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### Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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#### **Middle East**

##### [Al-Qaeda has committed 'crime against humanity' in Syria](#)

*Author/Source: Richard Spencer, The Telegraph*

“A researcher from the organisation interviewed survivors of an offensive against villages occupied by members of the Alawite sect to which the Assad family belongs in Latakia province, confirming widespread reports of atrocities...”

##### ['Extremely alarming': Iraq executes 42 people in two days](#)

*Author/Source: Suadad al-Salhy, NBC News*

“Iraq executed 42 people, including a woman, for mass killings and other "terrorism" offenses over the past week, the justice ministry and the United Nations said following a surge in sectarian violence...”

##### [Israeli man killed in West Bank attack](#)

*Author/Source: Reuters Online*

“An Israeli man was killed and his wife injured in what appeared to be an attack by Palestinian militants in the occupied West Bank, Israeli officials said on Friday...”

##### [Palestinians mull appeal to UNSC over 'serious Israeli violations in Temple Mount'](#)

*Author/Source: Jack Khoury, Haaretz*

“Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas told Palestinian television Thursday evening that the PA is considering appealing to the United Nations Security Council and other UN institutions against what he termed "serious Israeli violations, especially in Jerusalem and at the Temple Mount...”

##### [Report: Iran calls off anti-Zionism conference](#)

*Author/Source: The Associated Press*

“The administration of Iran's new President Hassan Rohani has cancelled an anti-Israeli conference as part of his outreach to the West and efforts to map out a new diplomatic path for Iran...”

##### [Syrian army kills 70 people, retakes two Damascus suburbs from rebels](#)

*Author/Source: Al Arabiya Online*

“Syrian army troops and Shiite fighters loyal to President Bashar al-Assad killed at least 70 people as they captured two southern suburbs of Damascus on Friday, said opposition activists according to Reuters...”

##### [Syrian rebel fighters guilty of serious abuses, says Human Rights Watch](#)

*Author/Source: Laura Smith-Spark and Saad Abedine, CNN*

“Opposition fighters who attacked Alawite villages near the Syrian city of Latakia, killing at least 190 civilians, committed "serious abuses" that may amount to crimes against humanity,



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rights group Human Rights Watch said Friday...”

#### **Four people wounded in Yemen suicide attack**

*Author/Source: World Bulletin Online Reporters*

“An unidentified man blew himself up on Friday in a market in Lahj province in south Yemen, killing himself and wounding four people, a security official said...”

#### **Syrian Official Lauds Nobel Prize for Inspectors**

*Author/Source: Barbara Sruk and Bassem Mroue, ABC News*

“A Syrian lawmaker said Friday that awarding the Nobel Peace Prize to the global chemical watchdog underscores “the credibility” of the Damascus government and its intentions to destroy its deadly arsenal...”

#### **Central Asia**

##### **Senior Pakistan Taliban Captured in Afghanistan**

*Author/Source: Patrick Quinn, ABC News*

“U.S. troops are holding a senior Pakistani Taliban commander they captured in Afghanistan a week ago, an Afghan provincial official said Friday...”

##### **Observers Differ on Fairness of Election in Azerbaijan**

*Author/Source: David M. Herszenhorn, The New York Times*

“A prominent delegation of international election observers on Thursday sharply criticized Azerbaijan’s presidential election as unfair and rife with fraud, amid aggressive efforts by the Azerbaijani government and its allies to portray the vote as legitimate...”

##### **Salafis convicted of terrorism in Kazakhstan**

*Author/Source: Interfax Online*

“The specialized inter-district criminal court in the Atyrau region of Kazakhstan convicted a group of terrorists on Thursday...”

#### **South Asia**

##### **Myanmar gov't, KIO reach deal in peace talks**

*Author/Source: Xinhua Online Reporters*

“Myanmar government and the rebel Kachin Independent Organization (KIO) reached a seven- point agreement on Thursday after three- day peace talks that resumed in Myitgyina, capital of northernmost Kachin state...”

##### **In New Case, Former Leader of Pakistan Is Arrested**

*Author/Source: Declan Walsh, The New York Times*

“The Pakistani police arrested Pervez Musharraf, the nation’s former military ruler, on Thursday, opening a new criminal prosecution against him that frustrated plans by his supporters to fly him out of Pakistan...”

