



POTOMAC INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR TERRORISM STUDIES
901 North Stuart Street Suite 200 Arlington, VA 22203
Tel. 703-562-4513, 703-525-0770 ext. 237 Fax 703-562-1000
icts@potomac institute.org www.potomac institute.org

Daily Terrorism Weather Online

1 April 2014

Middle East

['Mashaal re-elected head of Hamas Political Bureau'](#)

Author/Source: JPOST.COM STAFF/The Jerusalem Post

Khaled Mashaal was re-elected to his fourth term as chairman of Hamas's Political Bureau, according to Arab media outlets BBC in Arabic and Palestinian news agency Ma'an.

[Hamis law promotes gender segregation in Gaza schools](#)

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - New rules from the Education Ministry of the Islamist Hamas movement ruling the Gaza Strip will bar men from teaching at girls' schools and mandate separate classes for boys and girls from the age of nine.

[Yemenis demand release of Guantanamo detainees](#)

Author/Source: Ahmed Al-Haj/The Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Around 250 Yemenis have held a protest outside the U.S.

Embassy in the capital Sanaa to demand the release of around 90 of their compatriots from Guantanamo Bay.

[Historic Syrian synagogue looted as clashes consume Damascus](#)

Source: The Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria -- A historic Jewish synagogue in Damascus has been damaged and looted as clashes have consumed the surrounding neighbourhood, a Syrian official and an anti-government activist said Monday.

[Iran's Foreign Minister Defends Visa Waivers for Egyptians](#)

Author/Source: Arash Karami/Al-Monitor

An extensive interview with Mashreg News on Saturday, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi covered a wide range of topics, two of the more interesting topics being the first flight between Cairo and Tehran in 34 years and the attack on the British Embassy in Tehran in November 2011.

Central Asia

[Painful payment for Afghan debt: A daughter, aged 6](#)

Author/Source: Alissa J Rubin Source/NYT News Service

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN: As the shadows lengthened around her family's hut here in one of Kabul's sprawling refugee camps, a slight 6-year-old girl ran in to where her father huddled with a group of elders near a rusty wood stove.

South Asia

[Militants spreading tentacles in Karachi](#)

Source: PTI



POTOMAC INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR TERRORISM STUDIES
901 North Stuart Street Suite 200 Arlington, VA 22203
Tel. 703-562-4513, 703-525-0770 ext. 237 Fax 703-562-1000
icts@potomacinstitute.org www.potomacinstitute.org

ISLAMABAD: The Taliban wield control over large stretches of Pashtun neighbourhoods in five districts of Pakistan's largest city of Karachi after chasing out workers of political parties and creating fear among law enforcement personnel, said a media report on Sunday.

Only PTI can end terrorism, says Imran

Author/Source: Khalilur Rehman Bacha/Dawn News

MINGORA: Pakistan Tehrik-i-Insaf (PTI) was the only party that could resolve the issue of terrorism in the country, claimed Imran Khan.

Terror strikes poll-bound Pakistan, 2 killed

Source: The Times of India

BANNU: Taliban militants attacked the election motorcade of a secularist-backed politician with a roadside bomb on Sunday, wounding him and killing two of his supporters, police and the militant group said.

Pakistani Woman Makes History With Run in May Vote

Author/Source: Anwarullah Khan/The Associated Press

A 40-year-old Pakistani housewife has made history by becoming the first woman to run for parliament from the country's northwest tribal region, a highly conservative area that is a haven for Islamist militants.

Muslim institute 'training girls for jihad', Mumbai Police memo reveals

Source: PTI

MUMBAI: Mumbai Police has kicked up a controversy following its circular which says the women's wing of an Islamic organization is "brainwashing and training girls for jihad". The outfit has threatened legal action if no apology is tendered by the police.

East Asia

Burma Urged to Investigate Sectarian Violence

Source: Voice of America

A human rights group has urged Burma to investigate and hold accountable those who incited and committed deadly sectarian violence in central Burma late last month.

Myanmar police failed to stop killing, arson: HRW

Source: World Bulletin

The death toll from recent communal violence in central Myanmar has risen to 43 with more than 1,300 homes and other buildings destroyed, state media reported on Saturday.

North Korea names new premier seen as economic reformer amid festering nuclear tension

Source: The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea on Monday shifted, at least temporarily, away from weeks of warlike rhetoric, appointing a new premier seen as an economic reformer after a high-level declaration that nuclear bomb building and a stronger economy are the nation's top priorities.



POTOMAC INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR TERRORISM STUDIES
901 North Stuart Street Suite 200 Arlington, VA 22203
Tel. 703-562-4513, 703-525-0770 ext. 237 Fax 703-562-1000
icts@potomacinstitute.org www.potomacinstitute.org

[South Korean president vows 'strong' retaliation against North, US deploys stealth fighters](#)

Source: AFP

SEOUL: South Korea's new president on Monday promised a strong military response to any North Korean provocation after Pyongyang announced that the two countries were now in a state of war.

[Chinese navy signs up Uygur Muslim women for deep sea missions](#)

Source: PTI

BEIJING: The Chinese military has begun recruiting Uygur Muslim women for its navy in what appears to be first such experiment to open up its ranks for minorities, especially from volatile Xinjiang province where Islamic militants are fighting a separatist movement.

