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Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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Middle East

[Bomb attacks across Iraq kill at least 16](#)

Source: Reuters

“Bombs exploded across Iraq on Wednesday, killing at least 16 people, police and medical sources said...”

[Iraqi Leader Calls on U.S. to Help Fight Terrorist Threat](#)

Author/Source: Michael R. Gordon and Eric Schmitt, The New York Times

“Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri Kamal al-Maliki said on Thursday that Iraq once again faces a terrorist threat and that additional American weapons and intelligence are needed to roll it back...”

[White House official confirms Israeli attack on Syrian missile site in Latakia](#)

Source: Jerusalem Post

“An Obama administration official confirmed to CNN on Thursday that Israeli warplanes struck a military base near the Syrian city of Latakia...”

[Israel to build 1,500 new settlement homes in East Jerusalem](#)

Source: Al Jazeera America

“Israel has announced plans to build 1,500 new settlement homes in East Jerusalem, the part of the city occupied by Israel in 1967 but claimed by Palestinians, just hours after it freed 26 Palestinian prisoners as part of a deal to restart peace talks...”

[Syria has destroyed chemical weapons facilities, international inspectors say](#)

Author/Source: Michael Birnbaum

Syria has rendered its declared chemical weapons production facilities inoperable, the organization in charge of overseeing the nation’s chemical weapons disarmament said Thursday.

[Hundreds of Syrian refugees ‘denied entry into Jordan’](#)

Source: BBC News

“Hundreds of people fleeing the civil war in Syria are being turned back at the border with Jordan and neighbouring countries, says Amnesty International...”

Central Asia

[Twin bomb blasts rip through two shops in Dagestan](#)

Source: Euronews

“A double bomb blast in Dagestan has ripped through two shops selling alcohol in the capital Makhachkala in the volatile Russian republic...”



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South Asia

[Pakistani PM says talks with Pakistani Taliban are underway](#)

Source: Reuters

Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said on Thursday his country had started talks with the Pakistani Taliban to try to stop what he said was the killing of innocent people and members of the law enforcement agencies.

[Pakistan says drone strikes killed only 67 civilians since 2008](#)

Source: Al Jazeera America

“The Pakistani government released a report Wednesday that found only 67 (3 percent) of the 2,227 people it says were killed in U.S. drone strikes since 2008 were civilians -- a surprisingly low figure that has sparked criticism from groups that have investigated deaths from the attacks...”

[Clash between villages kills 3 in north Indian region hit by sectarian violence](#)

Source: Fox News

Clashes between two villages in a north Indian state have killed three people, just a month after sectarian violence between Hindus and Muslims left dozens dead and led hundreds of troops to deploy to the region.

[Accused marine believed Afghan ‘already dead’](#)

Source: BBC News

“A Royal Marine accused of shooting dead an injured insurgent in Afghanistan has told a court martial he believed the Afghan was dead at the time...”

[34 suspects held in various provinces: MoD](#)

Source: Pajhwok Afghan News

“As many as 34 suspected militants have been arrested during separate security operations in various provinces, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said on Thursday. A statement from the ministry said the suspects were detained by Afghan troops during operations in Paktia, Kandahar, Helmand and Farah province...”

[2 Czechs Kidnapped in Pakistan on Video Alive](#)

Source: ABC News

“A video of two Czech tourists who were abducted by gunmen as they were traveling on a bus through southwest Pakistan shows them both speaking and alive...”

East Asia

[Tiananmen crash: Xingiang security tightened](#)

Source: Celia Hatton, BBC News

“Security appears to have been increased in China's Xinjiang region, a day after police said they had detained five suspects over the Tiananmen crash...”



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Bomb threat forces plane to land in E China

Source: Xinhua

“A plane was forced to land in Nanchang City of east China's Jiangxi Province on Thursday because of a bomb threat, according to an airline statement...”

Strong Earthquake Hits Eastern Taiwan

Source: ABC News

“A strong earthquake hit eastern Taiwan on Thursday, shaking buildings over a wide area including the capital. There were no immediate reports of serious damage or casualties...”