#### **East Asia**

##### **China Conducts Cyber Espionage Campaign Against Mongolia**

*Author/Source: Eduard Kovacs, Softpedia via Overseas Security Advisory Council*

“Security researchers from ThreatConnect’s Intelligence Research Team (TCIRT) say they’ve



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identified a cyber espionage campaign launched by China against Mongolia...”

### **Anti-Eviction Protesters Clash With Security Forces**

*Author/Source: Alex Willemyns and Aun Pheap, The Cambodia Daily*

“Protesters, including a band of angry monks, clashed with military and riot police on Thursday in Phnom Penh as authorities tried to prevent a local housing rights group from carrying out a rally against forced evictions...”

### **N Korea warns of counter-attack on US warship**

*Author/Source: Channel News Asia Online*

“North Korea on Friday threatened to "bury in the sea" a US aircraft carrier, as it slammed three-nation naval drill involving US, South Korean and Japanese warships...”

### **Suspected Islamists in Mali blow up bridge near Gao**

*Author/Source: France 24 Online*

“Islamic extremists have taken the offensive around Gao in north Mali, wounding two civilians Tuesday when they blew up a bridge, a day after shelling the town and injuring a soldier...”

## **Africa**

### **Libyan premier's abduction proves no coup but points to anarchy**

*Author/Source: Ulf Laessing and Ghaith Shennib, Reuters*

“When news broke at dawn on Thursday that Libya's prime minister had been seized by gunmen from his Tripoli hotel, it looked as if Islamist militants might have pulled off a spectacular and potentially bloody coup...”

## **Europe**

### **Car bomb blasts Swedish, Finnish Consulates in Benghazi**

*Author/Source: AP Online, Fox News*

“A car bomb exploded outside a building housing the Swedish and Finnish consulates in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi on Friday, badly damaging it but causing no casualties, Libyan and Swedish officials said...”

### **U.N. Considers How to Restore Peace to Central African Republic**

*Author/Source: Alexis Flynn, The Wall Street Journal*

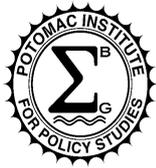
“The United Nations Security Council Thursday agreed on a French-proposed resolution paving the way for a possible U.N. peacekeeping force in the Central African Republic, amid growing fear the mineral-rich but impoverished nation is descending into chaos...”

## **US & Canada**

### **Hope for debt limit deal rises while shutdown standoff remains mired**

*Author/Source: Tom Cohen, Deirdre Walsh and Ed Payne, CNN*

“As first reported by CNN's Dana Bash and Deirdre Walsh, an exchange between GOP Rep. Paul Ryan and President Barack Obama seemed to clear the air, with each side acknowledging the validity of the other...”



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**[Kerry lands in Afghanistan for talks on security pact](#)**

*Author/Source: Elise Labot, CNN*

“Secretary of State John Kerry landed in Kabul, Afghanistan, Friday for talks with President Hamid Karzai...”

**[Canadians held without charge in Egypt headed home](#)**

*Author/Source: Rob Gilles, Boston.com*

“Two Canadians who were barred from leaving Egypt following weeks of imprisonment without charges were on their way home Friday...”

**[Queens Men Accused of Supporting Terror Groups in Afghanistan](#)**

*Author/Source: Jonathan Dienst, NBC New York*

“Two men from Queens were arrested by the NYPD on charges they tried to help send supplies to terrorist groups in Afghanistan...”

**[Pilots union warns of 'dry run' by possible terrorists on US flight](#)**

*Author/Source: Fox News Online*

“Security experts for a major airline's pilot's union have warned members that potential terrorists conducted apparent "dry runs" aboard domestic flights in recent weeks, and urged flight crews not to be pressured into taking to the skies if they are fearful...”

**South and Central America and the Caribbean**

**[Police find stash of 213 grenades buried in El Salvador](#)**

*Author/Source: Merlin Delcid, CNN*

“Buried underground about 30 miles from El Salvador's capital city, police made a staggering find this week: 213 grenades...”

**[Colombian Authorities Seize More Than 1.5 Tons of Explosives](#)**

*Author/Source: Latin American Online Reporters*

“Colombian authorities seized more than 1.5 tons of explosives belonging to a column of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) guerrillas in a rural area in the southern part of the country, the Attorney General's Office said Thursday...”