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### Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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#### **Middle East**

##### **Bombs target Iraqi Shi'ites and Sunnis, at least 20 dead**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“Bomb attacks targeting both Shi'ite Muslims and Sunnis killed at least 20 people in Iraq on Tuesday, part of a spiral of violence that raised has the specter of a return to the full-blown civil conflict of 2006-07...”

##### **Iran will not forgo its nuclear program, Rohani says**

*Author/Source: Haaretz*

“Iranian President Hassan Rohani said Tuesday that Iran will not forgo any part of its nuclear program, Iranian news agency Mehr reported...”

##### **Defector says he has evidence of March 19 Syria chemical attack**

*Author/Source: Arab News*

“A Syrian forensic expert who defected to Turkey last month said on Tuesday he had documents confirming President Bashar Assad’s government had used chemical weapons near Aleppo in March, and called their use ‘cold murder.’...”

#### **South Asia**

##### **Pakistan to free former Taliban second in command this month**

*Author/Source: Maria Golovnina, Reuters*

“Pakistan will release former Afghan Taliban second-in-command, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, as soon as this month to help advance peace efforts in neighboring Afghanistan, Pakistan's foreign policy chief said on Tuesday...”

##### **Three members of peace group in Pakistan beheaded, four kidnapped**

*Author/Source: UPI*

“Militants targeted an anti-Taliban group in Pakistan, beheading three of its members and kidnapping four others, officials said...”

##### **Pakistani leaders push for Taliban talks**

*Author/Source: Sophia Saifi, Saima Mohsin and Zahir Shah Sherazi, CNN*

“Pakistani political leaders on Monday backed a call to begin peace talks with the country's Taliban...”

##### **4 Afghan civilians dead in roadside bombing in Helmand**

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“Four civilians were killed and eight others wounded in explosion Tuesday in southern Afghan province of Helmand, said a provincial government spokesman...”



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## **Southeast Asia**

### **[BRN rebels blamed for Yala school bomb](#)**

*Author/Source: Bangkok Post*

“Rebel BRN insurgents opposed to peace talks were believed to have planted the bomb that killed two soldiers and wounded two others and a student at a school in Yala's Muang district on Tuesday...”

### **[Philippine rebels use “human shields” in stand-off with troops](#)**

*Author/Source: Channel NewsAsia*

“Muslim militants were using 180 residents as "human shields" on Tuesday, Philippine officials said, as they traded gunfire with troops amid burning houses during a standoff after a deadly attack on a southern city...”

## **Africa**

### **[Nigerian Anglican Archbishop kidnapped](#)**

*Author/Source: News 24*

“Nigeria's second-highest ranking Anglican archbishop was kidnapped at the weekend outside the southern oil city of Port Harcourt, capital of Rivers State, a police spokesperson said on Monday...”

### **[Central African Republic says scores killed in new clashes](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“At least 60 people have been killed in Central African Republic in fighting between former rebels and forces loyal to the president they ousted in March, officials say...”

### **[Tunisia arrests suspected Ansar al-Sharia militants](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Two suspected members of Tunisia's Ansar al-Sharia militant group have been killed and two more - including the group's deputy leader - have been arrested, officials say...”

### **[William Ruto, Kenya's deputy leader, on trial for alleged crimes against humanity](#)**

*Author/Source: Faith Karimi and Laura Smith-Spark, CNN*

“After years of setbacks and controversies, the Kenyan deputy president went on trial Tuesday at the International Criminal Court in the Netherlands for alleged crimes against humanity...”

## **Europe**

### **[Syria Conflict: France to float tough UN resolution](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“France will put a resolution to the UN Security Council to place Syria's chemical weapons under international control so they can be destroyed, Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius says...”

### **[Kurdish PKK rebels ‘halt Turkey pull-out’](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“The PKK accused the Turkish government of failing to move towards "democratisation and the resolution of the Kurdish problem", the Firat news agency reported...”



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### **6 Somali pirates sentenced to total of 1,222 years for kidnap attempt**

*Author/Source: UPI*

“Spain's National Court has sentenced six Somali pirates to jail for attempting to kidnap the crew of a tuna-fishing boat, officials said...”

### **Russia reprimands Israel, the U.S. over missile test**

*Author/Source: UPI*

“The United States and Israel were reprimanded by Russia over an Israeli missile test in the eastern Mediterranean Sea last week, officials said...”

### **US & Canada**

#### **Syria conflict: US issues warning on chemicals plan**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“US Secretary of State John Kerry said the plan must be ‘swift and verifiable’ and warned its implementation would be ‘exceedingly difficult’...”

#### **White House Backs Global Push to Secure Syria’s Arsenal**

*Author/Source: Johnathan Weisman and Alan Cowell, The New York Times*

“The White House and a bipartisan group of senators joined the international diplomatic momentum on Tuesday to avert an American military attack on Syria over its use of chemical munitions in that country’s civil war, responding positively to a Russian proposal aimed at securing and destroying those weapons...”

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

#### **Colombian Government Set for Peace Talks with 2<sup>nd</sup> Rebel Group**

*Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“The Colombian government expects to begin peace talks with the smaller of the country’s two main rebel groups “in the coming days” as negotiations continue with the largest guerrilla army, Vice President Angelino Garzon said Monday...”

#### **El Salvador Gang Truce Shaken by ‘Peace Zone’ Murders**

*Author/Source: Charles Parkinson, In Sight Crime*

“Four gang members have been assassinated in El Salvador's first "peace zone," areas where all gang activity is supposed to have ceased under the terms of a nationwide truce, leading to claims that outside interests could be trying to derail the process...”

#### **Venezuela quits regional rights bodies it calls U.S. pawns**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“Venezuela withdrew on Tuesday from the Organization of American States' (OAS) human-rights bodies, which it has denounced as pawns of U.S. foreign policy that have been antagonistic to the South American nation's socialist government for years...”



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**[Brazil's President Angry Over Latest News of U.S. Spying](#)**

*Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff on Monday denounced U.S. spying on her country’s state oil company and said the targeting of Petrobras proved that Washington’s intelligence efforts go beyond legitimate security concerns...”

**Maritime**

**[Japan Open to Placing Officials on Disputed Islands](#)**

*Author/Source: Hiroko Tabuchi, New York Times*

“Japan would not rule out stationing government officials on islands at the center of a territorial spat with China, the top cabinet secretary warned Tuesday, as a fleet of Chinese patrol ships entered disputed waters amid tensions in the year-old maritime standoff...”