Cambodia: On final day of UN-backed trial, former leaders deny war crimes charges

Source: UN News Centre

“Two of the surviving former leaders of Cambodia’s Khmer Rouge regime charged with mass killings during the 1970’s requested to be acquitted today, as closing arguments began at the United Nations-backed war crimes tribunal in the south-east Asian country...”

Ex-Jihadist Says Prison Best Place to Recruit New Terrorists

Source: The Jakarta Globe

“The Indonesian prison system is a fertile recruiting ground for terrorist organizations to find new recruits, a former jihadist said on Wednesday...”

Africa

Kenyan warplanes bomb Islamist camp in Somalia, military says

Source: CNN

Kenyan warplanes targeted an al-Shabab training camp today inside Somalia, according to military officials. The al Qaeda-linked Islamist group has been connected to the attack in a Nairobi mall last month where 67 people were killed.

Congo army says hunting rebels deep into mountain bases

Author/Source: Kenny Katombe

“Congo's army said on Thursday it was hunting rebels deep into forests and mountains along the border with Rwanda and Uganda, the last insurgent hideouts after they were driven from towns they held during a 20-month rebellion...”

Bodies of 87 migrants found in Niger desert along trafficking route

Source: Al Jazeera America

“The bodies of 87 migrants who died of thirst were found Wednesday in Niger's northern desert, Agence France-Presse reported. The discovery follows reports on Monday that at least 30 migrants who died of dehydration two weeks ago were found in the Sahara desert, after the vehicle they were traveling in had mechanical problems and left them stranded...”

Europe

Ex-NSA man Edward Snowden gets web job in Russia

Source: BBC News

“NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden has found a new job, his lawyer says. The former US spy agency contractor will work for a major private website in Russia, where he was granted asylum after fleeing the United States...”



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[NATO and Russia unveil bomb-detection system that works in crowds](#)

Source: Euronews

“Bomb detection that works at a distance and can pinpoint threats unobtrusively in masses of people: NATO, together with five of its biggest members plus Russia say they have developed a new system...”

[Russian banks strengthen ties with blacklisted Syrian lenders](#)

Author/Source: Thomas Grove, Reuters

Intent on supplying his government with arms, oil and food, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has turned to Russian banks to access world markets, and the lenders could open more doors to him, despite a risk of isolation from the U.S. banking system.

US & Canada

[N.S.A. Said to Tap Google and Yahoo Abroad](#)

Author/Source: Charlie Savage, Claire Cain Miller and Nicole Perlroth, The New York Times

“The National Security Agency and its British counterpart have apparently tapped the fiber-optic cables connecting Google’s and Yahoo’s overseas servers and are copying vast amounts of email and other information, according to accounts of documents leaked by the former agency contractor Edward J. Snowden...”

[‘Highly sophisticated’ drug tunnel found linking San Diego, Tijuana](#)

Author/Source: Cristy Lenz, CNN

“Investigators have shut down a newly-completed, "highly sophisticated" drug tunnel running under the border between San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said...”

[John McCain Threatens To Block Janet Yellen's Fed Confirmation To Get More Benghazi Details](#)

Author/Source: Ashley Alman, Huffington Post

“Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) is once again trying to leverage Senate approval of an Obama nominee to collect more information on the 2012 attack on U.S. facilities in Benghazi, Libya, that killed four Americans...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Gulf Cartel Boss Captured by Mexican Police in Cancun](#)

Source: Latina American Herald Tribune

“The suspected Gulf drug cartel boss in the Mexican Caribbean state of Quintana Roo was arrested by police in the resort city of Cancun, officials said. Miguel Angel Villarreal Barajas, who was allegedly involved in 10 murders, was arrested early Tuesday, the Quintana Roo Attorney General’s Office said...”



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Maritime

[US Company Negotiating With Pirates for Hostages Taken Off Nigeria](#)

Author/Source: Dana Hughes, Luis Martinez, and Josh Margolin

"A U.S. maritime company is negotiating the ransom for two American mariners kidnapped off the coast of Nigeria last week, U.S. government officials told ABC News..."