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## **Daily Terrorism Weather**

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### **Policy in Washington**

#### **ACLU says papers show domestic spying goes too far**

*Author/Source: Paul Elias, Miami Herald*

“Civil liberties groups released newly obtained documents Thursday that they say show innocent Americans being swept into a broad nationwide counterterrorism program...”

### **Al-Qa'ida**

#### **Salafi jihadist from Gaza reportedly killed fighting for ISIL in Syria**

*Author/Source: David Barnett, Long War Journal*

“On Sept. 17, jihadist forums announced the death of Mohammed Za'anin (Abu Anas). Originally from Gaza, Za'anin was said to have died in a "martyrdom operation" in Syria, where he fought for the al Qaeda-affiliated Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant...”

### **Syrian rebels, Qaeda group clash near Turkish border crossing**

*Author/Source: Jonathon Burch and Alexander Dziadosz, Reuters*

“Al Qaeda-linked fighters battled a rival Syrian rebel group near the Turkish frontier for a second day on Thursday, after the militant Islamists stormed a nearby town and prompted Turkey to shut a border crossing...”

### **Afghanistan**

#### **Young militants ready to die, eager to kill**

*Author/Source: Mark Magnier, LA Times*

“Abdul Wali Fadaei is proud of his family history. His father died when he drove an explosives-laden car into the capital's upscale Hotel Inter-Continental in 2011, a brazen attack that killed 18 people, including seven militants...”

### **Iraq**

#### **Iraqi children find 10 blindfolded corpses**

*Author/Source: The Guardian*

“Children in eastern Bagdad have discovered the handcuffed and blindfolded corpses of 10 unidentified young men, apparently killed by gunshots to the head, Iraqi police said...”

### **Middle East**

#### **Iran's Rouhani says does 'not seek war with any country'**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, in a television interview, said his country is not seeking war and that Iran wants the Middle East to have "rule by the will of the people...”



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### **Syrian government says civil war has reached stalemate**

*Author/Source: Jonathan Steele, The Guardian*

“The Syrian civil war has reached a stalemate and President Bashar al-Assad's government will call for a ceasefire at a long-delayed conference in Geneva on the state's future, the country's deputy prime minister has said in an interview with the Guardian...”

### **Assad: Syria needs one year to destroy chemical weapons**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has said he is committed to a plan to destroy his country's chemical weapons, but warned it could take about a year...”

### **South Asia**

#### **Sri Lanka's Tamils vote under the shadow of guns**

*Author/Source: Arab News*

“Tamil voters in northern Sri Lanka are set to elect their first ever semi-autonomous council on Saturday, in a post-war power-sharing exercise already marred by allegations of army intimidation and harassment...”

#### **Once bitten, Sharif to pick new army chief**

*Author/Source: Salahuddin Haider, Arab News*

“Pakistan was rife with speculations of an army backlash in the wake of brutal killing of two high profile military officers, including a two-star general and a colonel in the tribal belt near Afghanistan border last week...”

### **Africa**

#### **Rights groups press Morocco to free arrested editor**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“International rights groups called on Morocco on Thursday to release the editor of a news website arrested after it posted an al Qaeda video urging Moroccans to rise up against their rulers...”

#### **Egypt police storm area near Cairo, officer killed**

*Author/Source: Yasmine Saleh, Reuters*

“Egyptian security forces clashed with gunmen on the outskirts of Cairo on Thursday as the army-backed government moved to reassert control over an Islamist-dominated area where political violence broke out last month...”

#### **French president says war on terror won in Mali**

*Author/Source: Baba Ahmed and Krista Larson, San Diego Union Tribune*

“French President Francois Hollande declared Thursday that the war on terror had been won in the West African nation of Mali, listing the towns that French and Malian troops liberated from al-Qaida's local fighters earlier this year...”



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## **Europé**

### **EU police officer shot dead in Kosovo, testing fragile accord**

*Author/Source: Fatos Bytyci, Reuters*

“Gunmen shot dead a European Union police officer in a mainly Serb region of Kosovo on Thursday, dealing the mission its first fatality since deploying in 2008 and shaking a fragile accord between the Balkan country and its former master Serbia...”

### **Greenpeace activists arrested in Arctic**

*Author/Source: John Vidal, The Guardian*

“Armed Russian military have stormed a Greenpeace ship protesting against oil exploitation in remote Arctic waters...”

### **British police arrest 4 during Syria terrorism investigation**

*Author/Source: Fox News*

“British police say they have arrested four people and searched properties across England in an investigation of suspected terrorism in Syria...”

### **Greece moves to crack down on far-right party**

*Author/Source: Elena Becatoros, Miami Herald*

“Greece's government moved Thursday to crack down on the ultranationalist Golden Dawn party after the fatal stabbing of an anti-fascist rapper, as Europe's top human rights official warned in an interview that Greece was the most worrying example of a wider European drift toward radicalization...”

## **US & Canada**

### **Family Research Council shooter gets 25 years**

*Author/Source: Jessica Gresko, Miami Herald*

“A man who planned a mass shooting at the headquarters of a conservative Christian lobbying group in Washington last year was sentenced Thursday to 25 years in prison for the plot that injured a security guard...”