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### Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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#### **Middle East**

##### [Turkish outlet reports US blowback after exposing Israeli spies](#)

*Source: The Jerusalem Post*

“Members of the US Congress may have halted a major weapons sale to Turkey after its government willingly unmasked Israeli spies working in Iran, according to *Taraf*, a Turkish daily newspaper...”

##### [Series of small earthquakes in Israel prompts concern over disaster preparedness](#)

*Source: The Washington Post*

“Five moderate earthquakes rattled northern Israel this week, causing no major damage but prompting increased concern over the Jewish state’s preparedness for a much larger disaster...”

##### [Officials: Market bombing, attack on police homes kill 9 people in central Iraq](#)

*Source: The Washington Post*

“Officials say a market bombing and an attack on policemen’s homes killed nine people in central Iraq...”

##### [Tensions high in Ain Al-Hilweh after shooting](#)

*Source: The Daily Star*

“Tension erupted Friday in the Palestinian refugee camp of Ain Al-Hilweh in south Lebanon after a member of a joint security force that includes representatives from all of the major Palestinian factions was killed...”

##### [Syria: Troops kill 40 rebels near Damascus](#)

*Source: The Daily Star*

“Syrian government troops on Friday ambushed rebels near the capital, Damascus, killing at least 40 opposition fighters, state media reported...”



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[U.N. nuclear agency chief to meet top Iran negotiator](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“The U.N. atomic agency chief and a senior Iranian nuclear negotiator will meet on Monday before a new round of talks over the Islamic state's disputed atomic activities, the agency said on Thursday...”

[Norway rejects U.S. request to destroy Syrian chemical weapons](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“Norway rejected on Friday a U.S. request to help destroy Syria's chemical arms, arguing that the Nordic nation was an unsuitable site because it lacked suitable staff, equipment and regulations...”

[Iraq to press U.S. on drones, F-16s to fight al Qaeda](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“The Baghdad government wants the immediate delivery of U.S. drones and F-16 fighter jets in order to combat al Qaeda insurgents, who are making swift advances in the west of the Iraq, a senior Iraqi security official said...”

[Turkey, Iraq eye closer cooperation on Syria as relations thaw](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“Turkey and Iraq, both concerned by the rise of al Qaeda in Syria, said on Friday their strained relations were improving and they would cooperate more closely to limit the spillover from Syria's civil war...”

**South Asia**

[6 Afghan soldiers die in roadside bombing as army claims killing 10 Taliban fighters in battle](#)

*Source: The Washington Post*

“A roadside bomb planted in western Afghanistan killed six Afghan soldiers, as soldiers killed 10 Taliban fighters during an operation elsewhere in the country, officials said Friday...”



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[Pakistan's Gilani acknowledges possibility of contact with U.S. over planned drone strikes](#)

*Source: The Washington Post*

“A former Pakistani prime minister strongly denied Thursday that he had quietly authorized U.S. drone strikes inside his country, but he didn’t rule out secret deals made without his knowledge...”

[Kashmir tensions rise as India, Pakistan exchange gunfire](#)

*Source: Al-Jazeera*

“Indian and Pakistani troops fired machine guns and mortar rounds over the line dividing their territorial claims in Kashmir, wounding at least 12 people — including children — amid some of the worst tensions in a decade in the disputed region, officials said Friday...”

[3 killed in Bangladesh as opposition, police clash](#)

*Source: The Daily Star*

“At least three people were killed and dozens injured in Bangladesh on Friday when security officials clashed with opposition supporters trying to defy a ban on protests, just two days before a planned national general strike...”

[Pakistan extends custody of former dictator Musharraf](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“A Pakistani court extended the custody of former dictator Pervez Musharraf on Friday, dampening hopes he would be able to leave the country any time soon following months under house arrest and legal wrangling over his fate...”

**East Asia**

[Taiwan's president, Ma Ying-jeou, plans to expand relations with China](#)

*Source: The Washington Post*

“Taiwan’s President Ma Ying-jeou outlined plans Thursday to further improve ties with China, already at their warmest level in decades, and rebutted criticism that he is giving up too much in exchange for better economic relations with the island’s former foe...”



