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### Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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#### **Middle East**

##### [U.S.-Backed Forces Breach Wall Around ISIS-Held Raqqa in Syria](#)

*Author/Source: NBC News*

“U.S.-backed forces in Syria have breached the wall around Raqqa's Old City, the U.S. military said on Tuesday, marking a major advance in the weeks-old battle to drive ISIS militants out of their self-declared capital...”

##### [Laptop Ban: Trump Order on U.S. –Bound Flights to Lift on July 5, Turkey Says](#)

*Author/Source: Jack Moore, Newsweek*

“The laptop ban on incoming U.S. flights from Turkey is to be lifted on Wednesday, according to the country's transportation minister...”

##### [India's Modi Goes to Jerusalem: A Rundown of India's Hefty Arms Deals With Israel](#)

*Author/Source: Gili Cohen, Haaretz*

“Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to sign an agreement to purchase more weapons systems during his visit to Israel on Tuesday, Indian media outlets have reported...”

##### [Saudi Arabia to allow temporary Iran consulates during hajj](#)

*Author/Source: Times of Israel*

“Iran will be allowed to set up temporary consulates in Saudi Arabia during the hajj pilgrimage despite the absence of diplomatic ties between the two rivals, the foreign ministry in Tehran said Tuesday...”

##### [Iran's Khamenei urges formation of policy on oppression of Muslims in Kashmir](#)

*Author/Source: Dawn*

“Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei on Monday urged his country's judiciary to extend support to "oppressed" Muslims in Kashmir, news agency IRNA reported...”

#### **Central Asia**

##### [Uzbekistan and Russia to Restart Joint Military Exercises](#)

*Author/Source: Joshua Kurcera, EurasiaNet.org*

“This October, Uzbekistan and Russia will hold their first joint military exercises since 2005, a dramatic move away from the anti-Russian policy of recently departed president Islam Karimov...”

##### [World Bank approves loans totaling over \\$294M for Uzbekistan](#)

*Author/Source: Demir Azizov, Trend News Agency*

“The World Bank (WB) approved two loans totaling \$294.9 million to the government of Uzbekistan for projects in land reclamation and livestock sector, the WB said in a message...”



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## **South Asia**

### **[IAF chopper goes missing near India-China border](#)**

*Author/Source: The Economic Times*

“An Indian Air Force helicopter with three people on board has gone missing near the country’s border with China after taking off on a flood rescue mission, an official said Tuesday...”

### **[Death toll in Pakistan tanker explosion passes 200](#)**

*Author/Source: Zoha Oamar, CNN*

“The death toll of a massive tanker explosion in eastern Pakistan last month has reached 207, said Khawaja Salman Rafique, the Health Minister of Punjab province...”

### **[Vietnam for greater Indian role in SE Asia](#)**

*Author/Source: Kallol Bhattacharjee, The Hindu*

“Opening new possibilities in Southeast Asia, Vietnam on Tuesday asked India to play a greater role in ASEAN’s strategic and security affairs...”

## **Southeast Asia**

### **[Philippine security forces recover body believed to be of Singaporean militant fighting in Marawi](#)**

*Author/Source: Raul Dancel, Straits Times*

“A body believed to be that of the first Singaporean militant to be killed in weeks-long clashes in the besieged city of Marawi in the southern Philippines has been recovered, security officials said on Tuesday (July 4)...”

### **[Philippine court upholds martial law as siege's end seen](#)**

*Author/Source: Teresa Cerojano, ABC News*

“The Philippine Supreme Court upheld on Tuesday the president's declaration of martial law in the south in a legal boost to a military offensive that the defense chief said may soon succeed in quelling an uprising by Islamic State group-linked militants...”

### **[Brunei Sultan to make state visit to Singapore](#)**

*Author/Source: Channel News Asia*

“Brunei Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah will make a two-day state visit to Singapore from Wednesday (Jul 5), Singapore’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) said on Tuesday...”

