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### Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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#### **Middle East**

##### [Al-Qaeda Warns Riyadh of Retaliation over Executions](#)

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“The Saudi-Yemeni and North African branches of Al Qaeda have threatened to avenge Saudi Arabia’s execution of more than 40 militants...”

##### [U.S. Bombs Pile of ISIS Cash in Iraq](#)

*Author/Source: CBS News*

“A U.S. defense official says American airstrikes are chipping away at the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) cash piles...”

##### [Israeli Soldiers kill Three Palestinians in West Bank](#)

*Author/Source: Nidal a-Mughrabi, Reuters*

“Israeli soldiers shot dead three Palestinians in the occupied West Bank on Tuesday including one the military said had tried to stab a soldier, as four months of tensions simmered...”

##### [Israel Struggles to Combat Homegrown ISIS Threat](#)

*Author/Source: Shira Rubin, Military Times*

“Israeli authorities are increasing security measures in Arab communities as a growing number of Muslims are signing up to fight for the Islamic State group across Israel's northern border with Syria...”

##### [F-4 Phantom Fighter Jet Crashes in Iran, 2 Killed](#)

*Author/Source: RT*

“Two soldiers died when a military jet crashed in a south-eastern Iranian city while on a training mission, local media reported. The jet is thought to be an F-4 Phantom II bought by Tehran from the US...”

##### [Gunmen Attack Baghdad mall, Killing 10 and Taking Hostages](#)

*Author/Source: Susannah George, Arab New*

“Gunmen set off a car bomb at the entrance to a mall in mainly Shiite eastern Baghdad on Monday, killing at least 10 people and wounding 25 as the attackers raced inside and took hostages, Iraqi officials said...”

##### [States TV: US Sailors Released After Straying into Iran’s Water](#)

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“Iran's Revolutionary Guard said on Wednesday it had released 10 American sailors detained a day earlier, according to the Guards' statement broadcast on state television...”

##### [Iran Nuke Official Denies Key Reactor Dismantled](#)

*Author/Source: CBS News*

“Iran's deputy nuclear chief denying Tuesday a report that technicians had dismantled the core



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of the country's nearly finished heavy water reactor and filled it with concrete as part of Tehran's obligations under the nuclear deal with the West..."

### **[Kuwait Court Sentences Two to Death for Spying for Iran, Hezbollah](#)**

*Author/Source: Mahmoud Harbi, Reuters*

"A Kuwaiti court sentenced two men accused of spying for Iran and Hezbollah to death on Tuesday, a Reuters witness said. The case also included the possession of weapons. One of the men given the death penalty was an Iranian convicted in absentia, and the other was a Kuwaiti who was in court..."

### **[ISIS Burns Fighters Alive for Letting Ramadi Fall](#)**

*Author/Source: Hollie Mckay, Fox News*

"ISIS fighters who fled to the terror group's Iraqi stronghold of Mosul after being defeated in Ramadi were burned alive in the town square, sources told FoxNews.com, in an unmistakable message to fighters who may soon be defending the northern city from government forces..."

### **[Israel's First "ADIR" F-35 Fighter Jet On Its Way](#)**

*Author/Source: Ahuva Balofsky, Breaking Israel News*

"The head of Israel's defense delegation to the US, Aharon Marmarosh, has signed off on the first F-35 fighter jet, received from American military and defense company Lockheed Martin, *Israel National News* reported Sunday..."

### **[PM, President Turn Out to Welcome Israel's Newest Submarine](#)**

*Author/Source: The Times of Israel*

"Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, President Reuven Rivlin, Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon and Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Gadi Eisenkot attended the arrival of the German-built INS Rahav..."

## **Central Asia**

### **[Militant Leader Killed in Dagestan 'Anti-Terror' Raid](#)**

*Author/Source: Damien Sharkov, Newsweek*

"The head of a militant group in the North Caucasus region of Dagestan was shot and killed during a shootout with Russian counter-terrorism forces, Russian state news agency RIA Novosti reported on Monday..."

### **[Georgia Crackdown Worrisome, European Rights Group Says](#)**

*Author/Source: Voice of America*

"The Council of Europe told Georgia on Tuesday to improve its justice system, saying it was worried about allegations that authorities have been abusing the law to conduct..."

## **South Asia**

### **[China Joins Afghanistan, Pakistan, and US for Talks on Afghan Peace Process](#)**

*Author/Source: Shannon Tiezzi, The Diplomat*

"The Afghan peace process took a step forward on Monday, with Pakistan hosting four-nation talks trying to create a roadmap for restarting peace negotiations between the Afghan Taliban



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and the Afghan national government...”

### **[New York Times Reporter Live-Tweets Raid on Pakistan Home](#)**

*Author/Source: Lucy Westcott, Newsweek*

“The Pakistan correspondent for *The New York Times* found himself at the center of the news on Tuesday after he live-tweeted a raid on his Islamabad home by paramilitary Rangers...”

