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### Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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#### **Middle East**

##### [Syrian opposition condemns jihadist attacks on rebels](#)

*Author/Source: Al Arabiya*

“Syria’s opposition National Coalition on Friday condemned attacks by al-Qaeda affiliates on rebels of the Free Syrian Army (FSA)...”

##### [Al-Qaeda kills 56 soldiers, policemen in southern Yemen](#)

*Author/Source: Al Arabiya*

“Fresh attacks attributed to al-Qaeda militants in Yemen killed 56 policemen and soldiers early Friday, Al Arabiya’s correspondent reported from Sanaa...”

##### [Deadly blasts hit Iraq mosque](#)

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“Two explosions inside a Sunni mosque north of Baghdad, killed least 21 people, officials said. The bombs were hidden inside air conditioners, the same tactic used in a deadly bombing on a Sunni mosque in Baquba last Friday that killed 33 people...”

##### [Syrian deputy PM says war has reached stalemate, cease-fire an option](#)

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“Syrian Deputy Prime Minister Qadri Jamil was quoted Thursday suggesting that neither side in the country’s civil war is capable of military victory and that the government of Bashar al-Assad may seek a cease-fire...”

##### [Syria details part of chemical arsenal, more to come](#)

*Author/Source: Anthony Deutsch and Oliver Holmes*

“Syria gave details of some of its chemical weapons to the OPCW arms watchdog at The Hague on Friday but needs to fill in gaps by next week to launch a rapid disarmament operation that may avert U.S. air strikes...”

##### [Iranian president seeks constructive engagement with West](#)

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“Iranian President Hassan Rouhani has called for constructive engagement with the West in addressing various issues...”

#### **South Asia**

##### [Blast near Imambargah kills three, injures 15 in Karachi](#)

*Author/Source: Dawn.com*

“At least three people were killed and at least 15 injured when a hand grenade exploded near a Shia Imambargah in Karachi’s Landhi neighbourhood late on Thursday night, DawnNews reported...”



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### **[Sri Lankan polls monitor, party workers, attacked in north](#)**

*Author/Source: Shihar Aneez, Reuters*

“A member of a Sri Lankan election monitoring group was attacked along with nine supporters of an ethnic minority Tamil political party by a group of gunmen who the victims said on Friday were clad in military uniform...”

### **[Anti-India protests erupt in disputed Kashmir](#)**

*Author/Source: Star Telegram*

“At least seven people were injured Friday in clashes between anti-India protesters and government forces in Indian-controlled Kashmir, police said...”

### **[Afghanistan militants kill 18 police in Badakhshan](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“At least 18 Afghan police officers have been killed and 13 wounded in a Taliban ambush in northern Badakhshan province, the interior ministry says...”

### **[India hunt as terror suspect Afzal Usmani flees Mumbai court](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Police in Mumbai have launched a manhunt after a suspected member of militant group Indian Mujahideen escaped from court...”

## **East Asia**

### **[3 killed as bus explodes in Zamboanga](#)**

*Author/Source: ABS-CBN News*

“Three people were killed in a bus explosion in Brgy. Labuan, Zamboanga City on Friday, police said...”

### **[Philippine gov't mulls balancing act for comprehensive peace pact with Muslim rebels](#)**

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“The Philippine government is trying to strike a balance between meeting the timetable and the need to adequately address all the issues concerning a comprehensive peace agreement with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), a senior government official said Friday...”

## **Africa**

### **[Congo-Kinshasa: Ntaganda Asks to Be Released From ICC Detention](#)**

*Author/Source: Wairagala Wakabi, All Africa*

“Bosco Ntaganda, the Congolese militia commander who voluntarily surrendered to the International Criminal Court (ICC) last March, has asked judges to release him from the court's detention...”

### **[Angola: Police Detain 23 At Anti-Government Protest in Luanda](#)**

*Author/Source: Maka Angola, All Africa*

“Angolan police detained 23 protestors, including an opposition official, near Luanda's Largo de Independência on Thursday afternoon in connection with an attempted anti-government demonstration by the informal group of youths known as the Angolan Revolutionary Movement (ARM)...”



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### **Cameroon arrests C African rebel leader**

*Author/Source: News 24*

“Police in Cameroon have arrested a rebel leader from neighbouring Central African Republic, Abdoulaye Miskine, suspecting that he might launch cross-border raids, a source in the security forces said on Thursday...”

### **DRC rules out amnesty for top M23 rebels**

*Author/Source: News 24*

“Democratic Republic of Congo has ruled out granting amnesty to around 100 senior M23 rebels, it said on Thursday, leaving open the possibility that these commanders could be pursued even after peace talks are concluded...”

### **Troops reinforce town after Boko Haram massacre**

*Author/Source: News 24*

“Nigeria's military sent reinforcements on Friday to the remote northeastern town of Benisheik after Boko Haram Islamists stormed the area, burnt dozens of homes and slaughtered at least 87 people...”

### **Security forces hunt militants after storming town near Cairo**

*Author/Source: Asma Alsharif, Reuters*

“Egyptian security forces were hunting for armed supporters of deposed President Mohamed Mursi's Muslim Brotherhood on Friday after retaking control of a town near Cairo in a crackdown on Islamists...”

### **Tunisian girls return home pregnant after ‘sexual jihad’ in Syria**

*Author/Source: Al Arabiya*

“A number of Tunisian girls who had travelled to Syria to perform “sexual jihad” there have returned back home pregnant, Tunisian Interior Minister Lotfi Bin Jeddo said on Thursday...”

### **Nigeria: Benisheik Attack Death Toll Now 161**

*Author/Source: Hamza Idris, All Africa*

“Environmental officers yesterday recovered 87 more corpses of travelers killed by suspected Boko Haram gunmen during an attack on Maiduguri-Damaturu road near Benisheik town in Borno State on Tuesday...”

## **Europe**

### **Police intervene against fresh protest in Ankara’s ODTÜ campus**

*Author/Source: Hurriyet Daily News*

“A fresh night of protest in Ankara’s Middle East Technical University (ODTÜ) on Sept. 19 ended with a police crackdown on demonstrators as amendments to a plan related to a disputed road project, which includes plans to construct road through the leafy campus area, are set to be approved by the Environment and Urbanization Ministry...”



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### **Number of French jihadis fighting in Syria 'worrying'**

*Author/Source: France 24*

“France’s interior minister revealed on Thursday that hundreds of home-grown Islamist militants were signing up to fight in Syria, and warned they could pose a security threat when they return to France...”

### **Bulgarians to Stage Global Anti-Govt Rally on Independence Day**

*Author/Source: Novinite*

“Bulgarians from over twenty cities across the globe are going to join people in their homeland protesting against the government with demands for its resignation...”

### **Teens claim responsibility for disabling some Swedish gov't websites**

*Author/Source: UPI*

“A group of teenagers claimed responsibility Friday for a series of hacking attacks in Sweden that closed several websites, some government-operated...”

## **US & Canada**

### **13 wounded in Chicago shooting**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

”Chicago police said 13 people were shot in a park on the city’s South Side on Thursday night in an attack believed to be gang related...”

### **House GOP launches shutdown battle by voting to defund Obamacare**

*Author/Source: CNN*

“With one vote on Friday, the Republican-led House launched the latest spending battle in Congress -- one that could bring a government shutdown in less than two weeks...”