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## Daily Terrorism Weather

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### Policy in Washington

#### U.S., Israel differ over how to resolve Iran nuclear issue

*Author/Source: Arshad Mohammed, Reuters*

“U.S. and Israeli officials differed over Iran's nuclear program on Wednesday as Israel called for its effective dismantlement and the United States suggested safeguards could show that it is peaceful rather than military...”

#### Army chief: Just 2 brigades combat-ready

*Author/Source: Fox News*

“Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno revealed this week that just two Army brigades are combat-ready, with budget cuts hampering the military's ability to train its own troops...”

#### James Clapper: Reports US tapped French phones ‘false’

*Author/Source: BBC*

“US intelligence chief James Clapper has denied reports that US spies recorded data from 70 million phone calls in France in a single 30-day period...”

#### US defends drone strikes after critical Amnesty report

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“The White House has said that it strongly disagrees with any assertions the US has violated international law by using drone strikes in Pakistan...”

### Iraq

#### Iraq vilence: Police killed in Anbar attacks

*Author/Source: BBC*

“At least 19 police officers and three civilians have been killed in a series of attacks overnight in the western Iraqi province of Anbar, officials say...”

### Israeli-Arab Conflict

#### Report: IAF jets destroy weapons shipment from Syria to Hezbollah

*Author/Source: Yasser Okbi, Jerusalem Post*

“Israeli warplanes on Tuesday destroyed a shipment of missiles that were to be delivered to Hezbollah near the Lebanese-Syrian frontier, according to the Kuwait newspaper Al-Jarida...”

### Middle East

#### Syrian snipers target pregnant women, unborn babies, doctor says

*Author/Source: CNN*

“An X-ray shows a bullet lodged in a baby's head. The image would be chilling enough without knowing the child was still in its mother's womb when it became the target of snipers hiding in the shadows in northern Syria...”



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### **Fearing retribution, Syrian minorities keep low profile in exile**

*Author/Source: Humeyra Pamuk, Reuters*

“In a small park on the edge of old Istanbul's Eminonu square, women sit begging, Syrian passports in their outstretched hands, "Please help in the name of God" on sheets of paper at their feet...”

### **South Asia**

#### **News Analysis: Nepal fears of violence as election date nears**

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“As the election date draws closer, fears of violence remain a serious threat to free and fair Nov. 19 Constituent Assembly (CA) election, political parties and security experts said here on Wednesday...”

### **East Asia**

#### **China paper in detained journalist plea**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“A Chinese newspaper has published a rare front-page plea for the release of one of its journalists held by police...”

### **India and China in border defence agreement**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“India and China have signed an agreement on border defence co-operation after a stand-off between their armies in disputed territory earlier this year...”

### **Africa**

#### **Suicide bomber kills two Chadian U.N. troops in Mali**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“A suicide bomber killed two Chadian troops from the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Mali and injured six others in an attack on a checkpoint at the entry to the northern town of Tessalit on Wednesday, a U.N. spokesman said...”

### **37 Boko Haram fighters killed in northern Nigeria: military**

*Author/Source: All Africa*

“At least 37 Boko Haram fighters died in a coordinated air strike and ground raid by the Nigerian Army and Air Force on Monday, a military spokesperson said on Tuesday...”

### **Kenyan police say probe into Westgate attack in final stages**

*Author/Source: All Africa*

“Kenyan police said Wednesday investigations into terror attack on an upscale shopping mall in Nairobi entered in final stages...”

### **Police officer killed in Nigeria pirate attack**

*Author/Source: All Africa*

“A police officer was killed in Nigeria when sea pirates intercepted a commercial boat and launched an attack on it in oil-rich Bayelsa State, local authorities said...”



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### **Six Tunisian police killed in clash with militants: source**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“A total of six Tunisian police officers were killed in clashes with Islamist militants in the south of the country on Wednesday, a security source told Reuters...”

### **Zimbabwe warns Mozambique’s Renamo not to resume war**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Zimbabwe has urged rebels in Mozambique not to fight, after an opposition group with military and political wings withdrew from a 1992 peace deal...”

### **Europé**

#### **Insight: French investigation into Kurdish murders eyes Turkey connections**

*Author/Source: Nicholas Vinocur, Reuters*

“French investigators trying to solve the murder of three Kurdish activists in Paris have collected evidence about the chief suspect’s connections to Turkey, four sources with knowledge of the investigation told Reuters...”

#### **Spanish court releases ETA prisoner after ECHR finding**

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“The Spanish National Court released a member of the Basque separatist group ETA, Ines del Rio, on Tuesday as a direct result of the resolution of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) against the so-called "Parot Doctrine" in Spain..”

#### **Why dozens of ethnic Somalis in Scandinavia are embracing jihad**

*Author/Source: Tim Lister and Paul Cruickshank, CNN*

“Scandinavia’s humanitarian generosity in the 1990s appears to have had some unintended, and unwelcome, consequences, as dozens of young ethnic Somalis living there have embraced jihad, returning to the Horn of Africa to join the al Qaeda affiliate Al-Shabaab...”

#### **EU lawmakers urge scrapping bank data sharing agreement with US over spying allegations**

*Author/Source: Fox News*

“European lawmakers narrowly approved a resolution seeking to scrap an agreement that grants U.S. authorities access to bank data for terrorism-related investigations...”

### **US & Canada**

#### **Top Marine general, survivors recall 1983 Beirut bombing as early chapter in war on terrorism**

*Author/Source: Fox News*

“The Marine Corps’ top general and survivors are gathering to mark 30 years since the deadly Beirut barracks bombing that many consider the opening blast in America’s war against terrorists...”