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### Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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#### **Middle East**

##### [Kerry urges Turkey, Israel to take steps to normalizing ties](#)

Authors/Source: Arshad Mohammed and Jonathon Burch/Reuters

(Reuters) - Secretary of State John Kerry urged Turkey and Israel on Sunday to restore full relations, calling this vital to regional stability, but said it was not up to Washington to dictate the conditions of rapprochement.

##### [Al Qaeda in Iraq suicide bomber kills 24 at election rally](#)

By Bill Roggio/Long War Journal

The death toll from the suicide attack at an election rally for a Sunni politician in Baqubah, the provincial capital of Diyala, has risen to 24, while more than 50 people are said to have been wounded.

##### [Hamas-linked cell busted for Temple Mount attacks](#)

By Ben Hartman, Yonah Jeremy Bob/The Jerusalem Post

The Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency, in collaboration with Jerusalem police, arrested a Hamas-associated terror cell for a series of attacks on the Temple Mount after Friday prayers on March 8, including throwing Molotov cocktails and stones at security personnel.

##### [Powers and Iran fail to end nuclear deadlock in Almaty](#)

Authors/Source: Justyna Pawlak and Yeganeh Torbati/Reuters

(Reuters) - World powers and Iran failed again to end the deadlock in a decade-old dispute over Tehran's nuclear program in talks that ended in Kazakhstan on Saturday, prolonging a standoff that could yet spiral into a new Middle East war.

##### [Too early to say Israel economy at turning point: central bank](#)

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - The Bank of Israel believes it too early to say whether signs of improved economic activity in Israel in the first quarter mark a turning point for growth, minutes of its interest rate discussions showed on Sunday.

##### [Anonymous targets Israel, JPost repels hackers](#)

Authors/Source: Yaakov Lappin, Jerusalem Post Staff

A limited cyber attack was launched on Israeli websites on Sunday, as hackers affiliated with the Anonymous group succeeded in leaking databases of small websites but failed to cause significant disruption.

##### [Salafi jihadist supporters protest Hamas' arrest campaign](#)

Author/Source: David Barnett/Long War Journal

Supporters of Salafi jihadists in the Gaza Strip are increasing their protests against Hamas both online and in public as some Salafi jihadists begin hunger strikes to protest their



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imprisonment by Hamas.

### **Syria accuses Jordan of 'playing with fire'**

Author/Source: Ian Black/Dawn News

LONDON: Jordan is facing mounting tension with neighbouring Syria amid signs that it has moved to a more active role in support of the rebels fighting to overthrow President Bashar al-Assad's government.

### **Central Asia**

#### **Afghan attacks kill U.S. diplomat, soldiers, others**

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(Reuters) - A car bomb blast killed five Americans, including three U.S. soldiers and a young diplomat, on Saturday, while an American civilian died in a separate attack in the east.

#### **Twelve Afghan civilians dead in air strike: Afghan officials**

Author/Source: Mohammad Anwar/Reuters

(Reuters) - Eleven children and a woman were killed by an air strike during a NATO operation targeting Taliban commanders in eastern Afghanistan, officials in the region said Sunday.

### **South Asia**

#### **Sri Lanka to probe mass grave with more than 150 dead**

Authors/Source: Shihar Aneez and Ranga Sirilal/Reuters

(Reuters) - Sri Lanka is setting up a presidential commission to investigate a mass grave with the remains of more than 150 people, an official spokesman said on Sunday.

#### **Man injured in attack on polls office**

Author/Source: Saleem Shahid/Dawn News

QUETTA: One person was injured when the office of the District Election Commissioner Nushki was attacked with a grenade on Saturday, sources said.

#### **Prisoners' kin attack police for disallowing meeting**

Source: Dawn News

GUJRANWALA, April 6: Relatives of some under-trial prisoners manhandled the police and the inmates ransacked the sessions court property due to alleged denial of meeting on Saturday.

