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## **Daily Terrorism Weather**

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### **Policy in Washington**

#### **NSA reportedly collecting millions of personal online contact lists worldwide**

*Author/Source: Fox News*

“The web of information collected by the National Security Agency is even larger than previously thought, with The Washington Post reporting that the agency is collecting hundreds of millions of contact lists from personal email and instant messaging accounts worldwide -- including those of many Americans...”

#### **US courts convict terrorists; Guantanamo trails drag on**

*Author/Source: Eileen Sullivan, Miami Herald*

“Four years after his failed effort to bring the 9/11 mastermind to New York for trial, President Barack Obama has reinstated the federal courthouse as America's preferred venue for prosecuting suspected terrorists...”

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

#### **Al-Qaida attack in Yemen kills 2 security guards**

*Author/Source: Ahmed Al-Haj, Miami Herald*

“A Yemeni military official says suspected al-Qaida militants have killed two security guards and wounded four others in a drive-by shooting in a southern province...”

### **Afghanistan**

#### **Afghan bomb kills Logar governor Jamal in mosque**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“The governor of Afghanistan's eastern Logar province has been killed in a blast in a mosque, during prayers for the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha...”

### **Iraq**

#### **Bomb blast hits Iraq Sunni mosque on Muslim holiday**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“A bomb planted near a Sunni mosque in the oil-rich city of Kirkuk in northern Iraq killed 12 worshippers after morning prayers on a major Muslim holiday, according to Iraqi officials...”

#### **UN chief strongly condemns latest attack across Iraq**

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Monday strongly condemned a string of bombings which have killed or wounded scores of Iraqis ahead of the Eid Al-Adha holiday...”



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### **Israeli-Arab Conflict**

#### **West Bank killings heighten fears of new intifada**

*Author/Source: UPI*

“With three Israelis killed in the West Bank in as many weeks and new clashes between Palestinian protesters and Israeli police at Jerusalem's flashpoint holy sites there are growing concerns that another Palestinian intifada is brewing...”

#### **Netanyahu: Yom Kippur War taught us preventive strike always an option**

*Author/Source: Jerusalem Post*

“As world powers met with Iranian officials in Geneva on Tuesday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made a veiled reference to his often-repeated warning that a preemptive strike on the Islamic Republic's nuclear facilities might be inevitable, saying that the Yom Kippur War had taught Israel the lesson that a preventive strike is a defense option that should not be abandoned...”

### **Middle East**

#### **Iran says makes proposal aimed at breakthrough in nuclear standoff**

*Author/Source: Justyna Pawlak and Yeganeh Torbati, Reuters*

“Iran said it presented "logical" proposals in talks with six world powers on Tuesday aimed at achieving a breakthrough in a decade-old standoff over its disputed nuclear program that has heightened the risk of a new Middle East war...”

#### **Syria: Terrorists take a pounding**

*Author/Source: Pravda*

“Across Syria, the heroic efforts of the Syrian Arab Army against western-backed terrorists are liberating vast areas from this demonic scourge, returning law and order and safety to the beleaguered civilians...”

#### **Syria Fighting Rages Despite Holiday**

*Author/Source: VOA*

“Syrian warplanes bombed several rebel-held areas Tuesday and opposition fighters fired mortar rounds and homemade rockets at Damascus on the first day of a major Muslim holiday...”

#### **Bomb found in Lebanon's Hezbollah stronghold on eve of Muslim holiday**

*Author/Source: Ariel Ben Solomon, Jerusalem Post*

“Lebanese security forces defused a car bomb on Monday in the southern suburbs of Beirut, a stronghold of the Shi'ite Muslim militia group Hezbollah...”

#### **Bahrain pardons prisoners for Eid**

*Author/Source: UPI*

“The government in Bahrain announced it pardoned more than 200 prisoners convicted on various charges in honor of a religious holiday...”



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### **Who are the British jihadists in Syria?**

*Author/Source: Jenny Cuffe, BBC*

“The home secretary and MI5 have warned about the terrorist threat from British residents fighting in Syria...”

