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### **Daily Terrorism Weather Online**

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#### **Middle East**

##### **Iraq faces pockets of Islamic State resistance in Mosul's Old City**

*Author/Source: Stephen Kalin, Ghazwan Hassan, Reuters*

“Iraqi forces hit further pockets of resistance from Islamic State militants in Mosul's Old City on Friday, four days after the prime minister declared victory...”

##### **In Mosul, Iraq 'collectively punishing' IS families, 'beating, killing' fighters**

*Author/Source: The Sidney Morning Herald*

“A number of Iraqi military personnel have been suspended and an investigation launched after Human Rights Watch has condemned videos circulating on social media purportedly showing Iraqi forces killing and beating suspected Islamic State fighters in Mosul...”

##### **2 Israeli Police Officers Killed in Attack in Old City of Jerusalem**

*Author/Source: Isabel Kershner, The New York Times*

“In an extraordinarily brazen assault early Friday, three Arab citizens of Israel armed with guns and knives killed two Israeli police officers guarding an entrance to Jerusalem’s holiest site for Jews and Muslims, an emotional and volatile focal point of the Israeli-Arab conflict...”

##### **Baby, Two Adults Injured In Jerusalem Molotov Cocktail Attack**

*Author/Source: The Jerusalem Post*

“A two-month old baby and two adults were lightly injured on Friday afternoon when a Molotov cocktail was thrown at the vehicle in which they were traveling in the Silwan neighborhood of Jerusalem...”

##### **Soldier Killed, Another Injured in Terrorist Attack in Qatif**

*Author/Source: Asharq Al-Awsat*

“A Saudi border guard patrol has come under fire in Qatif governorate, leaving soldier Sergeant Mohammed Hussein Hazazi dead and soldier Sergeant Khalid Muaber Hakami injured, the security spokesman of the ministry of interior said on Friday...”

##### **Saudi Prince dies, Royal Court says**

*Author/Source: Gulf News*

“The Saudi Royal Court announced on Thursday the death of Prince Abdul Rahman Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, according to the Saudi Press Agency...”

##### **Lebanon Will Coordinate Refugee Returns to Syria Only with U.N.: PM Hairi**

*Author/Source: U.S. News and World Report*

“Lebanon will coordinate refugee returns to Syria only with the United Nations, Prime Minister Saad al-Hariri said on Friday, days after a number of refugees left for Syria under an agreement brokered by Lebanese Shi'ite group Hezbollah...”



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### **US: Russia willing to deploy monitors for Syria ceasefire**

*Author/Source: Hurriyet Daily News*

“Russia has said it is willing to deploy monitors to prevent any violations of a ceasefire in southwestern Syria by Syrian government forces, a senior U.S. official has said...”

### **Central Asia**

#### **VAK liquidation won't affect Russia-Azerbaijan relations-ambassador**

*Author/Source: APA*

“The liquidation of the All-Russian Azerbaijani Congress (VAK) will not affect Russia-Azerbaijan relations in any way, Russian ambassador to Azerbaijan Vladimir Dorokhin said on Friday, APA reported...”

#### **Russian, Tajik forces drilling combat readiness**

*Author/Source: Press TV*

“Russian and Tajikistani militaries have started massive military drills aimed at ensuring their joint combat readiness, as Moscow is reportedly discussing with its allies their potential participation in the fight against terrorism in Syria...”

### **South Asia**

#### **Pakistani forces foil terrorists' attack in Khyber tribal area: army**

*Author/Source: Global Times*

“Pakistan military said on Friday that the security forces had foiled an early morning terrorists' attack from the Afghan side of the border...”

#### **Pakistan court orders seizure of Imran Khan, Tahirul Qadri's assets**

*Author/Source: Hindustan Times*

“An Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) in Pakistan on Friday ordered the seizure of properties of opposition leader Imran Khan and cleric-turned politician Tahirul Qadri after they failed to appear in hearings of terrorism cases registered against them...”

#### **Explosive recovered from UP Assembly, Yogi Adityanath claims 'terror conspiracy'**

*Author/Source: Devika Bhattacharyal, The Times of India*

“Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath said on Friday that the "white powder" recovered from the state Legislative Assembly on July 12 was a powerful explosive substance and claimed there may be a 'terror conspiracy' afoot...”

#### **India taking diplomatic route to solve border crisis with China in Doklam**

*Author/Source: India Today*

“India is trying to engage China diplomatically as the stand-off between the troops of two sides have been going on for the last few weeks in Doklam area of Sikkim sector, the NDA government said today...”

#### **2 assailants killed, 3 passersby injured in explosion in E. Afghan town**

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“Two suicide bombers were killed and three passersby wounded after the assailants chased by police detonated their explosives in Afghanistan's eastern city of Gardez on Friday, a security source said...”



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## **Southeast Asia**

### **[Philippine ex-president faces charges over botched raid](#)**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“Former Philippine president Benigno Aquino is to be charged over a botched anti-terror raid that left 44 elite policemen dead in 2015, a special government prosecutor said on Friday...”

### **[Australian PM seeks access to encrypted messages](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“The Australian government says it wants new laws to force tech firms such as Apple and Facebook to provide access to encrypted messages...”

### **[Asserting sovereignty, Indonesia renames part of South China Sea](#)**

*Author/Source: Tom Allard and Bernadette Munthe, Reuters*

“Indonesia renamed the northern reaches of its exclusive economic zone in the South China Sea as the North Natuna Sea on Friday, the latest act of resistance by Southeast Asian nations to China's territorial ambitions in the maritime region...”

