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Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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Middle East

[Al Nusrah Front's Emir to be Added to US Terrorism List](#)

Author/Source: Bill Roggio, The Long War Journal

“The US State Department will add Sheikh Abu Muhammad al Julani, the emir of al Qaeda's affiliate in Syria, to the list of Specially Designated Global Terrorists in a decision to be announced formally tomorrow...”

[MKs to Talk Iran, Syria at NATO Parliamentary Assembly](#)

Author/Source: Yahav Harkov, Jerusalem Post

“Three MKs headed to Luxembourg to represent Israel in a NATO Parliamentary Assembly discussion on developments in the Middle East Thursday...”

[Palestinian Group Lay Claim to Rocket Fire in Golan](#)

Source: The Jerusalem Post

“An unknown Palestinian group, the Abdul Qader al-Husseini brigades, on Thursday claimed responsibility for firing rockets at an Israeli observation point in the Golan Heights to mark Nakba Day...”

[State Seeks Approval of Four West Bank Outposts](#)

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Author/Source: Tovah Lazaroff, The Jerusalem Post

“The state is looking to authorize four West Bank outposts, including Givat Assaf that had been slated for demolition, according to a response it submitted Tuesday to the High Court of Justice as part of an ongoing Peace Now petition...”

[Deadly Bombings Strike Iraqi Cities](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Bombings in the Iraqi cities of Kirkuk and the capital Baghdad have killed at least 38 people and wounded more than 120, security and medical officials say...”

[UN Condemns Syrian Government for Violence](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“The UN General Assembly has voted to pass a resolution condemning the Syrian government for human rights violations and call for a transitional government...”

[Gaza on High Alert After Kidnappings in Sinai](#)

Source: The Jerusalem Post

“Gaza's Interior Ministry on Thursday announced a state of alert along its border with Egypt after unknown militants kidnapped seven Egyptian security officials and police officers in Sinai, Palestinian news agency Ma'an reported...”

[Order for Reyhanlı Blasts Comes from Mukhabarat Commander](#)

Source: Today's Zaman



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“The order for the bloody attack in the Reyhanlı district in southern Hatay province, which left 51 people dead and dozens more wounded, came from a commander of the Syrian Mukhabarat intelligence agency and the attack was carried out by a Turkish terrorist, according to police sources...”

[Syria Conflict: BBC Shown 'Signs of Chemical Attack'](#)

Source: BBC News

“A BBC correspondent who visited the northern town of Saraqeb was told by eyewitnesses that government helicopters had dropped at least two devices containing poisonous gas...”

[Assad Regime to Refuse 'Dictate' at Peace Meet](#)

Source: Arab News

“The Syrian regime and its allies will refuse any “dictate” at an international peace conference, particularly concerning the departure of President Bashar Assad, a minister said...”

[Kidnapped Red Cross Workers Released in Yemen](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Three Red Cross workers who were kidnapped by armed men in the southern Yemeni province of Abyan have been safely released, the organisation has said...”

[Security Forces Kidnapped in Egypt's Sinai](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“A group of unidentified gunmen have kidnapped seven Egyptian security officers in the Sinai Peninsula, near the border with Israel, security and Bedouin sources have said...”

[Islamist Rebels Execute 11 Syrian Soldiers for "Massacres"](#)

Source: Reuters

“Fighters of the al Qaeda-linked Nusra Front in Syria executed 11 men they accused of taking part in massacres by President Bashar al-Assad's forces, a video published on Thursday showed...”

Central Asia

[Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan Agree on Centre for Emergency & Disaster Risk Reduction](#)

Source: Kabar

“Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan will sign agreement on the establishment of the Emergency and Disaster Risk Reduction Centre on May 17...”

[Kazakhstan Ratifies Agreement with Russia on Military Technical Cooperation](#)

Source: Kazinform

“President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev has signed the law "On ratification of Agreement between the Government of Kazakhstan and the Government of Russia on development and implementation of programs in the sphere of military technical cooperation”...”

[Russia Wants Ayni Airfield to be Part of its Military Base in Tajikistan](#)

Source: Asia-Plus



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“According to an article posted on the website of the Russian newspaper *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* (Independent Newspaper), Russia has drafted an agreement on including the Ayni airfield in its military base in Tajikistan...”

South Asia

[ANP's Mandate Snatched Through Terrorism, Says Asfandiyar](#)

Source: Dawn

“Awami National Party (ANP) Chief Asfandiyar Wali Thursday accepted the election results and said his party was defeated in the May 11 polls because its mandate was snatched through terrorist activities...”

[Pakistan Says Controversy over Border Post with Afghanistan Resolved](#)

Source: Xinhua

“Pakistan said on Thursday that the conflict with Afghanistan over construction of a border post has been resolved...”

[YouTube Ban: LHC to Wait Three Weeks for Google's Reply](#)

Author/Source: Rana Tanveer, The Express Tribune

“The Lahore High Court (LHC) Justice Mansoor Ali Shah while hearing a petition challenging the ban on YouTube on Thursday, adjourned hearings till June 6 on the request of the Ministry of Information Technology...”

