



POTOMAC INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR TERRORISM STUDIES
901 North Stuart Street Suite 200 Arlington, VA 22203
Tel. 703-562-4513, 703-525-0770 ext. 237 Fax 703-562-1000
icts@potomac institute.org www.potomac institute.org

Daily Terrorism Weather Online

30 March 2016

Middle East

[Air strikes target al Qaeda in Yemen, troops control Aden district](#)

Author/Source: Fawaz Salman, Reuters

“At least four suspected al Qaeda militants in southern Yemen were killed in what is believed to be a drone strike on Wednesday as unidentified warplanes bombed outposts held by the Islamist militant group further east, witnesses and local residents said...”

[Israel Polarized Over Soldier Who Killed Wounded Palestinian](#)

Author/Source: Isabel Kershner, The New York Times

“The case of the Israeli soldier who shot a Palestinian assailant in the head as he lay wounded and subdued on the ground is whipping up a public and political storm and posing a rare challenge to the military’s high command, usually the most popular body in the country...”

[Palestinian terror group launches dramatic video after IDF killing of injured stabber](#)

Author/Source: Russian Times

“A few drops of blood is just what tunnel fighters of the terror group Palestinian Islamic Jihad need to make them work harder, according to a new video. The dramatic footage is aimed at avenging the shooting death of a wounded Palestinian by an IDF soldier...”

[Islamic State ‘laid mines’ around Palmyra ruins](#)

Author/Source: Irish Times

“The Syrian forces that recaptured the historic city of Palmyra from Islamic State have encountered dozens of mines that the expelled militants laid as booby traps around treasured ancient ruins sites, Syria’s state media said...”

[Palestinian film claiming Israel digging under al-Aksa threatens to inflame tensions](#)

Author/Source: Maayan Groisman, Jpost

“A new Palestinian propaganda video that made rounds this week on the Internet claims that Israel has been excavating a network of tunnels underneath the western part of the Temple Mount complex, allegedly in order to "Judaize" the compound and build the third Temple...”

[Few new pledges at U.N. talks to resettle Syrian refugees](#)

Author/Source: Stephanie Nebehay, Reuters

“U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called on countries on Wednesday to re-settle nearly half a million Syrian refugees in the next three years, but only Italy, Sweden and the United States immediately announced plans to play a part...”

Central Asia

[Kerry calls for ‘ultimate resolution’ of Nagorno-Karabakh conflict](#)

Author/Source: Alexander Nemenov, Reuters

“U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry called on Wednesday for "an ultimate resolution" of the two-decade-old Nagorno-Karabakh conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia during talks with Azeri President Ilham Aliyev at the State Department...”



POTOMAC INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR TERRORISM STUDIES
901 North Stuart Street Suite 200 Arlington, VA 22203
Tel. 703-562-4513, 703-525-0770 ext. 237 Fax 703-562-1000
icts@potomac institute.org www.potomac institute.org

German Foreign Minister Steinmeier kicks off Central Asia tour in Uzbekistan

Author/Source: Darko Janjevic, Deutsche Welle

“Steinmeier started his four-day diplomatic tour by meeting with Uzbek Foreign Minister Abdulaziz Kamilov (pictured above) in Tashkent on Wednesday...”

South Asia

Pakistan Islamist protestors end four-day blasphemy protest

Author/Source: BBC

“Hard-line Islamist protesters who overran a security zone in Pakistan's capital dispersed after assurances the government had no plans to amend the blasphemy law, a minister says...”

Lahore Police kill five al Qaeda terrorists

Author/Source: Samiullah Randhawa, Pakistan Today

“At least five suspected terrorists affiliated with al Qaeda’s Afzal Group were killed in an encounter with security forces in Nawab Town area late on Tuesday night...”

\$86 million aircraft to combat drugs in Afghanistan doesn’t take off

Author/Source: Wesley Bruer, CNN

“The Drug Enforcement Administration and the Department of Defense spent more than \$86 million on an aircraft for counter narcotics efforts in Afghanistan that has "never actually flown in Afghanistan," according to a Department of Justice inspector general report...”

Hundreds of militants killed in military operation in Herat, Afghanistan

Author/Source: Storai Karimi, Albawaba

“A hundred militants have been killed and 110 others wounded during an operation in the Shindand district of western Herat province, local officials claimed on Wednesday...”

Sri Lanka shares rise on foreign buying, cbank rate move

Author/Source: Reuters

“Sri Lankan shares edged up on Wednesday from a two-week closing low hit in the previous session on buying led by foreign investors and following a central bank decision to keep key policy rates steady...”

3 policeman die, 6 injured in attack in south

Author/Source: Max Constant, Muslim News

“Three policemen have been killed and six injured in a brazen midday attack by Muslim insurgents in Thailand’s troubled south...”

Myanmar swears in new president ending 56 years of military rule

Author/Source: Tiffany Ap, CNN

“After 56 years of military junta rule, Myanmar has its first civilian president...”



