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Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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Middle East

Iraq ratifies cluster bomb treaty

Source: UPI

“The United Nations confirmed that Iraq ratified the Convention on Cluster Munitions, becoming the 83rd country to sign onto the treaty...”

Aharonovich condemns Wadi Ara 'price tag' attack

Source: The Jerusalem Post

“Public Security Minister Yitzhak Aharonovich condemned an apparent price tag incident in the Wadi Ara on early Tuesday morning, vowing that police will find those responsible for such nationally-motivated attacks...”

Satellite images show damage caused by alleged Syria strike

Source: The Jerusalem Post

“Satellite images obtained by Channel 2 and aired on Wednesday evening show damage caused to sites reportedly bombed by IAF planes in Syria earlier this month...”

Report: Assad to allow Hezbollah to attack Israel from Golan

Source: Haaretz

“Iran reportedly convinced President Bashar Assad to assist and supply Hezbollah in opening a new front against Israel from Syrian territory...”

Israel publicly warns Assad: If you attack us, we will topple your regime

Author / Source: Barak Ravid / Haaretz

“‘If Syrian President Assad reacts by attacking Israel...he will risk forfeiting his regime,’ a senior Israeli official told the New York Times on Wednesday...”

Palestinians clash with IDF forces in Jerusalem, West Bank on Nakba Day

Author / Source: Jack Khoury and Gill Cohen / Haaretz

“The 65th anniversary of Nakba Day was commemorated on Wednesday by Palestinians throughout Israel, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and the Palestinian diaspora...”

Several rockets from Syria land in Golan Heights

Source: UPI

“The Israeli military said several stray rockets from Syria landed in the Golan Heights Wednesday morning but no damage or injuries were reported...”

Palestinians in West Bank and Gaza mark ‘day of catastrophe’

Source: UPI

“Thousands of Palestinians gathered in West Bank and Gaza cities Wednesday to mark the 65th anniversary of Nakba Day or ‘day of catastrophe...’”



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[U.N. peacekeeping chief arrives in Beirut](#)

Source: UPI

“A relative sense of calm along a U.N.-demarcated boundary between Israel and Lebanon is a sign of multilateral support for peace, a U.N. official said...”

[U.N. General Assembly to vote on Syria resolution; Russia opposed](#)

Author / Source: Michelle Nichols / Reuters

“The U.N. General Assembly is set to vote on Wednesday on a draft resolution that condemns Syrian authorities and accepts the opposition Syrian National Coalition as party to a potential political transition...”

[Series of deadly bombings across Iraq](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Bombings in Iraq, including two car bombs in the northern city of Kirkuk, have killed at least 15 people and wounded 21 others, security and medical officials say...”

[Fighting erupts at Syria’s Aleppo prison](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Syrian troops backed by tanks and warplanes are fighting to repel an attack on the central prison in Aleppo after rebels blew up its walls in suicide car bombings, according to a watchdog...”

[Egypt judges suspend talks with president](#)

Source: Al Arabiya

“Egypt’s top judicial council has suspended talks with President Mohammed Mursi after a renewed push by Islamist lawmakers on a controversial bill that would remove thousands of senior judges...”

[Real target of Reyhanli car bombs was in Ankara, says Deputy PM](#)

Source: Daily News

“Investigations have revealed the real target of the recent attacks in Reyhanlı as Ankara, according to Deputy Prime Minister Beşir Atalay...”

[Head of accused group denies responsibility, blames Israel for Reyhanli bomb attack](#)

Author / Source: Ismail Saymaz / Daily News

“Former leader of the organization that was accused of the recent twin blasts that killed over 50 people in Reyhanlı, denied all accusations and claimed the incident was Israel’s work, according to daily Radikal...”

[Muslim groups plan protests on Mecca blast’s anniversary](#)

Source: The Times of India

“Amid high security in run-up to the sixth anniversary of the Mecca Masjid blasts on May 18, Muslim groups are gearing up to organise public meetings and stage protests to demand the implementation of the recommendations of the AP State Minorities Commission (APSMC)...”



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Central Asia

[Leaflets supporting Tsarnaev brothers posted in Kazakhstan](#)

Source: UPI

“Leaflets showing support for Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev have been put up in Kazakhstan, observers said...”