### **[Pakistan Army Officers Involved in Attack on India Consulate: Afghan Police](#)**

*Author Source: The Indian Express*

“Pakistani military officers were involved in the attack on the Indian Consulate in Mazar-e-Sharif in which assailants attempted to storm the mission building, a senior Afghan police official said on Tuesday...”

### **[Bangladesh Seeks Death Penalty for Islamist Convicted of War Crimes](#)**

*Author/Source: Ruma Paul, Reuters*

“The Bangladesh government on Tuesday filed a review petition with the Supreme Court seeking the death penalty for a top Islamist leader convicted of war crimes during the country’s independence war in 1971...”

### **[Thousands Protest in Thailand in Move to Shut Down Bangkok](#)**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“Thai opposition protesters have stepped up their rallies, with thousands gathering in seven major intersections in the capital in an attempt to shut down Bangkok to ultimately unseat Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra...”

## **East Asia**

### **[Korean-American Detained in North Korea was Pastor-Defector](#)**

*Author/Source: Ju-Min Park, Reuters*

“A Korean-American man who says he is being held in North Korea was a Christian pastor who had worked in China and the United States, a North Korean defector who met him and travelled with him...”

### **[North Korea Says it has Capacity to Miniaturize H-bomb](#)**

*Author/Source: Elizabeth Shim, UPI*

“North Korea said it has the capacity to miniaturize a hydrogen bomb and mount it on a long-range ballistic missile...”

### **[Philippine Court Allows Military Deal with US amid South China Sea Tension](#)**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“The Philippine Supreme Court on Tuesday declared a security deal with the United States constitutional, as anti-American protesters rallied outside, allowing an increased U.S. military presence in the former U.S. colony as tension rises in the South China Sea...”

## **Africa**

### **[Nigeria loses N78bn \(\\$391 million\) yearly to cyber crime](#)**



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*Author/Source: Africa news*

“Nigeria loses about N78 billion (\$391 million) yearly to cyber crime, the Minister of Communications, Adebayo Shittu, announced...”

### **Kony’s LRA Kidnaps Dozens of People in Central African Republic**

*Author/Source: Crispin Dembassa-Kette/The World Post*

“Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) rebels killed a villager and abducted dozens of others during two weekend raids in a remote diamond-producing area of Central African Republic, local residents and officials said on Tuesday...”

## **Europe**

### **France: Russia must halt Anti-Civilian Strikes**

*Author/Source: Arab News*

“France’s foreign minister said on Monday Syria and Russia must stop military operations against civilians and in particular put an end to suffering in the besieged city of Madaya just two weeks before peace talks are scheduled...”

### **Deadly Blast Rocks Central Istanbul Tourist Hot Spot**

*Author/Source: CBS News*

“A suicide bomber affiliated with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) detonated a bomb in a historic district of Istanbul popular with tourists Tuesday morning, killing at least 10 people -- nine of them German tourists -- and wounding 15 others...”

### **Head of Marseille Jews Urges Them not to Wear Kippas After Attack**

*Author/Source: Source Reuters*

“Jews in Marseille should avoid wearing the kippa in the streets, the head of the Jewish community in the southern French city said on Tuesday, a day after a teenager attacked and slightly injured a teacher...”

### **Swedish Foreign Minister Calls for Inquiry into Israeli Violence**

*Author/Source Johan Ahlander, Reuters*

“Swedish Foreign Minister Margot Wallstrom called on Tuesday for an investigation to determine whether Israel was guilty of extrajudicial killings of Palestinians during recent violence there, local media reported...”

## **US & Canada**

### **Ten Detainees Leaving Gitmo in Bulk Transfer Thursday, Defense Officials Say**

*Author/Source: Lucas Tomlinson, Fox News*

“The U.S. military is preparing a bulk transfer of 10 detainees on Thursday from its detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, two defense officials told Fox News...”

### **Two Mideast Refugees arrested on Terror Charges Appear in US Courts**

*Author/Source: Fox News*

“Two men born in Iraq who came to the U.S. as refugees had court dates in California and Texas Friday on terror-related charges, as investigators say one of the men wrote that he



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wanted to travel to Syria because he was "eager to see blood"..."

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

#### **How El Chapo tried to Escape During Raid on his Hideout**

*Author/Source: CBS News*

"A newly released mug shot of Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman shows the drug lord with his head and mustache shaved..."

#### **Venezuela's First Lady Says her Nephews were Kidnapped by U.S.**

*Author/Source: Diego Ore, Reuters*

"Venezuelan first lady Cilia Flores on Tuesday said two of her nephews who have been indicted on drug trafficking charges were kidnapped by U.S. authorities, her first comments on the case since their arrests sparked a scandal last year..."

#### **Three U.S. Aid Volunteers Die In Bus Crash in Honduras**

*Author/Source Latin America Herald Tribune*

"Three volunteers with a U.S.-based aid organization were killed and 30 others injured on Wednesday when their bus flipped over on a highway in southern Honduras..."