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## **Daily Terrorism Weather Online**

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### **Middle East**

#### **UN Delegation Visits Yemen Amid Cholera Outbreak**

*Author/source: Al Jazeera*

“A high-level United Nations delegation arrived in Yemen on Monday to visit areas held both by the government and the Houthi rebels across the crisis-hit country, according to a UN source...”

#### **Muslim Worshippers to Continue Boycott of al-Aqsa Mosque Compound**

*Author/source: Peter Beaumont, The Guardian*

“Muslim worshippers in Jerusalem appear likely to maintain a boycott on the compound housing al-Aqsa mosque, with the Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas, saying he will maintain a freeze on coordination with Israel even after it dismantled controversial metal detectors that triggered more than a week of violent conflict...”

#### **Trump Defends Cutting ‘Dangerous and Wasteful’ Aid to Syrian Rebels**

*Author/source: The Times of Israel*

“US President Donald Trump on Monday announced he had ended a program to support rebels fighting against Syrian President Bashar Assad because it was ‘massive, dangerous, and wasteful...’”

#### **Israel Firm Says Iran-Linked Hackers Spin Global Web of Deceit**

*Author/source: Shoshanna Solomon, The Times of Israel*

“An Iranian-linked cyber espionage group called CopyKittens has been targeting governments and institutions globally, including in the US, Israel, Germany, Turkey and Saudi Arabia, security experts say in a new report...”

#### **UAE Says Emirati Naval Ship Collides with Merchant Vessel**

*Author/source: The New York Times*

“The United Arab Emirates says one of its naval vessels has collided with a merchant ship...”

#### **Lebanese Army Chief: 50 Militants Held in Raids on Syrian Camps**

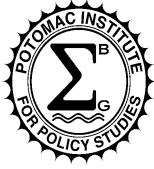
*Author/source: Ahram Online*

“Lebanon's army chief said on Tuesday the army had 50 ‘dangerous terrorists’ in custody among hundreds of detainees arrested in recent security raids on Syrian refugee camps on the border between the two countries...”

#### **Arab States Add Groups, People to Terror Lists in Qatar Row**

*Author/source: VOA News*

“Four Arab countries have added to their ‘terrorist’ list 18 more groups and individuals who they say are linked to Qatar, Saudi state news agency SPA reported Tuesday, further escalating a regional row with Doha...”



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### **[US Navy Ship Fires Warning Shots at Iranian Ship in Persian Gulf](#)**

*Author/source: Lucas Tomlinson, Fox News*

“A U.S. Navy ship fired warning shots at an Iranian ship in the Persian Gulf on Tuesday, two U.S. defense officials confirmed to Fox News...”

### **[Two More German Women ‘Identified Among Group Held in Iraq’](#)**

*Author/source: The Telegraph*

“A total of four German citizens are among a group of women who were captured by Iraqi forces in the Iraqi city of Mosul last week, a foreign ministry source said on Tuesday...”

## **South Asia**

### **[Pakistan Buries More Victims from Deadly Taliban Bombing](#)**

*Author/source: The Washington Post*

“Pakistan is burying the last victims from a Taliban suicide bombing the previous day that killed 26 people in the eastern city of Lahore...”

### **[Russia ‘Could Be Arming the Taliban,’ According to Newly Emerged Video](#)**

*Author/source: Bethan McKernan, The Independent*

“The Russian government may be providing Taliban militants in Afghanistan with sophisticated weaponry to assist in its fight against the US-backed government, it has emerged...”

### **[Violence Against Journalists Surges in Afghanistan in 2017](#)**

*Author/source: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty*

“An Afghan media watchdog says at least 10 journalists were killed in Afghanistan in the first half of 2017, a 35 percent surge over last year...”

## **Southeast Asia**

### **[Australia Backtracked on Refugee ‘Understanding’, UNHCR Says](#)**

*Author/source: BBC*

“The UN's refugee agency has accused Australia of renegeing on an agreement to reunite some refugees with relatives already living in the nation...”

### **[4.2m Meth Tabs, 26kg Crystal Meth, 40kg Ketamine Seized](#)**

*Author/source: The Bangkok Post*

“Drugs with a combined street value of more than 100 million baht were seized and a suspected dealer was detained for questioning in a raid carried out at a luxury rental house in Ramkhamhaeng area of Bangkok late Monday night, police said...”

### **[Indonesia Denies Wounding Vietnam Fishermen in Renewed South China Sea Clash](#)**

*Author/source: Deutsche Welle*

“The Indonesian navy has rejected claims it injured four people after firing at a fishing vessel inside Vietnam's waters in the second such clash in two months...”



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## **East Asia**

### **Taiwan Says It's Ready to Defend Itself from China**

*Author/source: Juvina Lai, Taiwan News*

“Taiwan’s military defense ministry said on Tuesday that Taiwan is ready to defend itself from China if needed, in a strongly worded response to recent flybys by Chinese warplanes...”

### **China Says Its Intercept of U.S. Surveillance Plane Was Legal, Necessary**

*Author/source: Reuters*

“China's Defense Ministry said on Tuesday that its pilots’ actions were legal, necessary and professional after two Chinese fighter jets intercepted a U.S. Navy surveillance plane over the East China Sea at the weekend...”

