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### Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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#### **Middle East**

##### [Iraqi Speaker: Maliki Could Resort To Military Force Against Opponents](#)

Author/Source: Ali Abel Sadah/Al-Monitor

Iraqi Parliament Speaker Osama al-Nujaifi believes that the Iraqi government's position on the revolution in Syria will make it an enemy of the Syrian people, and that it should reconsider its support for the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad as soon as possible.

##### [Rights group blasts Hamas over collaborator deaths](#)

Source: The Associated Press

JERUSALEM—An international rights group has condemned Gaza's Hamas rulers for failing to investigate the public slayings of seven Palestinian men accused of collaborating with Israel.

##### [Shin Bet nabs Israeli Arab who joined Syrian rebels](#)

Author/Source: Yaakov Lappin and Yonah Jeremy Bob/The Jerusalem Post

Security forces arrested an Israeli Arab resident of Taiba on suspicion of fighting with rebels in Syria against the regime of President Bashar Assad, the Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) announced on Wednesday.

##### [Report: PA Prime Minister Fayyad offers resignation](#)

Source: Britain Israeli Communications and Research Centre

Reuters reports this morning that Palestinian Authority (PA) Prime Minister Salam Fayyad has offered his resignation to PA President Mahmoud Abbas after ongoing disagreements between the two leaders intensified.

##### [Israel-Turkey relations remain strained as compensation talks postponed](#)

Source: Britain Israeli Communications and Research Centre

The Turkish government has delayed talks with Israeli officials over compensation for families of the nine Turkish citizens who were killed whilst trying to prevent Israeli commandos taking over a Gaza-bound protest ship in 2010.

##### [Former nuclear negotiator joins Iran's presidential race](#)

Author/Source: Marcus George/Reuters

(Reuters) - A former Iranian nuclear negotiator announced on Thursday he would run for president, the most moderate contender so far to bid to succeed Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in a June election dominated by conservatives.

##### [Iran Candidate Vows 'Constructive' Diplomacy](#)

Author/Source: Nasser Karimi/Associated Press

Iran's former nuclear negotiator, now a candidate in Iran's presidential election, pledged Thursday to improve rocky relations with the West if he is elected.



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### **[Rights group accuses Syrian military of targeting civilians](#)**

Author/Source: Laura Smith-Spark and Saad Abedine/CNN

(CNN) -- Syria's air force has repeatedly carried out "indiscriminate, and in some cases deliberate" airstrikes against civilians, Human Rights Watch said in a new report. The attacks are serious violations of international humanitarian law, and those who commit such violations with criminal intent are responsible for war crimes, the rights group said.

### **[At least 45 die in shelling, executions in Syrian town: activists](#)**

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - At least 45 Syrians were killed, some of them in cold blood, after troops stormed the contested town of Sanamein in the southern province of Deraa, opposition activists and a monitoring group said on Thursday.

### **Central Asia**

#### **[The Taliban are 'still dreaming' of a return to power: an interview with Afghan Army officers in Panjwai](#)**

Author/Source: Bill Ardolino/Long War Journal

Panjwai district in Kandahar province is home to four separate indigenous security forces: the Afghan National Army (ANA), the Afghan National Civil Order Police (ANCOP), the Afghan Uniform Police (AUP), and the Afghan Local Police (ALP). Of these entities, the ANA's Second Kandak (battalion) of the First Brigade, 205th Corps arguably most represents the face of the central Afghan government.

### **South Asia**

#### **[US assistance to Pakistan helps reduce terrorism: John Kerry](#)**

Source: PTI

WASHINGTON: The US assistance to Pakistan has helped in reducing the conditions that foment extremism in the country, US secretary of state John Kerry said as the State Department in its annual budget sought USD 1.3 billion in economic and military assistance for the South Asian nation.

#### **[MQM candidate shot dead in Pakistan](#)**

Source: The Hindu

A Muttahida Qaumi Movement leader, who was a candidate for Pakistan's upcoming polls, was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in southern Sindh province on Thursday, police said.

#### **[Fighting rages in NW Pakistan, 15 militants, one soldier killed: army](#)**

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - Fifteen militants and one soldier were killed on Thursday when the Pakistani military mounted another operation in a week of fighting designed to seize control of a remote but strategic valley in the northwest, the army said.

#### **[Pakistan Tests Medium-Range Nuclear-Capable Missile](#)**

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

ISLAMABAD – The Pakistani armed forces reported Wednesday that they successfully tested an improved version of the Hatf IV ballistic missile, which has a range of 900 kilometers (558



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miles) and can carry nuclear warheads.

#### **East Asia**

##### **[Malaysia supports UN's Draft Convention on int'l terrorism](#)**

Source: Global Post

Malaysia has supported the conclusion of a draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism that is being elaborated in the United Nations.