[Afghan President Hamid Karzai to Visit India](#)

Source: The Times of India

“Afghan president Hamid Karzai will pay a three-day official visit to India from May 20 to hold wide-ranging discussions with Indian leaders, the Afghan ambassador said Thursday...”

[Suicide Bombing Kills Two in Afghanistan Town](#)

Source: Xinhua

“A suicide bomber blew himself up in Sarobi district of Paktika province, 155 km south of Kabul on Thursday, killing himself and a civilian and wounding six others, police said...”

[Suicide Bomber Targets Troops in Afghanistan](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“At least 15 people have been killed and 37 others injured after a suicide bomber attacked a convoy of foreign military vehicles in Kabul, police said...”

[Balochistan Scene: Protests Continue to Rage Against Election Results](#)

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Author/Source: Mohammad Zafar, The Express Tribune

“A gaggle of protest rallies and sit-ins coupled with demands for re-elections dominated the post-election scene in Balochistan, with few candidates willing to concede their electoral losses...”

[CPN-M Cadres, Cops Clash in Nepal](#)

Source: The Himalayan Times

“Surkhet police today arrested eight CPN-Maoist cadres along with its central member Bharat



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Bam for trying to disrupt an integrated mobile camp at Jahare of Maintada VDC in Surkhet...”

JI-PTI Coalition: Jamaat-e-Islami to Get 3 K-P Ministries

Author/Source: Ali Usman, Hassan Ali, The Express Tribune

“Jamaat-e-Islami (JI), which has secured seven seats in the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Assembly, announced on Wednesday that it will be joining forces with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf to form a coalition government in the province...”

Blast in North Waziristan Kills Four

Source: The Express Tribune

“A blast in the weapons market of Mir Ali Bazaar, North Waziristan killed four, reported *Express News* on Thursday...”

Gunmen Kill Two NATO Drivers in Pakistan: Officials

Source: The Express Tribune

“Gunmen on Thursday opened fire on Nato supply trucks passing through northwest Pakistan near the Afghan border, killing two drivers, local officials said...”

CCTV Footage of Karachi Election Day Blasts Released

Source: The Express Tribune

“The CCTV video footage of two Karachi blasts that hit the city on election day was released on Thursday...”

Dialogue Offer: Taliban Offer Ceasefire To New Government

Author/Source: Tahir Khan, The Express Tribune

“The Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), the outlawed umbrella of militant groups blamed for most violence in the country, said late Wednesday that they do not rule out a ‘ceasefire’ if the new government ‘shows seriousness’ to their dialogue offer...”

Southeast Asia

Four Added to Amlu Terrorist Blacklist

Source: The Bangkok Post

“The Anti-Money Laundering Office has added four more names to its blacklist of Thai terrorists under the law on prevention and suppression of money-laundering and financial support for terrorism, Amlu secretary-general Seehanart Prayoonrat said on Wednesday...”

Nephew of Ba’asyir ‘Supplies Weapons to Terrorists’

Source: The Jakarta Post

“The National Police’s Densus 88 counterterrorism unit arrested Nu’aim Ba’asyir, nephew of firebrand cleric Abu Bakar Ba’asyir, for allegedly supplying weapons to terrorists...”

Police Arrest 14 People After Clash with Students

Source: The Jakarta Post

“The Medan City Police arrested 14 people on Thursday thought to be involved in a clash between police officers and students from Nomensen HKBP University on Wednesday evening...”



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Police Arrest Two Terror Suspects in Solo, Seize Bomb Material

Source: The Jakarta Globe

“The National Police Anti-Terror Unit (Densus 88) on Thursday arrested two men in Solo, Central Java, with alleged links to a terror network targeted in recent raids and seized bomb-making material, machetes and swords, an official said...”

Villager Slain in Pattani

Source: The Bangkok Post

“A villager was killed in a drive-by shooting in Pattani’s Nong Chick district on Wednesday night, police said...”

Two Dead, Hundreds Displaced in C. Philippine Clash

Source: Xinhua

“Two people died, while hundreds were displaced in renewed fighting between government soldiers and leftist rebels in the central Philippine province of Negros Oriental, a military official said Thursday...”

East Asia

Bomb Threats Delay Chinese Flights

Source: The Bangkok Post

“China Eastern Airlines Corp and two other Chinese airlines received bomb threats directed against their domestic flights on Wednesday, causing them to abort some services...”

Taiwan Holds Naval Drill Amid Row with Manila

Source: Al Jazeera

“Taiwan's military has conducted a naval drill in waters between Taiwan and the Philippines, close to the spot where Filipino coast guard personnel opened fire on a Taiwanese fishing vessel last week, killing a 65-year-old-crew member...”

Africa

France's First Lady Visits Mali's War-Torn North

Source: Naharnet

“France's first lady Valerie Trierweiler began a tour of Mali on Thursday with a visit to Gao, one of several northern cities liberated by a French-led military operation against an Islamist occupation...”