### **[Indonesia blocks Telegram messaging service over security concerns](#)**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“Indonesia on Friday blocked access to the encrypted messaging service Telegram, citing concerns that it was being used to spread "radical and terrorist propaganda" in the world's largest Muslim-majority nation...”

## **East Asia**

### **['Get used to it', China says as it flies bombers near Japan](#)**

*Author/Source: The Times of India*

“China told Japan on Friday to ‘get used to it’ after it flew six warplanes over the Miyako Strait between two southern Japanese islands in a military exercise...”

### **[Exclusive: U.S. prepares new sanctions on Chinese firms over North Korea ties - officials](#)**

*Author/Source: Matt Spetalnick and David Brunnstrom, Reuters*

“Frustrated that China has not done more to rein in North Korea, the Trump administration could impose new sanctions on small Chinese banks and other firms doing business with Pyongyang within weeks, two senior U.S. officials said...”

### **[South Korea to deploy new radar to detect North Korea drones](#)**

*Author/Source: Elizabeth Shim, UPI*

“South Korea has developed radar that can detect small drones, according to Seoul's Defense Acquisition Program Administration...”

## **Africa**

### **[US backs Ghana to convert her nuclear research reactor](#)**

*Author/Source: Christabel Addo, Ghana News Agency*

“Ghana has again made history by being the first African country to successfully undergo a nuclear research reactor conversion from a Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) sensitive fuel, to a Lower Enriched Uranium (LEU) sensitive one...”



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### **Cameroon forces 'kill 97 Nigerian fishermen' in Bakassi**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Nigeria's parliament is investigating reports that 97 fishermen have been killed in the Bakassi peninsula, which the country ceded to Cameroon...”

### **Interpol, NDLEA, others, seize 881.100kgs of illicit drugs in Sokoto State**

*Author/Source: Vanguard*

“The Interpol, National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency(NDLEA), and other relevant agencies, have seized 881.100kgs of illicit drugs as a result of a joint operation conducted in Sokoto State, as well as the Nigeria-Niger border...”

### **2 German tourists fatally stabbed in attack on women at Egyptian resort**

*Author/Source: Heba Farouk Mahfouz, The Washington Post*

“A man in his 20s stabbed six women, two of them fatally, in attacks at two hotels in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Hurghada, Egyptian officials and witnesses said Friday...”

### **UN peacekeepers rescue aid workers in S. Sudan**

*Author/Source: Xinhua News*

“The UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) said Friday that Indian peacekeepers have rescued more than a dozen humanitarian workers who came under heavy fire from unknown gunmen in the restive town of Pibor...”

### **US, Somalia forces raid al-Shabaab, kill several: Official**

*Author/Source: News24*

“United States and Somali military forces raided a rebel-held village in southern Somalia and killed several al-Shabaab fighters early on Thursday, a senior Somali intelligence official said, as both countries step up efforts against Africa's deadliest Islamic extremist group...”

### **Somali traders heed to Al Shabaab ban on local currency, use Ethiopian Birr**

*Author/Source: Ismail Akwei, Africa News*

“After Islamist group al Shabaab’s ban on the Somali Shilling in the central and southern regions under its control over alleged influx of fake notes, some traders are reported to have resorted to the use of Ethiopian Birr...”

## **Europe**

### **Security incident at US Consulate in Istanbul, 1 detained**

*Author/Source: ABC News*

“A Turkish media report says police have detained a man who entered the grounds of the U.S. Consulate in Istanbul by jumping over a fence...”

### **Former Soviet Counter Intelligence Officer at Meeting With Donald Trump Jr. and Russian Lawyer**

*Author/Source: Ken Dilanian, Natasha Lebedeva and Hallie Jackson, NBC News*

“The Russian lawyer who met with Donald Trump Jr. and others on the Trump team after a promise of compromising material on Hillary Clinton was accompanied by a Russian-American lobbyist — a former Soviet counterintelligence officer who is suspected by some U.S. officials of having ongoing ties to Russian intelligence, NBC News has learned...”



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**[Germany, France to jointly develop new fighter jet](#)**

*Author/Source: The Japan News*

“France and Germany unveiled plans on Thursday to develop a European fighter jet, burying past rivalries as part of a raft of measures to tighten defense and security cooperation...”

**[Joint naval drill of 8 NATO members kicks off in Bulgaria's Black Sea zone](#)**

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“A joint naval exercise of eight NATO members began on Friday in Bulgaria's Black Sea zone, officials said. The joint naval exercise Breeze involved 20 ships, one submarine, four airplanes, two helicopters and 1,700 troops from the eight NATO countries...”

**[Turkey detains 3 for links to Al-Qaeda](#)**

*Author/Source: Mehmet Akif Aldogan, AA News*

“Turkish security forces on Friday detained three suspects in the northwestern Tekirdag province for alleged links to Al-Qaeda, according to a security source...”

**US & Canada**

**[Senate confirms Hagerty as new U.S. ambassador to Japan](#)**

*Author/Source: The Japan Times*

“The Senate has confirmed Tennessee businessman William Hagerty as President Donald Trump’s ambassador to Japan. Senators voted 86-12 Thursday to approve Hagerty’s nomination...”

**South and Central America and the Caribbean**

**[US to destroy old chemical weapons left in Panama](#)**

*Author/Source: Vanguard*

“The United States will destroy eight World War II-era chemical bombs it left in Panama decades ago, the government said Friday...”