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## Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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### **Middle East**

#### [Yemen Court Sentences 11 al-Qaida Militants](#)

*Source: Associated Press*

“A Yemeni court has sentenced 11 alleged al-Qaida militants to up to 10 years in prison for forming armed gangs to destabilize the country and planning attacks on foreign embassies as well as army and security forces...”

#### [UK Businessman Found Guilty of Selling Fake Bomb Detectors to Iraq](#)

*Authors/Source: Robert Booth, Meirion Jones/The Guardian*

“A businessman has been found guilty of a multimillion-pound fraud involving the sale of fake bomb detectors to Iraq and around the world...”

#### [Iraq Sunni Protest Clashes in Hawija Leave 26 Dead](#)

*Source: BBC*

“At least 26 people have been killed in clashes between security forces and Sunni Arab protesters in northern Iraq, officials say. Violence erupted when security forces raided an anti-government protest camp in Hawija, near Kirkuk...”

#### [Iraqi Sunni Minister Resigns after Deadly Clashes](#)

*Source: Agence France Presse*

“A Sunni member of the Iraqi cabinet resigned Tuesday after security forces moved in against Sunni protesters in the north of the country, sparking clashes that left dozens dead, an official said...”

#### [Palestinian Prisoner to End Hunger Strike in Return for Early Release](#)

*Author/Source: Jack Khoury/Haaretz*

“A Palestinian prisoner held by Israel has agreed to end an on-off hunger strike on Monday which lasted for more than eight months in exchange for an early release, Palestinian officials told Reuters...”

#### [Israel: Syria Used Chemical Weapons, Several Times](#)

*Source: CBS News*

“A senior Israeli military intelligence official said on Tuesday that Syrian President Bashar Assad used chemical weapons last month in his battle against insurgent groups. It was the first time that Israel has accused the embattled Syrian leader of using his stockpile of nonconventional weapons...”

#### [FSA Reportedly Kills 18 Hezbollah Fighters in Syrian City of Qusayr](#)

*Source: Al Arabiya*

“The Free Syrian Army has reportedly killed 18 Hezbollah fighters in the Western city of Qusayr, activists at the Syrian Revolution General Commission reported on Tuesday...”



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### **[ElBaradei: NSF Won't Take Part in Elections Unless Demands are Met](#)**

*Source: Egypt Independent*

“Dostour Party founder and National Salvation Front leader Mohamed ElBaradei warned that despite previous assurances, the NSF would not necessarily participate in the upcoming parliamentary elections without clear guarantees for their integrity — otherwise, they would be a mere “fake democratic circus,” he said on Monday...”

### **[Arab League Rejects Ban Call to End Syria Arms Supplies](#)**

*Source: Ma'an News Agency*

“UN leader Ban Ki-moon appealed for an end to outside arms supplies to rival sides in the Syrian war but the Arab League chief said that would not be possible...”

### **[Hariri: Hezbollah's Involvement in Syria Crime against Lebanon](#)**

*Source: The Daily Star*

“Former Prime Minister Saad Hariri described Hezbollah's involvement in Syria as a crime against Lebanon Tuesday while rejecting recent calls for Jihad by Salafi sheikhs against the resistance group...”

### **[Syrian Bishops Reportedly Kidnapped by Rebels](#)**

*Source: Al Jazeera*

“Syriac Orthodox and Greek Orthodox Archbishops of Aleppo seized while carrying out humanitarian work, state media says. State media in Syria has reported that two Syrian bishops who were carrying out humanitarian work in the northern province of Aleppo have been kidnapped...”

### **[Egypt Sentences Ex-Finance Minister to 25 Years](#)**

*Source: Associated Press*

“An Egyptian court has sentenced a former finance minister to 25 years in prison on charges of squandering public funds...”

## **South Asia**

### **[India Says Chinese Troops Crossed de Facto Himalayan Boundary, Raising Tensions](#)**

*Source: Associated Press*

“India has accused Chinese soldiers of launching an incursion far into Indian territory, in the latest flare-up of tension between the two Asian giants over their de facto boundary in the Himalayas...”