### **North Korea Promises Nuclear Strike on US if Regime Is Threatened**

*Author/source: Zachary Cohen and Barbara Starr, CNN*

“North Korea threatened a nuclear strike on ‘the heart of the US’ if it attempts to remove Kim Jong Un as Supreme Leader, Pyongyang's state-run Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported Tuesday...”

## **Africa**

### **Egypt Jails Scores for Life Over 2011 Protests**

*Author/source: Al Jazeera*

“An Egyptian criminal court on Tuesday sentenced 43 activists to life in prison in connection with violence in 2011 following the removal of former President Hosni Mubarak in a popular uprising, judicial sources said...”

### **Rescue Ship Collects 13 Bodies from Migrants off Libyan Coast**

*Author/source: Reuters*

“A humanitarian rescue ship on Tuesday found 13 dead bodies on a rubber boat off the coast of Libya that was carrying more than 160 migrants, charity group Proactiva Open Arms said...”

### **Video Shows Egyptian Soldier Foiling Car Bomb Using Army Tank in Sinai**

*Author/source: Al Arabiya*

“Seven civilians were killed when a vehicle laden with explosives detonated near an army checkpoint in Egypt’s North Sinai after it was run over by an army tank aiming to stop the attack...”

### **Libyan Rivals Agree to a Ceasefire and Elections**

*Author/source: Aria Bendix, The Atlantic*

“Libya’s two leading political rivals, Prime Minister Fayeze al-Sarraj and General Khalifa Haftar, agreed to a ceasefire and fresh set of elections on Tuesday following talks hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron in a suburb west of Paris...”



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### **[UN Accuses DR Congo Army of Digging Kasai Mass Graves](#)**

*Author/source: Al Jazeera*

“The United Nations accused ‘elements’ of the Congolese army on Tuesday of digging most of the mass graves it has identified in the insurrection-ravaged Kasai region of central Democratic Republic of Congo...”

### **[Somalia’s Al-Shabaab: Trump Is a ‘Brainless Billionaire’](#)**

*Author/source: Middle East Monitor*

“The Al-Shabaab group called the President of the United States, Donald Trump, a ‘brainless billionaire’, in a new video released on Sunday, reported *Africa News*...”

### **[Nigerian Troops Kill Eight Suicide Bombers in One Week—Official](#)**

*Author/source: Premium Times*

“Troops of Operation Lafiya Dole fighting insurgency in the North-East, have neutralised not less than eight suspected female suicide bombers in the last one week, according to an official...”

## **Europe**

### **[Arrested Russian’s Wife Denies U.S. Charge He Is Global Hacking Mastermind](#)**

*Author/source: Jack Stubbs, Reuters*

“The wife of an alleged Russian hacker facing extradition from Spain to the United States has told Reuters he is being held in solitary confinement and that he denies the accusation that he masterminded one of the world's biggest spam networks...”

### **[German Prosecutor Blames Suspected Neo-Nazi for Murders](#)**

*Author/source: Jörn Poltz, Reuters*

“Germany's federal prosecutor on Tuesday blamed the sole surviving suspect in a neo-Nazi trial for ten murders between 2000 and 2007, saying the group she belonged to wanted to ‘shake the foundations’ of German society...”

### **[Knife-Wielding Man Shouts ‘Allahu Akbar,’ Arrested for Attacking Police in Spain](#)**

*Author/source: Fox News*

“A knife-wielding man who shouted ‘Allahu Akbar’ was arrested Tuesday after he attacked a Spanish police officer near the Spanish-Moroccan border, authorities said...”

## **US & Canada**

### **[House Approves New Russia Sanctions, Defying Trump](#)**

*Author/source: Patricia Zengerle and Amanda Becker, Reuters*

“The U.S. House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly on Tuesday to slap new sanctions on Russia and force President Donald Trump to obtain lawmakers' permission before easing any sanctions on Moscow, in a rare rebuke of the Republican president...”



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### **Federal Judge Halts Deportation of More Than 1,400 Iraqi Nationals**

*Author/source: Karma Allen, ABC News*

“A federal judge in Michigan blocked the deportation of more than 1,400 Iraqi nationals on Monday, giving them time to make their cases in court before the government may deport them...”

### **Court Orders Uzbek Terror Suspect Detained Until Trial**

*Author/source: The Washington Post*

“An appellate court has reversed a judge’s decision to release a man detained for 5½ years for allegedly providing material support to an Uzbek terror organization...”

## **Latin America and the Caribbean**

### **Gang Offering \$1 Million Bounty for Colombia’s FARC Rebel Leaders: Lawyer**

*Author/source: Reuters*

“A criminal gang is offering bounties of \$1 million to assassins who kill leaders from Colombia's Marxist FARC rebel group, a lawyer for the guerrillas said on Tuesday, as the group prepares to take seats in Congress as part of a peace deal...”

### **Colombia’s ELN Rebels Propose Three-Month Ceasefire**

*Author/source: Reuters*

“Colombia's ELN rebel group said on Tuesday it had proposed a three-month ceasefire to the government during peace talks in Ecuador, where the two sides are negotiating an end to more than a half century of war...”