POTOMAC INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR TERRORISM STUDIES
901 North Stuart Street Suite 200 Arlington, VA 22203
Tel. 703-562-4513, 703-525-0770 ext. 237 Fax 703-562-1000
icts@potomac institute.org www.potomac institute.org

East Asia

China's Big Three Airlines Take \$2.5 Billion Currency Hit

Author/Source: Clement Tan, Bloomberg

“China’s Big Three state-owned airlines combined suffered about \$2.5 billion in foreign-exchange losses last year after the country unexpectedly devalued the yuan in August, squeezing passenger yields and limiting profit gains from declining oil prices...”

North Korea keeps quiet on recent projectile launches

Author/Source: Elizabeth Shim, UPI

“North Korea has not publicly announced its most recent rocket launch because Pyongyang is wary of China's reaction...”

Africa

South Africa's top court to rule on Zuma home revamp

Author/Source: Reuters Africa

“South Africa's Constitutional Court will rule on Thursday on whether President Jacob Zuma should pay back some of the 240 million rand (\$15.6 million) spent by the state on renovating his private home, domestic media reported...”

France to end Central African Republic military mission in 2016

Author/Source: France 24

“France will end its military intervention in the Central African Republic this year as it has achieved its objectives of restoring security to the country after three years of communal violence, the French defence minister said Wednesday...”

Ebola in West Africa no longer global emergency, WHO report

Author/Source: Catharine Paddock, Medical News Today

“The Ebola crisis in West Africa no longer poses a global public health threat, although countries must remain vigilant and make sure they can respond rapidly to flare-ups...”

Europe

Turkey, Greece scramble to start EU deal as migrant arrivals rise

Author/Source: Yulay Karadeniz, Dasha Afanasieva, Reuters

“Five days before Turkey is due to begin taking back illegal migrants from Greece under a deal with the European Union, neither side is fully ready, with officials scrambling to be able to make at least a symbolic start as new arrivals rise...”

Francois Hollande forced to abandon anti-terror bill

Author/Source: Anne-Sylvaine Chassany, Financial Times

“French president François Hollande has abandoned a constitutional bill meant to toughen up France’s response to homegrown terrorism after failing to win support in parliament...”



POTOMAC INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR TERRORISM STUDIES
901 North Stuart Street Suite 200 Arlington, VA 22203
Tel. 703-562-4513, 703-525-0770 ext. 237 Fax 703-562-1000
icts@potomac institute.org www.potomac institute.org

US & Canada

[U.S. says it will not recognize South China Sea exclusion zone](#)

Author/Source: Andrea Shalal, Reuters

“The United States has told China it will not recognize an exclusion zone in the South China Sea and would view such a move as "destabilizing," U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert Work said on Wednesday...”

[Obama could decide on greater troop presence in Iraq soon: general](#)

Author/Source: Gary Cameron, Reuters

“President Barack Obama will have the chance to decide on whether to increase the number of U.S. forces in Iraq in the "coming weeks," the top U.S. general said on Wednesday...”

[U.S. to deploy armored brigade combat teams to Europe](#)

Author/Source: Jonathan Ernst, Reuters

“The U.S. military said on Wednesday that it would deploy rotations of U.S.-based armored brigade combat teams to Europe, part of a wider effort to counter what the United States sees as Russian aggression on the continent...”

[U.S., France, Britain and Germany Urge UN Action Against Iran Over Missile Tests](#)

Author/Source: Haaretz

“The United States and three allies called for a UN Security Council meeting to respond to Iran's recent ballistic missile tests which they say were carried out in defiance of a UN resolution...”

[Supreme Court: Feds Can't Seize Untainted Assets Needed For Legal Fees](#)

Author/Source: Nina Totenberg, NPR

“The U.S. Supreme Court said Wednesday that the federal government cannot, before trial, seize the assets of the accused if those assets are unrelated to the crime and are needed to pay a defense attorney...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Sex trafficking 'staggering in illegal Latin American gold mines](#)

Author/Source: Anastasia Moloney, Reuters

“The scale of sex trafficking around illegal gold mines in parts of Latin America is "staggering," and thousands of people working there are prey to labor exploitation by organized crime groups, a think-tank said on Wednesday...”

[Dominican capital hosts conclave Latin America, Caribbean foreign ministers](#)

Author/Source: Dominican Today

“Dominican Republic will host the 10th Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) starting Wednesday, in addition to the 17th Meeting of National Coordinators, both events to be held in the Sheraton and Jaragua hotels...”



POTOMAC INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR TERRORISM STUDIES
901 North Stuart Street Suite 200 Arlington, VA 22203
Tel. 703-562-4513, 703-525-0770 ext. 237 Fax 703-562-1000
icts@potomacinstitute.org www.potomacinstitute.org

[Argentina's northern shelf Falkland Islands maritime expansion](#)

Author/Source: Charlotte Krol, Telegraph

“Argentina has claimed a boost in its dispute with Britain over the Falkland Islands, saying a UN commission endorsed an extension of its maritime territory. Britain and Argentina fought a war in 1982 over the British-governed islands, known as Las Malvinas in Spanish, which claimed the lives of 649 Argentine soldiers, 255 British soldiers and three islanders...”