South Asia

[Afghanistan’s kochis: Nomads no more](#)

Author / Source: Ali M. Latifi / Al Jazeera

“As snow falls over the northern Kabul hillsides, a group of nomadic *kochis* in Afghanistan congregate at their simple, white mosque...”

[Front-Runner in Pakistan Offers Truce, and Flowers](#)

Source: The New York Times

“Pakistan’s former and future prime minister, Nawaz Sharif, visited his main political rival, Imran Khan, at a Lahore hospital on Tuesday, and Mr. Sharif later said both leaders had vowed to work together without acrimony...”

[Cyclone Mahasen threatens Bangladesh](#)

Source: BBC News

“Hundreds of thousands of people are being evacuated from coastal areas of Bangladesh threatened by Cyclone Mahasen...”

East Asia

[Land mines latest threat for Myanmar](#)

Source: UPI

“It’s likely the land mine contamination in parts of Myanmar is too extensive for mapping, an Asian director for Human Rights Watch said...”

[Lives in limbo: Displaced Muslims in Myanmar](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

On a sweltering Sunday afternoon, Roma Hattu was rolling around on the bare concrete floor of the abandoned single-story building her family shares with three others behind Thetkeyyin camp, breathing heavily and moaning...”

[5.7-magnitude quake hits New Britain region, Papua New Guinea: USGS](#)

Source: Xinhua

“An earthquake measuring 5.7 on the Richter scale jolted New Britain region, Papua New Guinea at 03:36:02 GMT on Wednesday, the U.S. Geological Survey said...”

[Thailand No. 9 in terror risk](#)

Source: Bangkok Post

“Thailand is the world’s ninth most-prone country to terrorist attacks, according to a ranking devised by a British-based firm specialising in risk management and terrorism insurance...”

[U.S. citizen Bae begins sentence in North Korea prison-state media](#)

Source: Reuters



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“A U.S. citizen began a 15-year hard labor sentence at a "special prison" in North Korea on Wednesday, for what authorities described as crimes against the state, North Korean state news agency KCNA said...”

Taiwan recalls Philippine envoy over shooting

Source: Al Jazeera

“Taiwan has recalled its ambassador to the Philippines and announced it has frozen the hiring of Philippine workers to protest against the killing of a Taiwanese fisherman, rejecting an apology over the incident as inadequate...”

Exclusive: Sanctions delay North Korea’s atom bomb work, U.N. says

Author / Source: Louis Charbonneau and Michelle Nichols / Reuters

“Increasingly tough financial sanctions, an arms embargo and other international restrictions on trade with North Korea have significantly delayed expansion of Pyongyang's illicit nuclear arms program, according to a confidential report by a U.N. panel of experts seen by Reuters on Tuesday...”

Two killed in Myanmar clash near China pipeline

Author / Source: Aung Hla Tun / Reuters

“Ethnic minority guerrillas in Myanmar attacked an energy company's compound killing two people and wounding three, media reported on Wednesday, the latest incident threatening to delay the opening of pipelines taking oil and gas to China...”

Suspicious Substance Disrupts U.S. Consulate in China

Source: The New York Times

“Staff members at the United States Consulate in the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou discovered a suspicious substance in an envelope on Monday, prompting the closing of some operations...”

Africa

Gunmen attack east Congo army base, at least 31 dead

Author / Source: Kinshasa / Reuters

“At least 31 people were killed when gunmen attacked an army base in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo on Wednesday, the military said, underlining the challenge facing a new U.N. intervention force in the territory...”

Nigeria declares ‘massive’ military campaign on borders

Source: BBC News

“Nigeria has announced a ‘massive deployment of men and resources’ to combat Islamist militants in the country's border territories...”

Date set for Mali presidential election

Source: News24

“Mali's interim leader says the country's presidential vote will take place on 28 July after months of speculation about the date...”

Confrontation looms as Tunisia moves on salafis



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Source: Al Arabiya

“Tunisia is taking a harder line on preaching by ultraconservative Muslim groups, a crackdown that has sparked demonstrations by rock-throwing protesters and ominous warnings of terrorist attacks to come...”

