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### Daily Terrorism Weather

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#### Policy in Washington

##### Barack Obama shortens Asia trip due to shutdown

*Author/Source: BBC*

“President Barack Obama has postponed two stops on his four-nation Asian tour because of the government shutdown...”

##### NSA: Social network searches, but no dossiers

*Author/Source: Stephen Braun, Miami Herald*

“The director of the National Security Agency says the agency collects data from social networks and other private databases to hunt terror suspects but is not using the information to build dossiers, or personal files, on Americans...”

##### Intel chief suggests US spies might defect over budget impasse

*Author/Source: Fox News*

“Could Russia or Iran exploit the Washington budget impasse to recruit American spies? Director of National Intelligence James Clapper seems to think so...”

#### Al-Qa'ida

##### Al Qaeda-linked fighters and Syria rebels clash again near Turkey

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“Syrian rebels and al Qaeda-linked fighters battled near the border with Turkey on Wednesday, activists said, in an outbreak of violence that exposes serious divisions between factions fighting President Bashar al-Assad...”

#### Afghanistan

##### Afghan soldier arrested over Australia soldier deaths

*Author/Source: BBC*

“A former Afghan National Army soldier accused of killing three Australian soldiers has been captured and will be put on trial, Australian forces say...”

#### Iraq

##### Militants shoot down military helicopter in northern Iraq: police

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“Unidentified militants shot down a military helicopter in northern Iraq on Wednesday, killing all four crew members, police sources said...”

##### Iraq violence leaves almost 1,000 dead in September

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Almost 1,000 people were killed and more than 2,000 wounded in violence in Iraq in September, the UN has said...”



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### **Israeli-Arab Conflict**

#### **Netanyahu says Israel wont let Iran get nuclear weapons, even if it stands alone**

*Author/Source: Washington Post*

“Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu played the spoiler Tuesday to Iran’s attempts to ease relations with the West, calling the Iranian leader “a wolf in sheep’s clothing” and declaring that Israel will do whatever it takes to prevent Tehran from developing nuclear weapons, even if it has to stand alone...”

#### **Hamas executes man by hanging for murdering two in Gaza**

*Author/Source: Khaled Abu Toameh, Jerusalem Post*

“ Hamas on Wednesday executed by hanging a man who was convicted of murdering two people in the Gaza Strip...”

### **Middle East**

#### **Syria war toll hits 115,200**

*Author/Source: Arab News*

“At least 115,206 people have been killed in Syria’s devastating 30-month conflict, most of them fighters from both sides, a monitoring group said on Tuesday...”

### **Southeast Asia**

#### **Indian army: troops fighting rebels in Kashmir**

*Author/Source: Arab News*

”The Indian army says its soldiers are battling dozens of anti-India rebels who crossed the heavily militarized border from the Pakistan-controlled portion of the disputed Kashmir region into Indian-held territory in recent days...”

#### **Baluch separatists threaten attacks in Pakistan**

*Author/Source: Syed Raza Hassan*

“A prominent separatist commander in Pakistan's mineral-rich Baluchistan threatened on Wednesday to step up attacks on security forces after at least two soldiers were killed in a roadside bomb in the vast and lawless region...”

#### **Taliban commander Mullah Fazlullah claims credit for assassinating Pakistani general**

*Author/Source: Bill Roggio, Long War Journal*

“Mullah Fazlullah, a senior leader in the Movement of the Taliban in Pakistan, has claimed credit for the assassination of a senior Pakistani Army general in a roadside bombing in the northwestern district of Dir last month. Fazlullah appeared in an official Taliban video, which also showed footage of the attack on the general's vehicle...”

### **East Asia**

#### **S. Korea, U.S. to preemptively respond to signs of DPRK’s nuclear threats**

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“South Korea and the United States agreed on Wednesday to take preemptive measures with all military capabilities available if signs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)'s nuclear strikes are detected...”



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## **Africa**

### **We'll intensify attacks against Kenya- Shabaab**

*Author/Source: OSAC*

“Somalia's Shabaab Islamists threatened Wednesday to step up militant attacks against Kenya, after Nairobi refused to pull its troops out of Somalia...”

### **Gunmen kill Libyan colonel in Benghazi**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“Gunmen shot dead a Libyan marine colonel on Wednesday in the eastern city of Benghazi where militants have increasingly targeted security forces in a challenge to central government control...”

## **Europe**

### **For China, Turkey missile deal a victory even if it doesn't happen**

*Author/Source: David Lague, Reuters*

“Turkey's \$4 billion order for a Chinese missile defense system is a breakthrough for China in its bid to become a supplier of advanced weapons, even though opposition from Washington and NATO threatens to derail the deal...”

### **NATO wants Russia to revise independence of Abkhazia and South Ossetia**

*Author/Source: Pravda*

“NATO believes that Russia should review its guidelines regarding Abkhazia and South Ossetia and to cease to equip the borders of these countries...”

### **Lithuanian court frees real IRA suspect**

*Author/Source: Liudas Dapkus, Miami Herald*

“An Irish man convicted of trying to purchase weapons and explosives for the Real IRA was released in Lithuania on Wednesday after an appeals court overturned an earlier ruling...”

### **Ten killed in shootout in Russia's Dagestan**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“Four suspected militants, three policemen and three mountain guides were killed in a shootout in Russia's restive North Caucasus province of Dagestan, local police said on Wednesday...”

### **World powers on 'right track' on Syria chemical arms: Putin**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“Global powers are "on the right track" with a plan to eliminate Syria's chemical weapons and can avert military intervention in the conflict if they work together, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday...”

### **Greece's Golden Dawn lawmakers unexpectedly freed before trial**

*Author/Source: Yorgos Karahalidis, Reuters*

“Three senior lawmakers from Greece's far-right Golden Dawn were freed on Wednesday pending trial on criminal charges, an unexpected setback to the government's efforts to clamp down on a party it has labeled a neo-Nazi criminal gang...”



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**US & Canada**

**Suspect charged in bomb scare at Jacksonville airport**

*Author/Source: Josh Levs, CNN*

“A bomb scare that forced the evacuation of Jacksonville International Airport was a hoax, officials said Wednesday...”

**Latin America and the Caribbean**

**US to expel Venezuelan diplomats in retaliation**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Three Venezuelan diplomats are being expelled from the US after Caracas expelled three American officials, the US State Department says...”

**Narcoterrorism**

**War on drugs leads to more potent narcotics, study shows**

*Author/Source: Alfonso Serrano, Al Jazeera*

“The “war on drugs” has failed to curtail the \$350 billion annual trade in illegal narcotics over the last 20 years as the price of drugs has declined while potency has increased, according to study results released this week...”

**Maritime**

**Russia charges Greenpeace activists with piracy**

*Author/Source: Steve Gutterman, Reuters*

“Russian authorities charged Greenpeace activists from several nations with piracy on Wednesday over a protest against Arctic oil drilling at a platform owned by the state-controlled energy company Gazprom, the environmental group said...”