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### Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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#### **Middle East**

##### [Iraq violence kills 8, wounds dozens](#)

Author/Source: Mohammad Tawfeeq / CNN

“Baghdad (CNN) -- Explosions and gunfire across Iraq on Sunday killed eight people and wounded 27, authorities said. Gunmen opened fire in a Shiite neighborhood in northwestern Baghdad, killing three civilians and wounding one more . . .”

##### [Israel's Peres urges return to peace talks](#)

Author/Source: Al-Jazeera English

“Israeli President Shimon Peres has said that it is possible for Israelis and Palestinians to overcome differences and scepticism over peacemaking. He told reporters in Jordan on Sunday that it is time to restart serious negotiations and conclude a peace treaty that has long eluded the two sides in the conflict . . .”

##### [Hezbollah Areas in Beirut Are Hit](#)

Author/Source: Anne Barnard / The New York Times

“BEIRUT, Lebanon — Two rockets crashed into southern Beirut suburbs controlled by the militant Shiite group Hezbollah on Sunday, wounding four people. The attack, the first on the group’s Beirut stronghold since the hostilities in Syria broke out two years ago, raised anxieties here that the fighting next door was beginning to revive Lebanon’s own sectarian conflicts . . .”

##### [Arab League chief urges Hezbollah to stop fighting in Syria](#)

Author/Source: Reuters / Haaretz

“Arab League chief Nabil Elaraby on Sunday urged Lebanon's Shi'ite militant Hezbollah to stop fighting alongside government forces in Syria's civil war, after [two rockets hit](#) a Shi'ite Muslim district of Beirut . . .”

##### [Hezbollah leader vows to assist Assad victory](#)

Author/Source: News Wires / France 24

“The leader of Lebanese guerrilla movement Hezbollah said on Saturday his group would stay in the Syrian war “to the end of the road” and bring victory to its ally President Bashar al-Assad . . .”



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### [AQAP takes control of villages in eastern Yemen](#)

Author/Source: Bill Roggio / The Long War Journal

“Despite a Yemeni military offensive that began nearly one year ago and is backed by US drones, al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula is still able to seize and control territory. On Friday, AQAP took control of several villages outside of Hadramout's provincial capital of Mukallah . . .”

### [EIJ leader discusses Salafi jihadism in Sinai](#)

Author/Source: David Barnett / The Long War Journal

“In a recent interview with *Asharq al Awsat*, Nabil Naim, a leader in Egyptian Islamic Jihad (EIJ) and a former associate of Osama bin Laden and Ayman al Zawahiri, said that the kidnapers of seven Egyptian security personnel, who were released earlier this week, are linked to al Qaeda. Naim also provided information on the Salafi jihadists operating in the Sinai . . .”

### [Iran claims to field 'massive' number of missile launchers](#)

Author/Source: Fox News

“TEHRAN, Iran – Iran has fielded a "massive" number of new long-range missile launchers, state TV reported Sunday. The new weapon components delivered to Iranian military units would allow them to "crush the enemy" with the mass simultaneous fire of long-range surface-to-surface missiles, Defence Minister Gen. Ahmad Vahidi was quoted as saying . . .”

### [Israeli expert says Syria hackers tried to access Haifa's water system in failed cyberattack](#)

Author/Source: The Washington Post

“JERUSALEM — An Israeli security expert says Syrian hackers tried to break into the computers of the water system of the city of Haifa . . .”

## **Central Asia**

### [Female suicide bomber injures 18 in Russian region of Dagestan](#)

“A female suicide bomber blew herself up in the southern Russian region of Dagestan on Saturday injuring at least 18, including two children and five police officers, police said. The attacker was later identified as a widow of two Islamic radicals killed by security forces . . .”

## **South Asia**

### [Turkistan Islamic Party Touts Suicide Bombings in Afghanistan](#)

Author/Source: Bill Roggio / The Long War Journal

“The Turkistan Islamic Party, an al Qaeda-affiliated terror group, has released two videos over



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the past several months that glorify suicide attacks in Afghanistan. The group also identified several other fighters who were killed while fighting in Afghanistan . . .”

### **[Afghan intelligence thwarts major attack against Kandahar City](#)**

Author/Source: LWJ Staff / The Long War Journal

“Afghan National Directorate of Security (NDS) forces, following weeks of surveillance, intercepted a tractor laden with explosives in the Daman district of Kandahar province on May 25 . . .”

### **[15 attackers killed, 20 injured in Farah clash](#)**

Author/Source: Muhammad Humayoon Zaheen / Pajhwok Afghan News

“FARAH CITY (*PAN*): Fifteen Taliban fighters were killed and another 20 were wounded after they attacked police posts in the Purchaman district of western Farah province, an official said on Sunday . . .”

### **[19 insurgents killed in eastern Afghan operations](#)**

Author/Source: Xinhua

“KABUL, May 26 (Xinhua) -- Up to 19 insurgents have been killed in eastern Afghan provinces during operations started on Saturday, said the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) on Sunday . . .”

### **[Militant Attack on Checkpost in Bannu Injures Two Security Personnel](#)**

Author/Source: Zahir Shah Sherazi / Dawn.com

“PESHAWAR: Militants attacked a security checkpost in Bannu’s Janikhel area on Sunday injuring two security personnel deputed at the checkpost whereas security forces defused a bomb in Hangu district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa . . .”