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### [North Korea repatriates South Korea citizens at DMZ](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“North Korea repatriated six South Korean citizens and a corpse at a heavily defended border crossing on Friday, South Korea's Ministry of Unification said, in a rare humanitarian gesture amid persistent tensions between Pyongyang and Seoul...”

### [Chinese doctor stabbed to death in latest hospital attack](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“A Chinese man unhappy with the results of an operation on his nose stabbed a doctor to death and wounded two others on Friday, state media reported, in at least the third such attack in a week in which China promised to improve hospital security...”

## **Africa**

### [Official says some refugees abuse Kenya hospitality, plan and launch terror attacks](#)

*Source: The Washington Post*

“Some refugees fleeing insecurity from neighboring countries have abused Kenyan hospitality by planning terror attacks against the country, Kenya's internal security minister said Friday, in an apparent reference to last month's terrorist attack on an upscale mall which killed more than 67 people...”

### [West African neighbors pledge to support Mali as country faces Islamist attacks](#)

*Source: The Washington Post*

“West African countries are pledging their support to Mali's newly elected president as the country emerges from months of fighting and an uptick in terror attacks...”

### [Police fire tear gas to disperse protests by youth over alleged arrest of Muslim cleric](#)

*Source: The Washington Post*

“An official says police have fired tear gas to disperse stone throwing youths who are protesting the alleged arrest of a Muslim cleric in Kenya's coastal town of Mombasa...”

### [Violence mars Madagascar polls](#)

*Source: The Daily Star*

“Violence broke out as Madagascar voted on Friday in crunch elections to restore democracy after a 2009 coup, leaving a senior government official dead and a polling station torched...”



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[Kenyan deputy president must attend his trial: ICC judges](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“Kenyan Deputy President William Ruto must attend all sessions of his trial at the International Criminal Court unless specifically excused, appeals judges ruled on Friday, putting the court at odds with Kenya and the African Union (AU)...”

[Nigeria says kills 74 Islamists in ground, air assault](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“Nigerian troops killed 74 members of Boko Haram in an air and ground assault, the military said on Friday, a further sign of stepped up operations against the Islamist sect...”

[Rebels and Congo army clash; Rwanda says it was shelled](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“Congo's M23 rebels clashed with government troops for the first time in nearly two months on Friday, and neighboring Rwanda said Congolese army shells had landed on its territory...”

**Europe**

[British Police downplay seizure of 'gun parts' manufactured from plastic on a 3D printer](#)

*Source: The Washington Post*

“Police in northern England thought they’d made a major discovery, but they may have jumped the gun. Officers said Friday they had seized what appeared to be gun components made on a 3-D printer — then, hours later, cast doubt on the find after technology experts said photos released by police appeared to be of parts for the printer itself...”

[Norway's Somalis worry extremism spreading](#)

*Source: The Daily Star*

“Somali immigrants in Norway fear that violent extremism is taking root in the community after reports of young Somali-Norwegians traveling abroad to join jihadist groups...”



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### [Russian parliament passes new anti-terror bill](#)

*Source: The Daily Star*

“The lower house of Russian parliament has approved a new legislation that toughens punishment for terrorism and requires terrorists' relatives to pay for the damages caused in attacks...’

### [European lawmakers to investigate spy accusations in Washington](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“European Union lawmakers will seek a response from U.S. administration and intelligence officials next week to accusations of widespread spying on EU citizens and governments, including German Chancellor Angela Merkel...”

### [Soviets conducted nuclear blasts at oilfield to be tapped with China](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“A Siberian oilfield that Russia and China plan to develop together was the site of Soviet nuclear blasts in the 1970s and 1980s, Russian officials said on Friday...”

## **US & Canada**

### [US Guard recruiter held in superiors' shooting](#)

*Source: The Daily Star*

“A National Guardsman was being held Friday and awaiting charges in the shooting of two of his superiors at an armory north of Memphis, where he was subdued by fellow soldiers and arrested by local police...”

## **Maritime**

### [Russia reduces charges against Greenpeace crew and activists](#)

*Source: The Washington Post*

“Piracy charges against 30 people who were aboard a Greenpeace ship protesting Arctic drilling have been reduced by Russian authorities to hooliganism, the head of the Investigative Committee announced Wednesday...”