Guinea opposition to renew protests

Source: News24

“Guinean opposition leaders called on Tuesday for renewed protests next week, accusing President Alpha Conde of sabotaging UN-mediated talks aimed at ending the impasse over the organization of a parliamentary election...”

South Africa: SA Ready to Assist Zim With Vote

Author / Source: Jonisayi Maromo / allAfrica

“South Africa will provide financial assistance to cash-strapped Zimbabwe to hold elections, International Relations Deputy Minister Ebrahim Ebrahim said on Tuesday...”

Saudi ship owner paid pirates \$2.6m

Source: News24

“The Saudi owner of an Algerian cargo ship whose crew were held by Somali pirates for 10 months admitted paying \$2.6m to free them in November 2011, an Algerian paper reported on Tuesday...”

Kenyan’s protest Mp’s high pay

Source: News24

“Kenyan police fired teargas and water cannon outside parliament on Tuesday to disperse about 200 people demonstrating against lawmakers' demands for a salary 130 times the legal minimum wage...”

Europe

Russia fears attacks by rebels returning from Syria

Source: The Jerusalem Post

“Russia estimates that about 200 of its citizens are fighting alongside Syrian rebels and fears that they could carry out militant attacks once they return, the head of its main security agency said on Wednesday...”

France’s most wanted jihadist flies home

Source: France 24

“France’s most high-profile home-grown jihadist was flown into Paris on Tuesday following his capture by French forces in Mali two weeks ago...”

Azerbaijani Parliament Passes Controversial Internet Libel Law

Source: Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty

“Azerbaijan's parliament has legalized tighter Internet controls in a move the country's opposition groups fear could be used to curb online dissent...”

Region tackles unofficial border crossing points

Author / Source: Katica Djurovic / Southeast European Times



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“Mirko T, 42, from central Serbia has been crossing Serbia's borders with Macedonia, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) via illegal border crossings for the last seven years...”

Feeling Betrayed in north Kosovo

Author / Source: Guy De Launey / BBC News

“‘I'd kill him if I could,’ shouts the shopkeeper, cheerfully, in the main town of northern Kosovo...”

US & Canada

Four Jailed in Minnesota over al-Shabab recruitment

Source: BBC News

“Four men have been given prison sentences in the US state of Minnesota in connection with the recruitment of fighters for a Somali militant group...”

US navy launches carrier-borne drone

Source: Al Jazeera

“A drone the size of a fighter jet has taken off from the deck of an US aircraft carrier for the first time in a test flight that could eventually open the way for the US to launch unmanned aircraft from almost anywhere in the world...”

Report: Canada could see indigenous uprising

Author / Source: Chris Arsenault / Al Jazeera

“Living standards for indigenous people on par with ‘third world’ countries, buttressed by a large population of unemployed young men in a ‘warrior cohort’, and easy-to-target economic infrastructure, all mean Canada has conditions for a potential indigenous ‘insurgency...’”

Need to build secure software? Free help is online.

Author / Source: William Jackson / GCN

“Agencies whose training budgets have been stretched by funding cuts now have access to a free online course on the basics of secure software development...”

U.S. Cyber Command Head General Alexander To Keynote Black Hat USA 2013

Source: Dark Reading

“Major information security event Black Hat has announced that General Keith Alexander -- Commander, U.S. Cyber Command/Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service (NSA/CSS) -- will present the Day One keynote address at Black Hat USA 2013 in Las Vegas this July...”

New Algorithm Lets SCADA Devices Detect, Deflect Attacks

Author / Source: Kelly Jackson Higgins / Dark Reading

“Researchers have built a prototype that lets SCADA devices police one another in order to catch and cut off a fellow power plant or factory floor device that has been compromised...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

6 men shot dead at car lot in Mexico

Source: FOX News

“A gang of assailants armed with assault rifles drove up to a northern Mexico car lot and shot



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to death six men...”

[Columbia Rolls Out Flight Simulator for Drones](#)

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Colombian authorities presented the country’s first domestically produced flight simulator for training operators of unmanned drones...”

[Colombia government, FARC guerrillas resume peace talks optimistic about reaching deal on land](#)

Source: FOX News

“Representatives of Colombia's government and largest rebel army have resumed peace talks in the Cuban capital...”