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### Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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#### **Middle East**

##### **[Car bombs kill scores in Baghdad, in sign of crisis in Iraq](#)**

*Author/Source: Ben Van Huevelen, The Washington Post*

“In the latest violence, nine car bombs tore through markets and police checkpoints in Baghdad on Sunday, killing dozens of people...”

##### **[Israel agrees to release 26 more Palestinian prisoners](#)**

*Source: Al Jazeera America*

“The Israeli government voted Sunday to release 26 long-held Palestinian prisoners as part of a U.S.-brokered deal that led to the resumption of Mideast peace talks in August...”

##### **[Syria Meets Deadline for Submitting Destruction Plan for Chemical Weapons](#)**

*Author/Source: Nick Cumming-Bruce and Michael R. Gordon, The New York Times*

“Syria submitted a formal declaration of its chemical weapons program and its plans for destroying its arsenal three days ahead of the deadline...”

##### **[Main Syrian rebel groups declare opposition to Geneva peace talks](#)**

*Author/Source: Khaled Yacoub Oweis, Reuters*

“Main Syrian rebel brigades have announced their opposition to an international peace conference on Syria if it does not result in President Bashar al-Assad's removal...”

##### **[Kurds Rout Syria Jihadists](#)**

*Source: The Daily Star*

“Fierce clashes raged yesterday after Syrian Kurds seized from jihadists a crossing on the Iraqi border, a key supply route for weapons and fighters in the 31-month war, activists said...”

##### **[Iran will participate in upcoming Syria talks -- if invited](#)**

*Source: CNN*

“Iran will take part in a conference intended to hash out a solution to the Syrian conflict before the end of the year -- if it receives an invitation, an Iranian official said Saturday, according to state-run media...”

##### **[Senior Iran lawmaker says 20 percent uranium enrichment continuing](#)**

*Author/Source: Yegeneh Torbati and Jeffrey Heller, Reuters*

“Iran has not halted its most sensitive uranium enrichment work, a senior Iranian parliamentarian said, contradicting a statement by another lawmaker last week...”



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### **[Analysis: Palestinian downturn bites, aid falters, tunnels collapse](#)**

*Author/Source: Ali Sawafta and Noah*

“The arteries of Gaza's economy have collapsed as Egypt demolishes the smuggling tunnels along its sandy border...”

## **South Asia**

### **[Bomb Kills 18 people on way to wedding in eastern Afghanistan](#)**

*Source: Reuters*

“A roadside bomb in eastern Afghanistan killed 18 people, including at least five women, who were travelling to a wedding party by minibus, a local government official said on Sunday...”

### **[NATO Reduces Scope of Its Afghanistan Plans](#)**

*Author/Source: Thom Shanker, The New York Times*

“After months of tense negotiations over the size and role of a postwar presence in Afghanistan, senior North Atlantic Treaty Organization officials say they are planning a more minimalist mission...”

### **[Bangladesh BNP-led strike marred by deaths](#)**

*Source: BBC*

“At least three people have died in clashes on the first day of a three-day opposition strike in Bangladesh, aimed at forcing the government to quit...”

### **[Tens of thousands flee flooding, 39 dead](#)**

*Source: The Jakarta Post*

“Days of torrential rains have unleashed floods in southeast India that have killed dozens of people and forced the evacuation of more than 70,000 others from hundreds of low-lying villages...”

## **East Asia**

### **[Transformers versus the triads of Hong Kong: the sequel](#)**

*Author/Source: Ramy Inocencio, CNN*

“For the second time in a week, suspected Hong Kong organized crime syndicates -- known better as triads -- have targeted the production of "Transformers: Age of Extinction" being filmed in the Chinese territory...”

## **Africa**

### **[Congo army says it captured rebel stronghold; peacekeeper killed](#)**

*By Kenny Katombe and Chrispin Myano, Reuters*

“Government forces said they captured the rebel stronghold of Rutshuru on Sunday in a third day of fierce fighting in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo in which one U.N. peacekeeper was killed and another injured...”



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## **Europe**

### **[Moscow rally urges release of political prisoners](#)**

*Author/Source: Vladimir Isachenkov, The Jakarta Post*

“Several thousand opposition supporters marched through the Russian capital on Sunday to demand the release of people they consider political prisoners...”

## **US & Canada**

### **[Pentagon weighs future of its inscrutable nonagenarian futurist, Andrew W. Marshall Marshall](#)**

*Author/Source: Craig Whitlock, The Washington Post*

“Today, confronting a budget crunch, Pentagon leaders are contemplating whether Marshall and his think tank have outlived their usefulness, or need to be reined in...”

### **[NSA denies agency chief discussed Merkel operation with Obama in 2010](#)**

*Author/Source: Kevin Liptak, CNN*

“The NSA is denying a report in a German newspaper that the agency’s chief – Gen. Keith Alexander – had informed President Obama in 2010 about the monitoring of German Chancellor Angela Merkel’s phone...”

### **[High court test of surveillance law could be ahead](#)**

*Author/Source: Pete Yost, Rutland Herald*

“The Justice Department says for the first time that it intends to use information gained from one of the National Security Agency’s warrantless surveillance programs against an accused terrorist, setting the stage for a likely Supreme Court test of the Obama administration’s approach to national security...”

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

### **[Colombia Rebels Free American Hostage](#)**

*Author/Source: William Neuman, The New York Times*

“Colombia’s largest rebel group has released a United States citizen it held hostage for more than four months, Secretary of State John Kerry said Sunday in a statement from Washington...”