##### **[Illicit South cash targeted](#)**

Source: Bangkok Post

The Anti-Money Laundering Office (Amlo) has detected unusual money transactions in the southern border provinces and suspects they are related to terrorism activities and illicit businesses in the region.

##### **[India-China hold annual counter terrorism dialogue in Beijing](#)**

Source: Zee News

Beijing: The issue of US pull out from Afghanistan next year and the likely scenario of re-emergence of Taliban dominated the talks between India and China as part of their two-day annual counter-terrorism dialogue here on Thursday.

##### **[South Korea and U.S. on missile watch as North hails Kim dynasty](#)**

Author/Source: Christine Kim and Narae Kim/Reuters

(Reuters) - South Korea and the United States were on high alert for a North Korean missile test-launch on Thursday, as the isolated state celebrated the rule of the Kim dynasty and appeared to tone down rhetoric of impending war.

##### **[Cyber terrorism conference after South Korea 'cyber-attacks'](#)**

Source: BBC News

A global conference on cyber terrorism led by Swansea University is due to take place in Birmingham later, in the wake of South Korea accusing North Korean spies of a series of high-profile cyber-attacks last month.

#### **Africa**

##### **[Egyptian parliament approves revamped election law](#)**

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - Egypt's parliament approved a revised election law on Thursday setting the rules for lower house parliamentary polls due to be held later this year, but critics are concerned the new statute will not guarantee a fair vote.

##### **[Nigeria's Boko Haram rejects Jonathan's amnesty idea](#)**

Source: BBC News

The Nigerian Islamist group Boko Haram has rejected the idea of an amnesty. Last week President Goodluck Jonathan asked a high level team to look into the possibility of granting the militants a pardon.

##### **[Tackling Somali piracy needs new onshore focus: World Bank](#)**

Author/Source: Edmund Blair/Reuters



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(Reuters) - Ending Somali piracy requires a shift from reliance on security at sea to targeting those on land who enable the lucrative business to thrive, according to the World Bank.

## **Europe**

### **Serb Suspect in Shooting Rampage Dies**

Source: The Associated Press

The Serbian veteran suspected of killing 13 people in a shooting rampage and then turning the gun on himself and his wife died Thursday, hospital officials said.

### **Britain snubs Argentina's Fernandez over Thatcher funeral**

Author/Source: Andrew Osborn/Reuters

(Reuters) - Britain will not invite Argentine President Cristina Fernandez to Margaret Thatcher's funeral next week in a snub likely to deepen a long-running diplomatic dispute over the Falkland Islands.

### **'I Am a Bomb': Mother Acquitted over Child's 9/11 Shirt**

Source: Spiegel

A French court has dropped charges against a mother accused of glorifying terrorism by sending her 3-year-old son to kindergarten wearing a 9/11-themed T-shirt. The decision has infuriated officials.

## **US and Canada**

### **Can Antimissile Tech Protect the U.S.?**

Author/Source: Jesse Emspak/Tech News Daily

In the wake of threats from the North Korean government, the United States is sending batteries of missiles to Guam and a warship (the USS John S. McCain) that can shoot down rockets fired from North Korea.

### **Dome: NC lawmaker equates Islamic prayer with terrorism**

Source: Newsobserver.com

An N.C. House lawmaker is equating any prayer to the Islamic God with terrorism. In an email exchange with a constituent, Republican state Rep. Michele Presnell of Burnsville was asked whether she was comfortable with a prayer to Allah before a legislative meeting.

### **Pro-Gun Senators Sell Background Checks With Terrorism On Morning Joe**

Author/Source: Tommy Christopher/Mediaite

On Thursday morning's Morning Joe, Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA) promoted their compromise bill on background checks by asking the Morning Joe crew for help. "If y'all will do one thing for us," Manchin said, "what you did this morning, showing the al Qaeda, how easy it is to get guns, and he said 'Go do it,' that will help us more than anything that we can do."

### **Rape victim's family: We want justice, not vigilante justice**

Author/Source: CNN Staff/CNN

(CNN) -- The family of a Canadian teenager who committed suicide after she was allegedly gang-raped and bullied opposes any kind of "vigilante justice" to avenge the attack.



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**South and Central America and the Caribbean**

**[Envoy of Paraguay condemns terrorism and wishes close friendly relations with Pakistan](#)**

Source: Global Post

The Ambassador of Paraguay Ausberto V Rodriguez Jara, Tuesday, said that his country strongly condemned the terrorism and accordingly the drone attacks in Pakistan.

**[13 die in gunfights with police in Mexico](#)**

Author/Source: Ben Brumfield and Marilia Brocchetto/CNN

(CNN) -- Gunmen in Mexico opened fire on police and civilians Wednesday in two separate incidents, in which at least 13 people died, according to a government statement. One incident was gang related.