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### **Daily Terrorism Weather Online**

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#### **Middle East**

##### **Gaza City: Israeli Air Strike Kills Palestinian Militant**

*Source: BBC*

“A Palestinian militant has been killed in an Israeli air strike on Gaza City. Haytham al-Mishal, 29, was hit while riding a motorcycle. At least one other person was reportedly also injured...”

##### **Israeli Settler Killed in West Bank**

*Source: BBC*

“An Israeli settler has been killed by a Palestinian at a bus stop in the northern West Bank, police say. The attack took place at Tapuah Junction, near the city of Nablus, police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said...”

##### **Arab League Backs Israeli-Palestinian Land Swaps**

*Source: Voice of America*

“Israel is welcoming a signal from Arab League nations supporting the idea of using land swaps to negotiate future Israeli-Palestinian borders...”

##### **Bomb in Damascus Kills 13 Day after Attack on Prime Minister**

*Source: Reuters*

“A bomb killed 13 people in central Damascus on Tuesday, state television said, a day after Prime Minister Wael al-Halki survived an attack on his convoy in the Syrian capital. State-run Suriya television said 70 people were wounded, several critically...”

##### **Iran Says Use of Chemical Arms by Anyone in Syria is ‘Red Line’**

*Source: The Daily Star*

“Iran said on Tuesday it regarded the alleged use of chemical weapons in Syria's civil war as a "red line", echoing major adversary the United States but saying Syrian rebels were the main culprit and not the Damascus government...”

##### **Armed Clashes at Jordan University Kill Three, Hurt 25**

*Source: Al Arabiya*

“Armed clashes between students killed three people and hurt 25 others at a university campus in the restive Jordanian city of Maan on Monday, the kingdom's interior minister said...”

##### **Egypt Walks Out of Nuclear Talks in Geneva**

*Source: Al Arabiya*

“Egypt walked out of a round of global nuclear talks in protest Monday, saying other nations are not acting quickly enough to establish the Middle East as a zone free of nuclear weapons...”



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## **South Asia**

### **Musharraf Banned from Politics for Life**

*Source: Dawn*

“The Peshawar High Court (PHC) on Tuesday banned former military ruler Pervez Musharraf from politics for life. The ruling came in response to an appeal filed by the former army strongman over the rejection of his nomination papers for the National Assembly seat in Chitral...”

### **NATO Cargo Plane Crashes in Afghanistan**

*Source: Agence France Presse*

“A civilian cargo plane crashed shortly after take-off at a huge US-run airbase in Afghanistan on Monday, killing all seven crew members on board, officials said...”

### **Roadside Bomb Kills Three NATO Soldiers in Afghan South**

*Source: Reuters*

“A roadside bomb killed three members of NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in southern Afghanistan on Tuesday, the coalition said...”

### **Four Parties Want Army Deployment in Karachi**

*Author/Source: Habib Khan Ghouri/Dawn*

“The deployment of army in Karachi is inevitable for holding free and fair elections on May 11 as the frequent bomb blasts, torching of offices of political parties and kidnapping of workers is an agenda of foreign powers being executed by certain elements in the country...”

### **TTP Focused on Ending Democracy, Says Mahsud**

*Author/Source: Nasruminallah/Express Tribune*

“In a letter to the media, leader of banned outfit Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has said that his group is focused on jeopardising democracy by hindering elections in the country...”

### **Sri Lanka ‘Intensifies Crackdown on Dissent’ – Amnesty International**

*Source: BBC*

“Amnesty International has accused Sri Lanka of intensifying a crackdown on dissent and urged the Commonwealth not to hold its summit there unless the human rights situation improves...”

### **India to Take ‘Every Step’ to Deal with Chinese Incursion**

*Author/Source: Victor Mallet/Financial Times*

“India said on Tuesday it would take “every possible step” to protect its interests amid a worsening dispute over a Chinese military incursion 18km into previously Indian-controlled territory along the disputed Himalayan border...”

## **Southeast Asia**

### **Mosque, Muslim Shops Attacked Near Myanmar’s Biggest City**

*Source: Reuters*

“Rioters attacked a mosque and Muslim businesses in central Myanmar on Tuesday, police



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said, the closest a series of sectarian clashes pitting Muslims against majority Buddhists has come to the commercial capital Yangon...”

### **Thai Security Chief Dismisses Southern Rebels’ Demand**

*Author/Source: Amy Sawitta Lefevre/Reuters*

“Thailand’s national security chief said on Tuesday that talks between rebel leaders and his government aimed at ending a bloody insurgency in the south had not broken down, despite the rejection of rebel demands for self-government...”

### **Roxas: 30,000 More Cops to Do Poll Duty in Philippines**

*Author/Source: Dennis Carcamo/Philippine Star*

“Interior and Local Government Secretary Mar Roxas on Tuesday said the 30,000 additional policemen will be deployed to do election duties...”

## **East Asia**

### **China Detains 19 after Xinjiang Unrest**

*Source: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty*

“Police in China have detained 19 people and seized homemade explosives and weapons after a deadly clash in its restive region of Xinjiang last week...”

### **U.S.-South Korea Wrap Up Joint Military Drills**

*Source: Channel News Asia*

“The United States and South Korea on Tuesday wrapped up joint military drills that infuriated North Korea, raising hopes for an easing of cross-border military tensions...”