### **Southeast Asia**

#### **Traders Hotel in Rangoon, Burma, hit by bomb blast**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“The latest in a series of small bomb blasts has shaken one of the most prestigious hotels in Burma...”

#### **Myanmar, Vietnam vow to promote security cooperation**

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“Myanmar and Vietnam have vowed to promote security cooperation between the two countries, state media reported Tuesday...”

#### **‘Militants’ killed in Pattani crackdown**

*Author/Source: Bangkok Post*

“Three suspected militants were killed and another arrested in a clash with government forces in Pattani's Thung Yang Daeng district late Tuesday afternoon...”

### **East Asia**

#### **Mother of missionary jailed in North Korea pleads with U.S. for help**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“The mother of a U.S. missionary jailed in North Korea for state subversion pleaded on Tuesday for the U.S. government to help secure her ailing son's release as she ended a trip to see him...”

#### **Man gets 6 years for setting blast outside Beijing airport**

*Author/Source: UPI*

“A court in Beijing Tuesday sentenced to six years in prison a man convicted of setting off explosives at the Beijing Capital International Airport in July...”

### **Africa**

#### **Central Africa Republic: France will increase troop strength in CAR**

*Author/Source: Anne Look, All Africa*

“French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius says France will be sending more troops to the Central African Republic [CAR] to help African efforts to stabilize the country...”

#### **Egyptian Officials: Morsi Supporter Linked to Cairo Attack Arrested**

*VOA*

*Author/Source: VOA*

“Egyptian security officials said on Tuesday that authorities had arrested a supporter of deposed Islamist President Mohamed Morsi suspected of involvement in a rocket-propelled grenade attack on a state-owned satellite station in Cairo...”



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### **Kenya: Calls Grow to Expand Powers of National Intelligence Service**

*Author/Source: Julius Kithuure, All Africa*

“Parliamentary leaders and security experts are calling for the powers of Kenya's National Intelligence Service (NIS) to be expanded in a bid to change the agency from a passive actor to an effective weapon in the battle against terrorism...”

### **Europé**

#### **Russia says foils plot to attack chemical arms facility**

*Author/Source: Alissa de Carbonnel and Steve Gutterman, Reuters*

“Russian authorities said on Tuesday they had foiled a plot by Islamist radicals to bomb a chemical weapons facility and had arrested two suspects from the North Caucasus, where Moscow is battling an Islamist insurgency...”

#### **British authorities thwart Kenya-style terror plot, official says**

*Author/Source: Fox News*

“British law enforcement agencies averted a plot to orchestrate a large-scale terror attack similar to the assault on Kenya's Westgate mall, an official said Monday...”

#### **Russia detains scores of migrants after riot**

*Author/Source: Denis Tyrin, Al Jazeera*

“Russian police rounded up more than 1,600 immigrants in Moscow a day after rioting by nationalists over a fatal stabbing of a Russian that many residents blame on a man from the Caucasus region...”

#### **Terror raid: Police continue to quiz London suspects**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Four British men being held over an alleged terror plot are continuing to be questioned by detectives...”

### **US & Canada**

#### **Alleged al Qaeda operative Abu Anas al Libi to appear in New York court**

*Author/Source: Lateef Mungin, CNN*

“An alleged al Qaeda operative accused of playing a role in the 1998 U.S. Embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania is to appear Tuesday in federal court in New York...”

#### **Second dry ice explosion reported at LA airport**

*Author/Source: Miami Herald*

“A dry ice explosion rattled nerves late Monday at Los Angeles International Airport in the second such incident in as many days, but there were no reports of any injuries or evacuations, authorities said...”



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**Latin America and the Caribbean**

**Brazil to use homegrown technology to shield gov't e-mails from snooping**

*Xinhua*

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“Brazil plans to set up an encrypted national e-mail service to shield government communications from unwanted surveillance, an official said Monday...”