### **[Bangladesh Faces Shutdown as Part of Protest over Opposition Arrests](#)**

*Authors/Source: Jason Burke, Saad Hammadi/The Guardian*

“An alliance of opposition parties in Bangladesh has called for a 36-hour general shutdown, or hartal in protest at the continued detention of seven senior officials of the Bangladesh Nationalist party (BNP)...”



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### **Sri Lankan President Rejects Allegations in U.S. Human Rights Report**

*Source: Colombo Page*

“Sri Lanka's President Mahinda Rajapaksa today vehemently rejected the allegations made against the country by the United States in its recently issued human rights report...”

### **Bhutan Votes in 2nd Ever Parliamentary Poll**

*Source: The Associated Press*

“People in the tiny Himalayan nation of Bhutan were cementing their young democracy Tuesday by voting in the nation's second parliamentary election. The remote nation of 700,000 had its first election in 2008 after the king voluntarily reduced the monarchy's role in running the country...”

### **Musharraf to be Made Part of Benazir Bhutto Murder Probe, Court Orders**

*Source: Dawn*

“An anti-terrorist court in Rawalpindi has ordered former president Gen (ret'd) Pervez Musharraf to be made part of the investigations into former premier Benazir Bhutto's assassination...”

### **Afghan Taliban Says Foreign Captives are Well**

*Source: Agence France Presse*

“A group of foreigners abducted by Taliban insurgents in eastern Afghanistan are well and have been moved to a “safe area” inside the country, a spokesman for the militants said on Tuesday...”

### **Patience is Running out with Pakistan: Karzai's Office**

“Afghan President Hamid Karzai left Tuesday for talks in Brussels with top US and Pakistani officials aimed at reviving faltering efforts to bring peace to his country. Karzai's office says patience is running out with Pakistan...”

## **Southeast Asia**

### **Myanmar Frees Dozens of Political Prisoners: Activists**

*Source: Agence France Presse*

“Myanmar on Tuesday pardoned dozens of political prisoners, activists said, a day after the European Union agreed to end almost all sanctions against the former pariah state...”

## **East Asia**

### **N. Korea Seen to Forgo Troop Parade on Armed Forces Day**

*Source: Yonhap News Agency*

“North Korea appears unlikely to hold a massive military parade to mark the 81st anniversary of its armed forces after it raised tensions by conducting a nuclear test in February, a Seoul official said Tuesday...”



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### **[U.S. Rejects N Korea's Nuclear Status Demand](#)**

*Source: Al Jazeera*

“North Korea says it will not negotiate with US or South Korea unless it is recognised as a nuclear state. The US has rejected North Korea's demands to be recognised as a nuclear state...”

### **[Japan PM Abe Warns China of Force over Islands Landing](#)**

*Source: BBC*

“Japan would respond with force if any attempt is made to land on disputed islands, PM Shinzo Abe has warned. His comments came as eight Chinese government ships sailed near East China Sea islands that both nations claim...”

### **[China Opposes N. Korea Nuclear Test, Says Army Chief](#)**

*Source: UPI*

“China is "thoroughly opposed" to North Korea's nuclear test and asked all sides to urge that country to stop such tests, China's army chief said...”

### **[Japan PM to Visit Russia in New Push for Improved Ties](#)**

*Source: Channel News Asia*

“Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will visit Moscow next week for talks with President Vladimir Putin, on his first visit to Russia of his current stint in office, the Kremlin said Tuesday...”

## **Africa**

### **[Militants Capture Mali Town](#)**

*Source: Agence France Presse*

“Militants captured a village near Mali's desert city of Timbuktu on Sunday, sources told AFP, as ethnic Tuareg rebels massed in a show of strength near another key northern city. The Arab Movement of Azawad (MAA) told AFP it had taken Ber...”