Africa

[Bassem Youssef, "Egypt's Jon Stewart," says after interrogation, he's "going to take it through the roof"](#)

Source: The Associated Press

"The people were very nice," Bassem Youssef told CBSNews.com of the Egyptian government officials who interrogated him for five hours on Sunday. "They were quite fair."

[Libya PM's aide 'kidnapped by gunmen'](#)

Source: BBC News

A top aide to Libya's Prime Minister Ali Zeidan has been kidnapped on the outskirts of the capital, Tripoli, say government officials.

[Central bank to reopen in Central African Republic after coup](#)

Author/Source: Ange Aboa/Reuters

(Reuters) - Central Africa's regional central bank said it would reopen its branch in Bangui on Tuesday, and urged commercial lenders to do the same, offering a financial lifeline to cash-starved businesses a week after a coup.

[Kenya looks for economic peace dividend after calm vote](#)

Author/Source: Drazen Jorgic and Joseph Akwiri/Reuters

(Reuters) - Kenya's tourism industry may be a swift winner from the election of Uhuru Kenyatta, owner of hotels and a vast business empire, as east Africa's biggest economy seeks to benefit from a vote that avoided a re-run of bloodshed of five years ago.

[Mali troops hunt for rebels after Timbuktu clash](#)

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - Malian troops searched house-to-house in Timbuktu on Monday morning following hours of fighting with Islamist rebels who had infiltrated the northern desert town.

Source: Reuters

[Sudan's Bashir orders political prisoner release](#)

Source: BBC News

Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir has said all political prisoners in the country are to be released.



POTOMAC INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR TERRORISM STUDIES
901 North Stuart Street Suite 200 Arlington, VA 22203
Tel. 703-562-4513, 703-525-0770 ext. 237 Fax 703-562-1000
icts@potomacinstitute.org www.potomacinstitute.org

In a speech at the opening of parliament, Mr Bashir also said the government was committed to a "national dialogue" with all groups.

Europe

[‘One Perestroika was enough’ – Russian politicians downplay Gorbachev’s reform plea](#)

Source: RT

With Soviet ex-President Mikhail Gorbachev calling for the country to launch a new Perestroika (‘restructuring’), top officials have pushed back, saying the country had already had its share of disruptions.

[Kosovo and Serbia near accord to end ethnic partition](#)

Author/Source: Matt Robinson and Fatos Bytyci/Reuters

(Reuters) - It's a dangerous job being a municipal clerk in the Kosovan town of Mitrovica, where the Ibar river forms a natural barrier between Serbs and Albanians.

Since Adrijana Hodzic began issuing the identification cards of mainly Albanian Kosovo to Serbs on the north side of the river, her deputy has been shot in the leg and hand grenades lobbed at the homes of her staff.

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Indigenous Colombians free soldiers held for 24 hours](#)

Source: BBC News

A group of indigenous Colombians has let go three soldiers it had been holding for 24 hours. Members of the Nasa tribe surrounded the soldiers, whom they suspect of shooting dead one of their leaders.

[Tourist Couple Attacked in Rio Van: Daily](#)

Author/Source: Chesney Hearst/The Rio Times

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL – Two men accused of robbing, raping and holding a foreign tourist couple hostage for six hours in a passenger van during the early morning hours of Saturday, March 30th, have been apprehended in Rio’s neighboring city of São Gonçalo and taken into custody.

[AP IMPACT: Cartels dispatch agents deep inside US](#)

Author/Source: Michael Tarm/The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Mexican drug cartels whose operatives once rarely ventured beyond the U.S. border are dispatching some of their most trusted agents to live and work deep inside the United States — an emboldened presence that experts believe is meant to tighten their grip on the world’s most lucrative narcotics market and maximize profits.

US and Canada

[U.S. Lawmakers: CIA Should Keep Armed UAVs](#)

Author/Source: John Bennett/Defense News

WASHINGTON — Pro-military lawmakers and U.S. analysts want the White House to resist shifting the CIA’s armed unmanned aircraft program to the Pentagon, citing operational and legal reasons to keep the spy agency in the targeted-killing business.

[Ruling likely today on Aurora suspect's guilty offer](#)



POTOMAC INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR TERRORISM STUDIES
901 North Stuart Street Suite 200 Arlington, VA 22203
Tel. 703-562-4513, 703-525-0770 ext. 237 Fax 703-562-1000
icts@potomac institute.org www.potomac institute.org

Author/Source: Doug Stanglin/USA Today

James Holmes, the suspect in the Aurora theater shooting that left 12 people dead, is expected to learn Monday whether prosecutors will accept his guilty plea in exchange for life in prison, or will face a trial that could bring the death penalty.

[American Front goes to trial – a shadow of its headline grabbing domestic terrorism arrests last year](#)

Author/Source: Henry Pierson Curtis/Orlando Sentinel

Nearly a year after 14 arrests of members of a neo-Nazi white supremacy group drew international attention to Osceola County, two of the last three defendants will stand trial today on charges of training for a race war.