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### **Daily Terrorism Weather Online**

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#### **Middle East**

##### **Israelis defrauded of thousands of dollars in Gmail hack attack**

*Author/Source: Orr Hirschauge, Haaretz*

“Dozens of Israeli businessmen and women have recently been the victims of online fraud, with tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars stolen from their bank accounts, Israeli information-security experts say...”

##### **In Iraq, Sunni attacks spark Shiite calls to arms**

*Author/Source: Sinan Salaheddin, The Miami Herald*

“The wave of attacks by al-Qaida-led Sunni extremists that has killed thousands of Iraqis this year, most of them Shiites, is provoking ominous calls from Shiite leaders to take up arms in self-defense...”

##### **Suicide bombers kill 11 military, police in Iraq dinner attack-police**

*Author/Source: Reuters Online*

“Two suicide bombers killed at least 11 military and police officers and wounded 19 late on Tuesday by blowing themselves up outside a Sunni militia leader's house in northern Baghdad as he was hosting dinner...”

##### **Israel released 26 Palestinian Prisoners**

*Author/Source: Associated Press, CBS News*

“Israel freed 26 Palestinian prisoners early Wednesday, the second of four batches to be released as part of a deal that set in motion the current Israeli-Palestinian peace talks...”

##### **Yemen arrests 'dangerous' Al-Qaeda militant**

*Author/Source: France24 Online*

“Yemeni authorities arrested on Tuesday "one of the most dangerous" Al-Qaeda militants in the country's southeast, state news agency Saba reported...”

##### **Damascus, rebels coordinate to let 1,800 civilians flee siege**

*Author/Source: Reuters Online*

“A rare moment of coordination between the Syrian government and rebels enabled 1,800 civilians to flee a besieged town on the edge of Damascus on Tuesday, but thousands remain trapped with little food, water or medicine...”

##### **Assad: backing rebels must stop for peace to take place**

*Author/Source: AFP, al-Arabiya*

“Foreign support for Syrian rebels must stop for peace to take place in the war-battered country, President Bashar al-Assad told visiting U.N. Arab envoy Lakhdar Brahimi on Wednesday...”



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### **Muslim Brotherhood leader Essam el-Erian arrested in Cairo**

*Author/Source: Al-Arabiya Online*

“Senior Muslim Brotherhood leader Essam el-Erian was arrested on Wednesday in a Cairo suburb, in the latest crackdown against members of the Islamist movement...”

### **Central Asia**

#### **Tajikistan Confirms Reports Of Fighters In Syria**

*Author/Source: Radio Free Europe Online*

“Tajikistan's presidential spokesman has confirmed reports of Tajik citizens fighting on the side of opposition forces in Syria...”

### **Imran's party threatens to choke NATO supply routes**

*Author/Source: The Tribune Online*

“Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on Tuesday threatened to choke Nato supply routes to Afghanistan if the federal government fails to announce a schedule of talks with the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) by November 7...”

### **South Asia**

#### **As U.S. leaves Afghanistan, engineers safeguard roads**

*Author/Source: Charlie D'Agata, CBS News*

“They were just on their way to a wedding when the bomb ripped through their packed minibus. The explosion killed 18 Afghan villagers...”

### **East Asia**

#### **Ethnic summit could help build peace in nation: Myanmar president**

*Author/Source: Xinhuanet Online*

“Myanmar President U Thein Sein said Wednesday that the decision for future tasks adopted and agreements produced out of ongoing ethnic armed groups' summit in Laiza, northernmost Kachin state's border town, could help sign nationwide ceasefire accords with the government and lay down framework for political dialogue to build peace in the country, according to the President's Office...”

### **China Focuses on an Ethnic Minority in a Car Explosion**

*Author/Source: Andrew Jacobs, The New York Times*

“The Chinese authorities investigating a deadly episode near Tiananmen Square appeared Tuesday to focus on suspects from Xinjiang, the region in China's far west that has been the scene of increasingly violent resistance to Beijing's hard-line policies...”



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## **Africa**

### **[Uganda arrests peacekeepers over theft](#)**

*Author/Source: Associated Press, News 24*

“A Ugandan military spokesperson says at least 40 Ugandan soldiers previously deployed as peacekeepers in Somalia have been arrested over for allegedly stealing fuel and other supplies from the international mission...”

### **[Mozambique forces take 2nd Renamo base](#)**

*Author/Source: News24 Online*

“Mozambique troops have seized a second military base of the former Renamo rebels, the presidency said on Tuesday, as tit-for-tat attacks raise concerns of renewed conflict after two decades of peace in the country...”

### **[Niger: Kidnapped French Hostages Freed in Niger](#)**

*Author/Source: AllAfrica Online*

“France has said that four of its hostages held by al Qaeda's north African wing have been freed and are on their way home. Paris denied that it had either paid a ransom or launched a military assault to free them...”

### **[Tunisia arrests five suspects behind bombings](#)**

*Author/Source: AFP, Reuters, al-Arabiya*

”Tunisian security forces arrested on Tuesday five people suspected of plotting a suicide bombing that shook a tourist resort and a foiled attack on the tomb of independence leader Habib Bourguiba..”

## **Europe**

### **[Russia Finds Chinese Home Appliances Designed for Cyber Espionage](#)**

*Author/Source: Eduard Kovacs, Softpedia*

“Russian authorities have uncovered a shipment of Chinese home appliances that contain microchips designed for spying...”

## **US & Canada**

### **[Readout of the President’s Meeting with CEOs on Cybersecurity](#)**

*Author/Source: Office of the Press Secretary, Whitehouse.gov*

“The President met today with a group of CEOs from the information technology, financial services, and energy sectors to discuss our shared efforts to improve the cybersecurity of our nation's critical infrastructure...”

### **[Navy Launches New Stealth Destroyer](#)**

*Author/Source: Larry Shaughnessy, CNN, WLTX*

“The Navy's newest warship slipped out of dry dock this week into the waters of Maine, marking a new era for war fighting at sea...”



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

#### **[Colombia Pharmaceutical Trafficking 'Has 1,000% Profits Margins'](#)**

*Author/Source: Natalie Southwick, Insight Crime*

“The counterfeit pharmaceutical trade in Colombia could be as profitable as the illegal drugs market, according to Colombia's customs chief, illustrating how organized crime groups are taking advantage of a growing global enterprise thought to be worth billions of dollars...”

#### **[Ecuador Minister Acknowledges Presence of Foreign Drug Cartels](#)**

*Author/Source: Charles Parkinson, Insight Crime*

“A top official from Ecuador has publically acknowledged the presence of transnational criminal groups from Colombia and Mexico, but insisted the country is only used to transit drugs, despite evidence of growing drug production...”