### **[Maoist Attack Kills Dozens in India](#)**

Author/Source: Gardiner Harris and Hari Kumar / The New York Times

“NEW DELHI — Hundreds of Maoist guerrillas ambushed a convoy of top state political leaders in the Indian state of Chhattisgarh on Saturday and killed at least 27 people, including three leaders of the nationally dominant Indian National Congress Party . . .”

## **East Asia**

### **[China suicide bomber kills two in 'housing dispute'](#)**

Author/Source: BBC News

“A woman has blown herself up in protest over the demolition of her house in southern China, killing two people, Chinese state media say . . .”



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### **[Official: Clash that killed 14 Filipino marines and militants part of new US-backed offensive](#)**

Author/Source: Fox News

“At least 14 Philippine marines and Abu Sayyaf militants were killed in a clash in a new U.S.-backed offensive aimed at rescuing six foreign and Filipino hostages and stopping the al-Qaida-linked gunmen from staging more kidnappings in the country's south, a military commander said Sunday . . .”

### **[3 slain in South, new BRN video released](#)**

Author/Source: The Bangkok Post

“Three people were killed and another injured in four separate attacks in the violence-plagued deep South since Saturday night. Police are investigating whether the two drive-by shootings were carried out by the same assailants . . .”

### **[How North Korea Became A Hacking Superpower](#)**

Author/Source: Geoffrey Cain / Business Insider

“SEOUL, South Korea — This year, North Korea has been flaunting its nuclear hardware in an effort to extort concessions from the United States and South Korea. But the tactic has failed to provoke panic for one key reason: Officials doubt that Pyongyang would be stupid enough to start a nuclear war. While nukes are better seen than used, and thus of limited blackmail value, dictator Kim Jong Un possesses a quieter weapon that's more readily unleashed — and has already become a serious nuisance: cyber war . . .”

## **Africa**

### **[US seeks help in capturing Benghazi suspects](#)**

Author/Source: Zeina Khodr / Al-Jazeera English

“The US has appealed to armed groups in Libya for help in capturing five people suspected of taking part in last year's deadly attack on its consulate in Benghazi. The men were identified by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation this week, eight months after the incident that killed four Americans in the eastern Libyan city . . .”

### **[Kenya police kill wanted terrorist who plotted attacks in country, had links with al-Shabab](#)**

Author/Source: Fox Newx

“A Kenyan police official says the country's anti-terrorism police have killed a wanted terrorist and recovered a cache of weapons in the port city of Mombasa . . .”



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## Europe

### [French Soldier Stabbed in Throat Outside Paris](#)

Author/Source: Dawn.com

“PARIS: A French soldier was stabbed in the throat in a busy commercial district outside Paris on Saturday, and the government said it was trying to determine if there were any links to the brutal killing of a British soldier . . .”

### [French soldier's stabbing could be act of terrorism: minister](#)

Author/Source: NICHOLAS VINOCUR / Reuters

“The stabbing of a French soldier near Paris by a man who is still on the run bore the hallmarks of Islamist terrorism, the interior minister said on Sunday, and police said it may have been inspired by the murder of a British serviceman in London . . .”

### [Suspected killer of British soldier was held in Kenya](#)

Author/Source: Peter Griffiths and Drazen Jorgic / Reuters

“One of two men arrested over the murder of a British soldier in a London street was detained in Kenya in 2010 on suspicion of seeking to train with an al Qaeda-linked group in Somalia, Kenyan police said on Sunday . . .”

### [Collective efforts needed to counter new threats facing world community: Rasmussen](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua

“Terrorism, piracy, ballistic threats and cyber-attacks are among the new threats currently facing the world community, visiting NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said on Friday . . .”

## US & Canada

### [Wind Down the War on Terrorism? Republicans Say No](#)

Author/Source: Sheryl Gay Stoleberg / The New York Times

“Republican lawmakers on Sunday criticized President Obama’s vision for winding down the war on terrorism, using talk show appearances to accuse him of misunderstanding the threat in a way that will embolden unfriendly nations . . .”

### [Kerry Defends US Drone Programme as ‘Strict, Accountable’](#)

Author/Source: Dawn.com

“ADDIS ABABA: US Secretary of State John Kerry on Sunday defended America’s use of drones to hunt down wanted terror leaders, saying the pilotless planes are only used against confirmed targets and after much vetting . . .”



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**[Suspect Allegedly Linked to Terror Group Arrested in US](#)**

Author/Source: Xinhua

“A man was arrested in the U.S. on charges that he lied to get into the U.S. and tried to get a sensitive Defense Department position, U.S. media reported on Friday . . .”

**[GSA seeking industry feedback on cybersecurity](#)**

Author/Source: Marjorie Censer / The Washington Post

“The General Services Administration and the Pentagon are seeking industry’s feedback on how to incorporate cybersecurity standards into government buying requirements. The GSA’s request for information, issued earlier this month, stems from a February executive order meant to improve cyber protection for critical infrastructure . . .”

**South and Central America and the Caribbean**

**Maritime**