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### Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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#### **Middle East**

##### [Hobby Lobby fined \\$3 million for smuggled Iraqi artifacts](#)

*Author/Source: Derek Hawkins, The Washington Post*

“The arts-and-crafts retailer Hobby Lobby has agreed to pay a \$3 million fine for illegally importing thousands of ancient Iraqi clay artifacts smuggled into the United States, federal prosecutors said Wednesday...”

##### [India, Israel expand cooperation from defense to science, agriculture and technology](#)

*Author/Source: Saheli Roy Choudhury, CNBC*

“Defense ties have long underpinned Indian-Israeli relations, but a string of deals signed this week reflected wider cooperation that could benefit Indian companies seeking advanced technologies and could pave the way for Israeli firms to access millions of consumers...”

##### [Global inquiry aims to report on Syria sarin attack by October](#)

*Author/Source: Ellen Francis, Reuters*

“An international inquiry aims to report by October on who was to blame for a deadly sarin gas attack in Syria in April, the head of the probe said on Thursday, as he appealed for countries to back off and stop telling investigators how to do their work...”

##### [US will use 'police in a box' to secure Iraq](#)

*Author/Source: Travis J. Tritten, Washington Examiner*

“The U.S.-led coalition in Iraq has come up with a plan to keep the peace in the war-torn country after the military defeat of ISIS: A "police presence in a box" manned by Iraqi police officers ...”

##### [Iraqi Commanders Say ISIS Fighters in Mosul Are Using Their Own Children as Human Shields](#)

*Author/Source: Susannah George, Time*

“Iraqi commanders say female Islamic State (ISIS) militants are firing on their forces and using children as human shields as the extremist group defends its last sliver of Mosul's Old City...”

##### [Turkish Police Detain Activists on Suspicion of Terrorist Affiliations](#)

*Author/Source: Aria Bendix, The Atlantic*

“Ten people, including the local director of Amnesty International, are being detained across various police stations in Istanbul after Turkish police forcibly removed them from a human-rights workshop on Wednesday morning...”



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## Central Asia

### [Deaths of Azerbaijan villagers brings new all-out war fears](#)

*Author/Source: Aida Sultanova, The Miami Herald*

“At the spot in an Azerbaijani front-line village where a woman and her 16-month-old granddaughter died this week in shelling, a few residents were gathered to mourn ...”

## South Asia

### [Pakistan should act against Haqqani network or face sanctions: US](#)

*Source: The Economic Times*

“US Senator John McCain has issued a stern warning to Pakistan's civilian and military leaders to act against the Haqqani Network if Islamabad intends to remain a close ally of Washington ...”

### [U.S. Is Now Waiting Days to Announce Deaths In Afghanistan](#)

*Author/Source: Courtney Kubej, NBC*

“The commanding general of the war in Afghanistan has ordered the U.S military there to wait to announce when an American service member has died until days after the incident, breaking with a policy that dates back to Vietnam...”

### [China says India is violating Sikkim territorial agreement with 'very serious' border incursion](#)

*Source: ABC*

“India is violating an 1890 border agreement between Britain and China that previous Indian governments pledged to uphold, Beijing has said, adding that the treaty must be respected to end what it sees as a "very serious" incursion by India...”

## Southeast Asia

### [Philippines' Duterte says he will never talk to 'terrorists'](#)

*Author/Source: Karen Lema, Reuters*

“Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said on Thursday he did not initiate dialogue with Islamist militants occupying a southern town because he would never talk to criminals and terrorists ...”

### [Malaysia, Indonesia Muslim groups call for Starbucks boycott](#)

*Source: Chicago Tribune*

“Muslim groups in Malaysia and Indonesia have called for a boycott of Starbucks because of the coffee chain's support for LGBT rights ...”