#### **India Successfully Tests Agni II Medium-Range, Nuclear-Capable Missile**

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

NEW DELHI – India on the weekend successfully tested the ground-to-ground Agni II ballistic missile, which has a range of more than 2,000 kilometers (1,240 miles) and can carry a nuclear warhead, authorities said.

### **East Asia**

#### **Yala hit by 4 bomb attacks**

Source: Bangkok Post

Yala municipality was hit by four bomb attacks by suspected militants late Sunday evening,



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leaving two residents injured.

### **[Beheadings resume in South](#)**

Source: Bangkok Post

Southern militants have resumed their campaign of beheading assassination victims, police said Sunday.

### **[China warns against "troublemaking" on Korean peninsula](#)**

Authors/Source: Ben Blanchard and Jane Chung/Reuters

(Reuters) - China warned against "troublemaking" on its doorstep, in an apparent rebuke to North Korea, and the United States said it was postponing a missile test to help calm high tension on the divided Korean peninsula.

## **Africa**

### **[Five die in Christian-Muslim clashes in Egypt](#)**

Author/Source: Ashraf Fahim/Reuters

(Reuters) - Five Egyptians were killed and eight wounded in clashes between Christians and Muslims in a town near Cairo, security sources said on Saturday, in some of the worst sectarian violence in Egypt for months.

### **[Rights groups apprehensive about draft Egyptian law](#)**

Author/Source: Patrick Kingsley/Dawn News

CAIRO: Egypt's parliament is close to passing a law that campaigners say will severely restrict the activity of human rights groups and other non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and which is seen as a serious betrayal of the goals of the 2011 uprising that ousted the former dictator Hosni Mubarak.

### **[Somalia: Amisom Commander - Alshabab Wiped Out Along Mogadishu and Baidoa](#)**

Author/Source: Maalik Eng/Shabelle Media Network (Mogadishu)

Mogadishu (Sh.M.Network ) the commander of the AMISOM troops in Somalia has assured the Somali public that members of the outlawed group Alshabab have been wiped out of the long highway that connects the city of Mogadishu and Baidoa city. The long highway is estimated to be 241 KM.

### **[Somalia: Puntland Asks for Federal Support in Fight Against Al-Shabaab](#)**

Source: Sabahi (Washington, DC)

The Puntland regional government has requested material and technical assistance from the Somali federal government to fight al-Shabaab, Somalia's RBC Radio reported on Saturday (April 6th).

## **Europe**

### **[Spaniards lose patience with rotten institutions](#)**

Author/Source: Fiona Ortiz/Reuters

(Reuters) - When a corruption scandal hit Spain's ruling party earlier this year, attention turned to the Accounts Tribunal, an obscure body that audits public spending.

### **[Ukraine leader pardons jailed allies of ex-PM Tymoshenko](#)**

Author/Source: Richard Balmforth/Reuters



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(Reuters) - Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich pardoned two jailed allies of his main political opponent, former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko, on Sunday but took no steps to free the imprisoned opposition leader herself.

#### **South and Central America and the Caribbean**

##### **Maduro plays up his bus-driver roots for Venezuela campaign**

Author/Source: Daniel Wallis/Reuters

(Reuters) - Gripping the wheel and grinning at passengers, acting President Nicolas Maduro drives a bus to campaign rallies before an election he hopes will let him steer Venezuela to six more years of hardline socialism.

##### **Security Forces Kill 4 FARC Rebels in Colombia**

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

BOGOTA – The security forces killed four FARC rebels and captured two others near Colombia's border with Panama, President Juan Manuel Santos said.

##### **Policeman Ambushed by Gunmen, Killed in Sao Paulo**

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

SAO PAULO – A policeman was shot to death on the weekend in an attack by two men riding a motorcycle in eastern Sao Paulo, bringing the number of Military Police officers killed in Brazil so far this year to 26, authorities said.

##### **Nicaragua and Russia Make Cocaine Bust in Caribbean**

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

MANAGUA – Nicaraguan naval forces and Russian drug enforcement agents seized 100 packages of cocaine on the high seas, state media reported, citing military spokesmen.