### **Russia, Japan Vow New Push to End Island Dispute**

*Source: Channel News Asia*

“Russian President Vladimir Putin and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe pledged Monday to renew efforts to find a solution to a decades-long territorial row that has prevented the two sides from signing a World War II peace treaty...”

### **Chinese Tourist Boat Heads Toward Disputed Islands**

*Author/Source: Edward Wong/The New York Times*

“A cruise ship carrying Chinese tourists has embarked on a trip to the Paracels, a group of islands in the South China Sea that are claimed by both China and Vietnam. Vietnamese news reports said the ship left the coast of mainland China on Sunday...”

### **China Close to U.S. in Financial Support to Africa: Study**

*Source: TimesLIVE*

“China committed more than \$75 billion to Africa in the past decade, coming close to the level of US money although the nature of Beijing’s support was far different, a study said Monday...”

### **South Korea Spy Agency Raided over Poll Scandal**

*Source: Japan Times*

“South Korean prosecutors raided the country’s spy agency Tuesday as part of a probe into



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allegations that it meddled in the nation's December presidential election, a news report said..."

### **Seven South Koreans Remain at Kaesong Complex**

*Source: UPI*

"Seven South Koreans remained Tuesday at the idled inter-Korean industrial complex in the border town of Kaesong in North Korea, with its future unknown..."

### **Africa**

### **Nigeria Court Delays Verdict against Iran 'Arms Dealer'**

*Source: The Daily Star*

"A Nigerian judge on Tuesday postponed his verdict against an alleged member of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards who is charged with an illegal arms shipment..."

### **Gunmen Surround Libyan Justice Ministry**

*Source: Reuters*

"Gunmen in pick-up trucks surrounded Libya's justice ministry Tuesday to step up demands for former aides to deposed dictator Muammar Gaddafi to be barred from senior government posts, Reuters witnesses said..."

### **Official: 17 Killed in Northern Nigeria Violence**

*Source: Associated Press*

"A military official says at least 17 people have been killed in fighting between Islamic extremists and security forces in northeastern Nigeria..."

### **Congo's M23 Rebels Threaten New UN Brigade**

*Author/Source: Melanie Gouby/Associated Press*

"Rebels in eastern Congo said Tuesday they are getting ready to fight a new United Nations brigade. The U.N. peacekeepers are set to arrive soon, with a mandate to allow them to actively pursue armed groups in addition to protecting civilians..."

### **Sixth French Soldier Killed in Mali, Elysée Palace Says**

*Source: France24*

"A French soldier was killed Monday in the far north of Mali, the French presidency said. He was the sixth soldier killed in the west African country since France launched a military intervention in January..."

### **UN Worried by 'Volatile' Guinea**

*Source: News24*

"The UN Security Council on Monday expressed concern over "volatile" events in Guinea in the run-up to a bitterly contested election in June..."

### **Morocco: UN Resolution Sparks Clashes**

*Source: News24*

"Western Saharan demonstrators clashed with Moroccan police on Monday after the UN Security Council renewed a peacekeeping resolution that they said did not adequately address



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human rights abuses...”

### **Former Tunisian President Sentenced to Life in Prison**

*Source: UPI*

“Deposed Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali was sentenced to life in prison Tuesday by a military court, officials say...”

### **Europe**

### **Strasbourg Rules Tymoshenko Jailing was Rights Violation**

*Source: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty*

“The European Court of Human Rights has ruled that the detention of former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko before and during her trial on abuse-of-office charges was arbitrary and a violation of her rights...”

### **Islamist Extremists Admit Planning Gun and Bomb Attack on Far-Right EDL Rally**

*Source: The Telegraph*

“Six Muslim terrorists have admitted planning to attack a rally by the far-right English Defence League with homemade bombs, guns and knives. The al-Qaeda inspired Birmingham gang may have wanted to assassinate EDL leader Tommy Robinson, who had been due to speak at the event...”

### **Russia Bans Passenger Flights over Syria**

*Source: The Daily Star*

“Russia's air transport agency on Tuesday banned all Russian civilian planes from flying through Syrian air space after the crew of a Russian passenger jet reported coming under threat over the war-torn country...”

### **Chechen Convicted of Killing Russian Colonel**

*Source: Reuters*

“A Chechen man was convicted on Tuesday of killing Colonel Yuri Budanov, the first senior army officer jailed for murdering a civilian during Russia's wars in the North Caucasus province of Chechnya...”

### **Latin America and the Caribbean**

### **Police Arrest Top Neo-Paramilitary Leader in Bogota**

*Author/Source: Adriaan Alsema/Colombia Reports*

“Bogota Police on Monday arrested a neo-paramilitary leader whose group is involved in a bloody turf war with rival group “Los Urabeños” in the northern Colombian city of Santa Marta...”

### **FARC Revives Doubts about Fate of 33 Colombian Soldiers**

*Author/Source: Narayan Buckley/Colombia Reports*

“Rebel group FARC on Monday said that there may be truth to claims by a former vice president that 33 soldiers died in combat with the guerrilla group, despite denials from the Colombian government and army...”



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**[Mexico Ends Open Access for U.S. Security Agencies](#)**

*Source: The New York Times*

“Mexico is ending its unprecedented open relationship with U.S. security agencies that developed in recent years to fight drug trafficking and organized crime...”

**[Police Occupy Favelas around Rio’s Christ Statue](#)**

*Source: BBC*

“Police in Brazil have occupied three shanty towns around Rio de Janeiro's famous Christ the Redeemer statue, ahead of a visit by Pope Francis...”