### **[Car Explodes Outside French Embassy in Libya](#)**

*Author/Source: David Kirkpatrick/The New York Times*

“The explosion of a car parked outside the French Embassy in Libya wounded two French guards on Tuesday in what appeared to be the first major terrorist attack on a diplomatic compound in the capital since the ouster of Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi in 2011...”

### **[Nigeria to Probe Army after Battle with Islamists](#)**

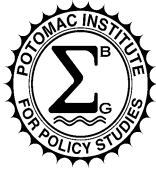
*Source: Agence France Presse*

“Nigeria is to investigate its army's conduct after clashes between troops and Islamist fighters in the northeast killed nearly 200 people, the single deadliest event since the insurgency began...”

### **[Sudan, Rebels in New Darfur Clash](#)**

*Source: News24*

“Sudanese forces and rebels have clashed in southern Darfur, both sides said on Tuesday, the



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latest unrest in a region where Sudan's government has warned about insecurity..."

### **Zimbabwe's ZANU-PF Plans Measure to Seize Stakes in Foreign Mines**

*Source: Reuters*

"Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe's party has proposed a measure to seize majority stakes in foreign-owned mines without paying compensation, ahead of an election expected this year..."

### **Nigeria Gun Battle Was Joint Assault with Chad, Niger: Officials**

*Source: Reuters*

"A gun battle in a Nigerian border town that looked likely to have killed dozens last week involved forces from neighboring Chad and Niger, who were surprised by the firepower they faced there, officials said on Tuesday..."

## **Europe**

### **Activists Break-In at U.S. Military Site in Sicily**

*Source: ANSA English*

"A group of activists were arrested Monday after they broke into an American military installation under construction in Sicily and climbed a giant antenna..."

### **Spain: 2 Terror Suspects Held, Were 'Lone Wolves'**

*Author/Source: Ciaran Giles/Associated Press*

"Police have arrested two suspected members of al-Qaida's North African branch in Spain, one of whom Spanish authorities alleged praised the Boston Marathon bombings, but neither of whom was known to possess any explosives or be planning any attack..."

### **Dutch Diplomat Jailed for Giving Secret NATO Documents to Russian Agents**

*Source: Associated Press*

"A Dutch court has sentenced a diplomat to 12 years in prison for delivering confidential Nato and European Union documents to Russian agents..."

### **Russian Fighter Jets Headed for Base in Belarus**

*Source: UPI*

"The first wing of Russian fighter jets will arrive at a military airbase in Belarus later this year, Russia's defense minister said Tuesday..."

### **I Won't Delay Gaza Visit: Turkish PM Erdogan**

*Source: Hurriyet Daily News*

"Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said today he will not postpone his visit to Gaza, following U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry's call on him to delay his visit to the strip..."



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## **US & Canada**

### **[Canadian Police Confirm Arrests in Plot to Attack Train](#)**

*Source: Reuters*

“Canadian police have charged two residents with an al Qaeda-linked plot to "carry out a terrorist attack" against a passenger train...”

### **[Iran Denies Link to Canada Train ‘Al-Qaeda Plot’](#)**

*Source: BBC*

“Iran has denied any links to two men arrested in Canada on suspicion of planning an attack on a train. Canadian officials said an attack had been planned with support from al-Qaeda elements in Iran...”

## **Latin America and the Caribbean**

### **[Colombian ‘Traitor’ to be Revealed in the Next Few Days: Army General](#)**

*Author/Source: Johnny Crisp/Colombia Reports*

“The commander of the armed forces, General Alejandro Navas, has revealed the internal investigation over the leaking of military information to ex President Alvaro Uribe will provide results within the next few days...”

### **[FARC Controls 60 Percent of Drug Trade: Colombia’s Police Chief](#)**

*Source: Reuters*

“Colombia's FARC rebels control more than 60 percent of the Andean nation's drug trade, including cocaine trafficking overseas, an activity the armed group has denied during peace talks in Cuba, Colombia's police chief said on Monday...”