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Fighting in E. Ukraine

A man walks near a damaged building in the village of Hrabove, Donetsk region, eastern Ukraine, September 23, 2014. The United States and the European Union on Tuesday tightened sanctions against Russia over its intervention in Ukraine, with the EUadding two companies and six individuals to its blacklist, and the United States warning 17 more people that they could be next.


In Iraq, Rwandan Military Talks Quietly Useful: Officials

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