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### Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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#### **Middle East**

##### [US removes Abu Dhabi from laptop ban flight list](#)

*Source: Al Jazeera*

“The United States lifted a ban on laptops in cabins on flights from Abu Dhabi to the US, saying the United Arab Emirates' Etihad Airways had put tighter security measures in place as required...”

##### [Two suspected al Qaeda militants killed in Yemen drone strike](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“Two suspected al Qaeda militants were killed in a drone strike while traveling on a motorbike in southern Yemen...”

##### [Iraqi army completely surrounds ISIL in Mosul](#)

*Source: Al Jazeera*

“The Iraqi army says it has completely surrounded fighters of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group in Mosul as it continues to make gains in its final push to retake the city...”

##### [Israel detains Palestinian lawmaker on security allegations](#)

*Source: Arab News*

“Israeli security forces have detained a female Palestinian lawmaker for alleged security offenses...”

##### [Deadly car bomb blasts rock Syria's Damascus](#)

*Source: Al Jazeera*

“Three car bombings have struck Damascus, according to state media, killing 20 people in one of the blasts...”

##### [Qatar: Saudi-led bloc's demands 'made to be rejected'](#)

*Author/Source: Rosiland Jordan, Al Jazeera*

“Qatar's foreign minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani is willing to negotiate to end the gulf crisis, but says the list of demands given to Doha by its neighbours was ‘made to be rejected’...”

##### [U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces reinforce front lines in Raqqa](#)

*Author/Source: Tom Perry, Reuters*

“The U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) deployed around a thousand additional fighters to the front lines with Islamic State in Raqqa...”

##### [Hamas delegation heads to Cairo for talks on border security](#)

*Source: Xinhua*

“Members of the Hamas-run Administrative Committee headed on Sunday to Egypt for talks with Egyptian officials on security along the Gaza-Egyptian border...”



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### **IS shoots down Syrian chopper in eastern Syria, casualties feared**

*Source: Xinhua*

“The Islamic State (IS) militants shot down a Syrian helicopter airdropping food to the besieged city of Deir al-Zour in eastern Syria on Sunday, causing unknown number of casualties...”

### **Israel Bombs Syrian Position after Stray Artillery Shells Hit Golan Heights**

*Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“Israel bombed a Syrian artillery position which had fired shells that fell in the northern reaches of the Golan Heights...”

### **Syria not Using Chemical Weapons against Terrorists: Iran’s Dehqan**

*Source: The Syria Times*

“Iran's defense minister says despite Western countries’ propaganda, Syrian forces have never used chemical weapons against terrorists, who are using weapons of mass destruction in their war against Damascus...”

### **Saudi Arabia keen to support all means to wipe out terrorism: Information minister**

*Source: Arab News*

“The Minister of Culture and Information, Awwad bin Saleh Al-Awwad, has stressed the Kingdom’s keenness to ‘support all means to contain and wipe out terrorism, and end its funding.’...”

### **Saudi UN envoy says Qatar insists on supporting terrorists**

*Source: Al Arabiya*

“Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations, Abdallah Al-Mouallimi, has said that Qatar is still insisting on destabilizing the security of Saudi Arabia and the region and to support terrorism...”

## **Central Asia**

### **Armenia Violates Karabakh Ceasefire 135 Times Over Past 24 Hours**

*Source: Sputnik News*

“Armenia has violated the ceasefire regime in Nagorno-Karabakh 135 times during the past 24 hours...”

## **South Asia**

### **No Regional Peace Without Pakistan, U.S. Senator McCain Says in Visit**

*Source: The New York Times*

“U.S. Senator John McCain said on Sunday there could be ‘no peace’ in Afghanistan or the rest of the region without Pakistan's cooperation...”

### **At Least 13 Pro-Government Militiamen Killed in Ambush in Afghanistan**

*Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“At least 13 members of a pro-government militia were killed in an ambush by the Taliban as they were on their way to help security forces fight the insurgents in Balkh province in northern Afghanistan...”



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### **[2 civilians, 2 militants killed in Indian controlled Kashmir gunfight](#)**

*Author/Source: Peerzada Arshad Hamid, Xinhua*

“Two civilians including a woman were killed and over a dozen others wounded Saturday as government forces gunned down two militants in a gunfight in restive Indian-controlled Kashmir...”

### **Southeast Asia**

#### **[Myanmar aid worker murdered in latest Rakhine killing](#)**

*Author/Source: Yangon Afp, The Daily Star*

“A local employee with an international aid group in Myanmar's conflict-torn Rakhine State was stabbed to death by ‘terrorists’, the government said...”

#### **[Indonesia to Join FATF in War Against Money Laundering and Terrorism Funding](#)**

*Source: Jakarta Globe*

“Indonesia may soon join an intergovernmental body called the Financial Action Task Force that seeks to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and other global threats involving the global financial system, a senior official at Indonesia's Finance Ministry...”