## **East Asia**

### **[Russia, China: N Korea missile test 'unacceptable'](#)**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“Russia and China have called for a simultaneous freeze on North Korean nuclear and missile tests and military exercises by the United States and South Korea...”



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### **[US Army, South Korea respond to North's latest missile test](#)**

*Author/Source: Military Times*

“Hours after North Korea conducted what may be its most successful missile test yet, the U.S. Army and its partners in the Republic of Korea conducted a combined exercise that fired missiles into the territorial waters of South Korea...”

### **[Abe to call on G-20 to press Pyongyang](#)**

*Author/Source: The Japan News*

“Prime Minister Shinzo Abe plans to call on world leaders to pressure North Korea at the upcoming Group of 20 summit in Germany, following the reclusive country’s ballistic missile launch on Tuesday...”

## **Africa**

### **[Five bodies recovered in northern Kenya](#)**

*Author/Source: Magdalene Mukami, AA*

“Bodies of five Kenyans have been recovered from a shallow grave on Tuesday in Mandera County in Northern Kenya, a senior security official said...”

### **[Boko Haram extremists storm village, kidnap women and children](#)**

*Author/Source: CBS News*

“Residents of a village in southeast Niger said Tuesday that Boko Haram Islamic extremists had killed at least nine people and taken some 40 others hostage in a brazen attack over the weekend...”

### **[Egypt's parliament approves three-month further state of emergency](#)**

*Author/Source: Premium Times*

“The Egyptian parliament on Tuesday approved a three-month extension of a state of emergency due to the security challenges facing the country, official MENA news agency reported...”

### **[UNHCR resettles group of vulnerable women refugees from Libya](#)**

*Author/Source: UNHCR*

“The UN Refugee Agency, evacuated today six vulnerable refugee women from Libya to a country that has accepted to resettle them...”

### **[Ethiopia frees 120 Somali prisoners, set to join PM's trip back to Mogadishu](#)**

*Author/Source; Abdur Rahman Alfa Shaban, Africa News*

“Somali Prime Minister, Hassan Ali Khaire on Monday confirmed that Ethiopia had handed over some 120 Somalis held in its detention facilities...”

## **Europe**

### **[China, Russia agree to jointly build "Ice Silk Road"](#)**

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev met here Tuesday on expanding cooperation and jointly building an ‘Ice Silk Road’...”



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**[Austria says to control migrants on Italy border, Rome protests](#)**

*Author/Source: Francois Murphy and Isla Binnie, Reuters*

“Austria is planning to impose border controls and possibly deploy troops to cut the number of migrants crossing from Italy, defense officials said, drawing a warning from Rome and reigniting a row over Europe's handling of the refugee crisis...”

**US & Canada**

**[Trudeau Liberals to pay Omar Khadr \\$10.5M for suffering at Guantanamo](#)**

*Author/Source: Rob Gillies, Montreal Gazette*

“The Canadian government is going to apologize and give millions to a former Guantanamo Bay prisoner who pleaded guilty to killing a U.S. soldier in Afghanistan when he was 15, with Canada’s Supreme Court later ruling that officials had interrogated him under ‘oppressive circumstances’...”

**[Iran told to pay \\$1.7 billion to US victims of terrorism by Canadian court](#)**

*Author/Source: Middle East Monitor*

“A Canadian court has accused Iran of supporting terrorism and upheld a previous judgement by a US court to award victims of terrorism \$1.7 billion...”

**South and Central America and the Caribbean**

**[Colombia arrested ‘more than 200 suspected AGC members this year’](#)**

*Author/Source: Colombia Reports*

“With the arrest of nine alleged members of the Gaitanista Self-Defense Forces of Colombia (AGC), authorities have arrested 223 alleged members of the country’s largest illegal armed group so far this year, newspaper El Espectador reported on Tuesday...”

**[Mexican ex-governor ordered extradited from Guatemala](#)**

*Author/Source: ABC News*

“A Guatemalan court on Tuesday ordered the extradition of a Mexican ex-governor to face charges of embezzlement and ties to organized crime in his home country...”