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### **Daily Terrorism Weather Online**

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#### **Middle East**

##### **Hamas says it's responsible for tunnel under Gaza-Israel border**

*Author/Source: Nidal al-Mughrabi, Reuters*

“ Hamas Islamists in the Gaza Strip claimed responsibility on Sunday for a tunnel that Israel said was found beneath the heavily fortified Israel-Gaza frontier...”

##### **Deadly clashes erupt at Iraqi police headquarters in Fallujah**

*Author/Source: Al Arabiya*

“ A coordinated attack including several gunmen and two suicide bombers has killed five policemen in a former al-Qaeda stronghold in Iraq, officials said...”

##### **Baghdad cafe bombing kills at least 38**

*Author/Source: Kareem Raheem, Reuters*

“ A suicide bomber driving a minibus blew himself up outside a cafe in a mainly Shi'ite Muslim district of the Iraqi capital on Sunday, killing at least 38 people, police and medics said...”

##### **Senior Rebel commander killed in southern Syria**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“ A senior rebel commander in southern Syria has been killed while fighting government troops near the city of Deraa, activists and state media say...”

##### **Israeli military says troops defuse explosive device on Gaza border**

*Author/Source: UPI*

“ Israeli troops deactivated an explosive device found Monday near the security fence that separates Israel from central Gaza, military officials said...”

#### **South Asia**

##### **Densus 88 Arrest Suspected Terrorist in West Nusa Tenggara**

*Author/Source: Farouk Arnaz, The Jakarta Globe*

“ The National Police's anti-terror squad announced that it has arrested a suspected terrorist in Bima, West Nusa Tenggara, linked to the Mujahidin Indonesia Barat terrorist network...”

##### **Afghan special forces commando defects to militants**

*Author/Source: Straits Times*

“ A US-trained Afghan special forces commando has defected to an insurgent group, taking with him an armoured vehicle full of weapons and ammunition in the eastern province of Kunar, officials said on Monday...”



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### **Pakistan train blast 'kills seven' in Balochistan**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“At least seven people have been killed after a bomb hit a passenger train in the Pakistani province of Balochistan, officials say...”

### **East Asia**

### **KNU, government divided over bombers' motive**

*Author/Source: Mizzima*

“The national government and the Karen National Union (KNU) have provided conflicting theories of the motivation behind the spate of bombings that claimed three lives in the second week of this month, but both say they are working together to solve the case...”

### **CNRP Rejects Marching Ban During 3-Day Protest**

*Author/Source: The Cambodia Daily*

“CNRP vice president Kem Sokha said Sunday that the opposition will not heed an order by Phnom Penh City Hall banning marches in the city, and will push forward with plans to march with thousands of supporters to the offices of the U.N. and at least seven embassies during its three-day demonstration starting Wednesday...”

### **Africa**

### **Boko Haram kills civilians at roadblock**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“Boko Haram gunmen dressed in military uniform have killed 19 people near the Nigerian border with Cameroon in the restive northeast, residents and a survivor say...”

### **Egypt state news agency: Dozens of Egyptian workers abducted by gunmen in Libya freed**

*Author/Source: The Washington Post*

“Egypt’s official news agency is reporting that dozens of Egyptian workers held by gunmen in Libya have been freed after days of negotiations...”

### **Egypt gunmen open fire on Coptic Christian wedding in Cairo**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Three people, including a girl aged eight, died when gunmen on motorcycles opened fire on a wedding party outside a Coptic Christian church in Cairo...”

### **Police and students clash at Cairo university**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“Egyptian security forces fired bird-shot shotgun shells and tear gas to disperse hundreds of students protesting against the government at Cairo's Al-Azhar University, the Ministry of Interior said Sunday...”

### **South Sudan: Jonglei militia 'kills dozens'**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Some 78 people have been killed and scores wounded in an attack on villages in South Sudan's Jonglei state, the local MP has told the BBC...”



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### **Nigerian insurgents kill 10 villagers in revenge attack**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“Gunmen suspected to be from the Boko Haram Islamist sect stormed two villages in northeast Nigeria, killing 10 people, after a botched attempt by local vigilantes to arrest some of the militants...”

### **Europe**

### **Number of Syrian refugees in Turkey exceeds 600,000: Turkish official**

*Author/Source: Hurriyet Daily News*

“The number of Syrian refugees in Turkey has exceeded 600,000 and more than 400,000 of them are living outside refugee camps, the Turkish disaster management agency said on Monday...”

### **Bomb blast on bus in southern Russia kills five**

*Author/Source: Steve Gutterman, Reuters*

“A bomb blast tore through a bus in the southern Russian city of Volgograd on Monday, authorities said, killing at least five people in the deadliest such attack outside Russia's volatile North Caucasus region in nearly three years...”

### **Lebanese and Turkish hostages arrive home after swap deal**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Nine Lebanese citizens who were kidnapped by rebels in Syria in May 2012 have arrived back in Beirut a day after being released...”

### **Ukrainian racist murdered Muslim, planted mosque bombs in Britain**

*Author/Source: Costas Pitas, Reuters*

“A self-confessed racist Ukrainian student studying in Britain pleaded guilty on Monday to murdering an elderly Muslim man and planting explosive devices outside mosques in central England as part of a one-man hate campaign...”

### **Two men appear in London court on terrorism charges**

*Author/Source: UPI*

“Two men were charged with terror offenses Monday in a London's Westminster Magistrates' Court, court documents said...”

### **US & Canada**

### **Report: NSA spied on French citizens, Mexican government**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“The National Security Agency recorded 70.3 million French civilian telephone conversations from Dec. 10, 2012, to Jan. 8 of this year, French newspaper Le Monde reported Monday...”

### **US to resume aid to Pakistan**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“The U.S. announced Saturday that it planned to release more than \$1.6 billion in military and economic aid to Pakistan that was suspended more than two years ago when relations between the two countries soured over the covert raid that killed Osama bin Laden and U.S. airstrikes that killed numerous Pakistani soldiers...”



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### **South and Central America and the Caribbean**

#### **[One Civilian Dead, Four Wounded in Peru Anti-Terrorist Operation](#)**

*Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“One civilian died and four others were wounded in a military anti-terrorist operation conducted in Peru’s main coca-growing valley, the Joint Armed Forces Command (CCFFAA) said in a communique made public on Thursday...”

#### **[Former Tijuana Cartel Leader Murdered in Mexico](#)**

*Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“Francisco Rafael Arellano Felix, former leader of the Tijuana drug cartel, was murdered this weekend during a family party in Mexican resort city Los Cabos, state officials said...”

#### **[Clashes ahead of Brazil's Libra oil exploration auction](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Brazilian security forces and protesters have clashed in Barra da Tijuca, near Rio de Janeiro, where the Brazilian government is auctioning off exploration rights for a huge oilfield on Monday...”