### [Philippines police push for Muslim ID cards as counter-terrorism measure](#)

*Author/Source: Oliver Holmes, The Guardian*

“Police from a region in the majority-Christian Philippines are considering issuing mandatory identification cards to thousands of Muslims living there – a proposal Human Rights Watch condemned as ‘collective punishment’ ...”



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## **East Asia**

### **[China wary as US, India and Japan prep for Malabar naval drills](#)**

*Author/Source: Tyler Hlavac*

“The U.S., India and Japan are gearing up for trilateral Malabar naval drills next week amid reports of increased Chinese activity in the Indian Ocean...”

### **[ICBM Launch Doesn't Bring US, North Korea Closer to War: Mattis](#)**

*Author/Source: Richard Sisk*

“Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Thursday that the U.S. military was ready to meet North Korea's new ICBM threat but war on the peninsula was not an immediate option...”

### **[Japan, South Korea, U.S. demand greater Chinese effort on N.Korea](#)**

*Author/Source: Thomas Escritt and Paul Carrel, Reuters*

“Japan, the United States and South Korea agreed on Thursday to push for China to play a larger role in reining in North Korea's nuclear ambitions, a Japanese official said on the eve of a summit of the Group of 20 economic powers...”

## **Africa**

### **[Al-Shabab Attack on Kenya Police Post Kills 3 Officers](#)**

*Author/Source: Mohammed Yusuf, VOA*

“Al-Shabab militants attacked a police post Wednesday on Kenya's coast, sparking a day-long gun battle that killed three officers and injured a fourth, according to police officials ...”

### **[US Airstrike Hits al-Shabab Militants in Somalia, 2nd Attack in 3 Days](#)**

*Author/Source: John Vandiver, Military.com*

“U.S. forces targeted a mass of Islamic militants in Somalia on Tuesday in a self-defense airstrike that marks the second American attack in less than a week in the war-torn country...”

## **Europe**

### **[Manchester Attack: Others May Still Be at Large, Say U.K. Police](#)**

*Source: NBC*

“The attacker who bombed an Ariana Grande concert in Manchester wasn't part of a large network, but other people involved in the crime may still be at large, a senior police officer said Thursday...”

### **[Massive cyber-attack could cost Nurofen and Durex maker £100m](#)**

*Author/Source: Angela Monaghan, The Guardian*

“Some of the world's biggest companies are counting the cost of lost business following last week's ‘NotPetya’ ransomware cyber-attack, with Nurofen maker Reckitt Benckiser taking an estimated £100m hit in revenue...”

### **[Belgium manhunt as Brussels raids prompt fears of attack](#)**

*Source: BBC*

“The federal prosecutor said that an attack could not be ruled out if further suspects felt



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## **US & Canada**

### **[Canada pays \\$10.5 million to al-Qaida linked former Guantanamo Prisoner](#)**

*Source: Jerusalem Post*

“Canada paid a settlement of C\$10.5 million (\$8.1 million) to former Guantanamo Bay inmate Omar Khadr...”

### **[Bomb squad investigates 'suspicious truck' at Hanscom Air Force Base](#)**

*Source: ABC*

“Authorities called in a bomb squad to Hanscom Air Force Base in Massachusetts after discovering potentially explosive material inside a moving truck there Thursday morning...”

### **[Hackers Are Targeting Nuclear Facilities, Homeland Security Dept. and F.B.I. Say](#)**

*Author/Source: Nicole Perlroth, New York Times*

“Since May, hackers have been penetrating the computer networks of companies that operate nuclear power stations and other energy facilities, as well as manufacturing plants in the United States and other countries...”

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

### **[F-15 jets escort Cuba-bound Canadian aircraft to Montreal due to 'unruly customer making non-specific threats'](#)**

*Author/Source: Karma Allen, ABC*

“Two NORAD F-15 fighter jets intercepted a Cuba-bound aircraft operated by Canada's Sunwing Airlines in upstate New York Thursday night, and escorted it back to Montreal after a passenger made "non specific threats" on board the Boeing 737 aircraft, the airline said...”