of a hill in the south-east corner of the park. This new landmark was built as part of a conference of the Blackfoot Confederacy, and it was also 'gifted to the Calgarians', according to Andy Black Water - a ceremonial elder from the Blood Tribe who also helped create the landmark.	Global News , International, 28 October 2015
26/10/2015	International	Mindanao's Indigenous people gather in Manila for week-long protest	On the 26 th of October, hundreds of Lumads - the Indigenous people from the southern Philippine island of Mindanao - gathered in Manila to attend a protest and awareness campaign spanning over a week. The Lumads are protesting for the demilitarisation of their ancestral homelands. One of the protesters, Datu Kaylo Bontolan, a member of the Manobo tribe, has been living in an evacuation centre for five months with his family and hundreds of people, in hot cramped conditions after leaving his country because of a number of killings in the region.	Channel News Asia , Asia Pacific, 26 October 2015
26/10/2015	International	How Indigenous peoples in Bangladesh struggle for their rights	Fadang Randal is a representative of the United People's Party of the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti (PCJSS). Randal says 'that our organisation was the first political platform in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, going back to the 1960s, before Bangladesh was separated from Pakistan.' Randal is also concerned with the Chittagong Hill Tracts Accord — a treaty signed in 1997 between the government and the PCJSS. This treaty ended a struggle between the government forces and indigenous people in the region.	Green Left weekly , International, 26 October 2015

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23/10/2015	International	Indigenous lands are going up in smoke in the Amazon - because of illegal logging	Fire has consumed 45 percent of the Amazon rainforest in the Arariboia Indigenous Land – an area of protected forest in Brazil. The area is home to thousands of Guajajara people, who claim that the loggers caused the fires in retaliation for the Guajajara’s work to combat their illegal logging activities. The Guajajara monitor and patrol their lands in an attempt to combat illegal logging activities, but now they are facing serious reprisals from the loggers.	Blue & Green Tomorrow , International, 29 October 2015 Greenpeace , International 23 October 2015
23/10/2015	International	Conference shines light on Alberta Aboriginal businesses	Charland McLaughlin is vice-president of the Primco Dene Group of Companies, which is wholly owned by Cold Lake First Nations in north eastern Alberta. The Primco Deco Group has been working with the oil and gas industry through different business ventures as a way to create employment opportunities for the Cold Lake First Nation’s community.	Edmonton Journal , Canada, 23 October 2015
21/10/2015	International	Treaty 8 chiefs talk consultation, land rights with Notley	A number of chiefs in Treaty 8 territory from a large expanse of land covering much of Alberta’s oil sands are hoping a meeting with Premier Rachel Notley will lead to improved social conditions and more cohesive government relationships with their communities. The main message during the proposed meetings is for the incorporation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples into provincial law.	News Local , Canada, 21 October 2015

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21/10/2015	International	Amnesty investigates impact of resource extraction on indigenous communities	Connie Greyes travels from Fort St. John, British Columbia, to Parliament Hill every fall to take part in a rally that honours the lives of Canada's missing women. Ms Greyes says 'Thousands of workers are coming here ... and here, they're anonymous. They can do what they please until they get caught.' Amnesty International are currently undertaking an investigation and Ms. Hansen, who works as a women's right's campaigner for the organisation, suggests 'that there needs to be an investigation into the social impact of large-scale natural-resource development projects on indigenous communities in relation to Canada's missing Indigenous women.'	The Globe and Mail , Canada, 21 October 2015
09/10/2015	International	Indigenous Peoples of Yaigojé Apaporis Victorious as Court Ousts Canadian Mining Company	Following five years of legal contests, the Colombian Constitutional Court has confirmed that Yaigojé Apaporis, an indigenous <i>resguardo</i> (a legally recognized, collectively owned territory) is legally a national park. Whilst indigenous people who call the area home are celebrating, on the other hand the Canadian multinational mining corporation Cosigo Resources is fighting against the area's national park status because it suspends mining activities indefinitely including 'Cosigo's license to mine gold from one of Yaigojé's most sacred areas'.	DGR News Service , Colombia, 9 October 2015

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