Mahamat Djibrine: Chadians Hail Ex-Police Chief's Arrest

Source: BBC News

“Mr Djibrine is accused of torturing and killing hundreds of opposition activists in the 1980s...”

Liberia: Ex-LURD General, Others Indicted for 'Terroristic Threats'

Source: Heritage

“The Grand Jurors for Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, have indicted defendants Habasi Donzo, Care Taker and three others to be identified for the crime of 'Terroristic Threats', a felony of the third degree...”



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[Protesters Close Libyan Oil Terminal, Halt Exports](#)

Author/Source: Esam Mohamed, The Associated Press

“Protesters and disgruntled job seekers forced the closure of an eastern Libyan oil terminal on Wednesday for the second time in six months, disrupting exports, said an oil ministry official...”

[US Aid Worker Kidnapped in Northern Kenya](#)

Author/Source: Zadock Angira, Daily Nation

“An American aid worker was kidnapped on Tuesday as she was travelling from Garissa to Habaswein in northern Kenya...”

[Deadly Attack on Benghazi Police Station](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“At least one person has been killed in an overnight attack on a police station in Libya's eastern city of Benghazi, police say...”

[Tensions Simmer in South Somali Region](#)

Source: News 24

“A warlord in southern Somalia's Jubaland region has declared himself "president" of the region, leaders said on Thursday, shortly after the election of another militia commander to the post...”

[U.S. Instructors to Train African Troops for Mali in Niger](#)

Source: Reuters

“U.S. military instructors in Niger will train African forces participating in a U.N.-backed offensive against al Qaeda-linked Islamist militants in neighboring Mali, senior military officers said on Thursday...”

[UN Envoy Says CAR in 'State of Anarchy'](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“The Central African Republic (CAR) has collapsed into "a state of anarchy" and the UN Security Council must impose sanctions and mandate a neutral security force to restore order, a UN envoy has said...”

['Massive' Troop Deployment in Nigeria](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Nigeria's military has announced a "massive" deployment of troops to its restive northeast to tackle armed group Boko Haram, after the president declared a state of emergency in the areas...”

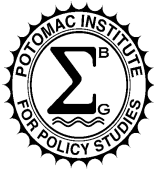
Europe

[France to Keep 1,000 Troops in Mali Indefinitely](#)

Source: The Telegraph

“During an official visit to London, Jean-Yves Le Drian suggested that France had an open-ended commitment to defend Mali from al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM)...”

[Al-Qaeda Threatens France with a Revenge for Mali and Gay Marriages](#)



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Source: Turkish Weekly

“Recently Dubai TV broadcast a written statement made by Abou Obeida Youssef Al-Annabi the head of the Leaders' Council of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb group, which called upon the Muslims to pay France back for its military operations against the Jihad fighters in Mali...”

[Russian Official Reports Another Heroin Haul in Moscow-Bound Train from Tajikistan](#)

Source: Asia-Plus

“Some 50 kilograms of heroin were found in the Dushanbe-Moscow train on Wednesday, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin told journalists in Moscow on May 15...”

US & Canada

[White House Releases Benghazi Emails](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“The White House has released more than 100 pages of emails detailing discussion inside the administration over last year's attacks on a US diplomatic compound in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi...”

[Man Who Lied in Somali Terrorism Case Gets 2 Years](#)

Author/Source: Amy Forliti, The Associated Press

“A man who admitted he lied before a grand jury investigating why young Somali men were leaving Minnesota to join a terrorist group in their homeland was sentenced Thursday to two years in prison...”

[Man Charged With Terrorism In Westland Bomb Threat](#)

Source: CBS Detroit

“A 37-year-old man has been charged terrorism in connection with this week's bomb scare at Westland City Hall...”

[Counter-Terrorism Leak Compromised an Informant, Sources Say](#)

Source: The Los Angeles Times

“The unauthorized disclosure of a counter-terrorism operation in Yemen last year compromised an exceedingly rare and valuable espionage achievement: an informant who had earned the trust of hardened terrorists, according to U.S. officials...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Dominican Arrested at Houston Airport for Importing Cocaine by Ingesting Pellets](#)

Source: The Latin American Herald Tribune

“A citizen of the Dominican Republic was arrested at the airport last Saturday for allegedly importing cocaine by ingesting 53 pellets of the drug, announced U.S. Attorney Kenneth Magidson, Southern District of Texas...”

[CBP, HSI Thwart Human Smuggling Attempt of Brazilians in Virgin Islands](#)

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) teamed up on Wednesday to thwart an attempt by human smugglers to sneak Brazilian nationals into the United States...”



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[Cartel Members Arrested for State Official's Murder in Mexico](#)

Source: Latin American Herald Tribune

“Four suspected Jalisco Nueva Generacion drug cartel members have been arrested for the March 9 murder of Jalisco Tourism Secretary Jose de Jesus Gallegos, Mexican prosecutors said...”