### **East Asia**

#### **[Trump, Abe confirm will increase pressure on North Korea: Japan government](#)**

*Source: Reuters*

“U.S. President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe confirmed in phone talks that they would step up pressure on North Korea in cooperation with South Korea...”

#### **[China: US warship near island a ‘serious provocation’](#)**

*Source: Al Jazeera*

“China denounced a US warship sailing close to a disputed island in the South China Sea occupied by Beijing as a “serious political and military provocation”, a move that could further strain relations between the superpowers...”

### **Africa**

#### **[Hostages shown in al-Qaeda Mali video as Macron flies in](#)**

*Source: BBC News*

“A Mali-based al-Qaeda affiliate has released a video of six foreign hostages ahead of a visit by French President Emmanuel Macron to the country...”

#### **[French and West African presidents launch Sahel force](#)**

*Author/Source: Tiemoko Diallo, Reuters*

“African powers launched a new multinational military force to tackle Islamist militants in the Sahel...”

#### **[Sudanese government extends ceasefire for three months](#)**

*Source: Sudan Times*

“The Sudanese President Omer al-Bashir on Sunday issued a decree to extend the unilateral cessation of hostilities in war zones until October 2017...”



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### **Egypt sentences 20 to death for killing policemen in 2013**

*Source: Xinhua*

“An Egyptian court sentenced on Sunday 20 people to death over charges of murdering a dozen of policemen while storming a police station in mid-2013...”

### **Landmine Kills 3 Civilians, Wounds 4 in Somalia**

*Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“At least three civilians were killed and four others wounded when a landmine exploded near a minibus in the Hawlwadag district of Mogadishu, Somalia’s capital...”

### **Senior Al-Shabaab commander killed in airstrike in southern Somalia**

*Author/Source: Zhang Dongmiao, Xinhua*

“A senior Al-Shabaab commander and four bodyguards were killed in airstrikes near Kubnya Barrow town in southern Somalia...”

### **3 KDF soldiers killed after military base is attacked**

*Author/Source: Abdikarim Hussein, Tuko*

“Three Kenya Defence Force (KDF) soldiers have reportedly died after an attack from terror group al-Shabaab...”

### **DR Congo rebels kidnap 21 Tanzania, Uganda drivers**

*Author/Source: Beatrice Moses, The Citizen*

“Rebels in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) have allegedly abducted 21 drivers, 18 of who are Tanzanians working with Alistair Cargo Transport Company...”

### **100 ‘Badoo’ Members Terrorising Lagos Communities Arrested**

*Author/Source: Ben Ezeamalu, Premium Times*

“Security officials have arrested 100 suspected members of the dreaded cult group, Badoo, who have been terrorising residents of the state especially in the Ikorodu axis...”

### **Somalia: Two Killed in Bakara Explosion**

*Source: All Africa*

“At least two people were on Sunday evening confirmed dead after a grenade explosion went off at the populous Bakara Market...”

## **Europe**

### **Eight wounded in shooting near French mosque**

*Source: Al Jazeera*

“Eight people were wounded in a shooting in front of a mosque in the southern French city of Avignon in an incident police consider to be a settling of scores rather than a ‘terrorist’ attack...”

### **Two ruling party officials, 13 militants killed in southeast Turkey**

*Author/Source: Daren Butler, Reuters*

“Kurdish militants shot and killed two officials from the ruling AK Party in southeast Turkey over the weekend, while the Turkish military killed more than a dozen militants in air strikes...”



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## **US & Canada**

### **[Thousands March in 46 Cities Calling for Trump's Impeachment](#)**

*Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“Thousands of people took to the streets in marches and demonstrations convened in 46 US cities to ask Congress to launch impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump...”

### **[NRA defends chilling pro-gun video: 'We'll never apologise'](#)**

*Author/Source: James Ried, The New Daily*

“The National Rifle Association of America has defended a controversial new recruitment video that counter-terrorism experts have likened to extremist propaganda...”

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

### **[More deaths as protests continue in Venezuela](#)**

*Author/Source: Rob Matheson, Al Jazeera*

“At least 80 people have been killed in months of protests against economic chaos in Venezuela...”

### **[Mexico: 19 gang members killed in overnight clashes](#)**

*Source: Al Jazeera*

“At least 19 people have been killed in clashes involving armed men and security forces in the gang-plagued northwestern Mexican state of Sinaloa...”

### **['White head' Rocha cocaine kingpin captured in Brazil](#)**

*Source: Al Jazeera*

“One of South America's biggest cocaine kingpins, who evaded police for three decades and even underwent surgery to change his face, has been captured...”