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## **Daily Terrorism Online Weather**

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### **Middle East**

#### **Knife Attacker Shot Dead at Tehran Metro Station**

*Author/source: Tuqa Khalid, CNN*

“A man was fatally shot by police Saturday after he attacked four bystanders with a knife at a metro station in Iran's capital, Tehran, state media reported...”

#### **Syrian Army Takes More Oil Fields from Islamic State in Raqqa and Eastern Desert**

*Author/source: Suleiman Al-Khalidi, Reuters*

“The Syrian army backed by heavy Russian air strikes seized a string of oil wells in southwest Raqqa province on Saturday, as retreating Islamic State militants battle to defend their remaining territory in the country...”

#### **Military Strikes Continue Against ISIS Terrorists in Syria, Iraq**

*Author/source: U.S. Department of Defense*

“U.S. and coalition military forces continued to attack the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria yesterday, conducting 30 strikes consisting of 45 engagements, Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve officials reported today...”

#### **Security Council Extends Mandate of UN Iraq Mission for One Year**

*Author/source: Xinhua*

“The Security Council on Friday extended the mandate of the United Nations political mission in Iraq until July 31, 2018...”

#### **Iraq Celebrates Victory Over IS Militants with Military Parade in Baghdad**

*Author/source: Xinhua*

“Iraq's military on Saturday paraded in Baghdad Green Zone to celebrate the landmark victory over the Islamic State (IS) group in Mosul, the Iraqi government said...”

#### **Iran, Russia Hold Joint Naval Drills in Caspian Sea**

*Author/source: Xinhua*

“Russian and Iran's navy forces attended a joint exercise in the Caspian Sea on Saturday, Tasnim news agency reported...”

#### **White House Condemns ‘Brutal’ Attack Near Holy Site in Jerusalem**

*Author/source: Jesse Byrnes, The Hill*

“The White House on Saturday condemned an attack in Jerusalem's Old City the previous day, which left two Israeli police officers dead near the city's holiest site for Jews and Muslims...”



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## **South Asia**

### **[ISIS Leader in Afghanistan Killed in Airstrike, Pentagon Says](#)**

*Author/source: Phil McCausland, NBC*

“The leader of an ISIS affiliate in Afghanistan was killed in a U.S. airstrike on the groups’ headquarters this week, the Pentagon said Friday...”

### **[Pakistan Takes Unilateral Steps Toward Afghan Border Security](#)**

*Author/source: Ayaz Gul, VOA News*

“Pakistan says it finds it necessary to build a fence along its long porous border with Afghanistan, in part because of a lack of cooperation from authorities in Kabul...”

## **Southeast Asia**

### **[Telegram Blocks Terror Content After Indonesia Threatens Ban](#)**

*Author/source: Stephen Wright, ABC News*

“The encrypted messaging app Telegram is forming a team of moderators who are familiar with Indonesian culture and language so it can remove ‘terrorist-related content’ faster, its co-founder said Sunday, after Indonesia limited access to the app and threatened a total ban...”

### **[Alleged Operator of Alphabay Alexandre Cazes Found Dead in Thai Prison](#)**

*Author/source: Deutsche Welle*

“The alleged operator of the world’s most popular darknet marketplace was found dead this week in a jail cell in Thailand, shortly after a reported international police effort shut down the site...”

## **East Asia**

### **[North Korea Accelerates Nuclear Fuel Processing, Satellite Images Show](#)**

*Author/source: Deutsche Welle*

“Thermal images of North Korea’s main nuclear plant suggest that Pyongyang has reprocessed more weapons-grade plutonium than previously thought...”

### **[N. Korea Issues Guarded Response to Moon’s Peace Initiative](#)**

*Author/source: Korea Times*

“North Korea on Saturday issued a guarded response to President Moon Jae-in’s latest proposal for cross-border rapprochement, calling it ‘sophistry’ while voicing relief over Seoul’s pledge to respect past joint declarations...”

### **[U.S. Probes China Firm Over North](#)**

*Author/source: Seima Oki and Shuhei Kuromi, The Yomiuri Shimbun*

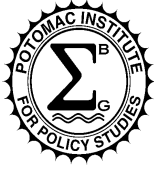
“The administration of U.S. President Donald Trump has launched an investigation into a Chinese trading company over illicit dealings with North Korea, which continues its nuclear and missile development programs...”

## **Africa**

### **[Deadly Shooting Erupts at Military Bases in Ivory Coast](#)**

*Author/source: France24*

“Three soldiers died after shooting erupted overnight at a base in the northern Ivorian town of



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Korhogo, security sources said on Saturday, in a sign of the growing tensions within the West African nation's military..."

### **Thousands March Against Referendum, Extra Powers for Mali President**

*Author/source: Idrissa Sangare, Reuters*

"Thousands of Malians took to the streets on Saturday to protest against a planned referendum on constitutional changes that would give extra powers to President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, create new regions and recognize the Tuareg's ethnic homeland..."

### **Gunmen Attack Congo Wildlife Reserve, US Journalist, 2 Guards Missing**

*Author/source: The Jerusalem Post*

"Armed men attacked a group of journalists and park rangers in a remote east Congo wildlife reserve overnight, and an American journalist and two guards were missing, a local official said on Saturday..."

### **United States, Somali Forces Conduct Airstrikes Against Al-Shabaab**

*Author/source: Xinhua*

"The U.S. military confirmed Friday its special forces conducted airstrikes in southern Somalia early Thursday but did not say the number of militants who were killed in the operation..."

### **Knifeman Attacks Egypt Church Guard, Arrested: Police**

*Author/source: Al Arabiya*

"An Egyptian Muslim stabbed and wounded a security guard after being prevented from entering a church in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria on Saturday, a senior police official told AFP..."

## **Europe**

### **Teenager Charged Over London Acid Attacks**

*Author/source: BBC*

"A 16-year-old boy who was arrested in connection with five acid attacks in London on Thursday has been charged with 15 offences, police have said..."

### **British Man Who Joined Pro-Russian Forces in Ukraine Jailed on Terrorism Charge**

*Author/source: Kim Pilling, The Independent*

"An unemployed Briton who joined pro-Russian militia fighting against Ukrainian government forces has been jailed for five years and four months for a terrorism offence..."

## **US & Canada**

### **US Supreme Court Seeks Hawaii Response on Trump Travel Ban Motion**

*Author/source: VOA News*

"The U.S. Supreme Court has asked the State of Hawaii to respond by Tuesday at noon to President Donald Trump's motion to block a judge's ruling that prevented his travel ban from being applied to grandparents of U.S. citizens and refugees already being processed by resettlement agencies, the court's public information office said on Saturday..."



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**[Police Find 400 Pounds of Marijuana in Cars Made in Mexico](#)**

*Author/source: ABC News*

“Authorities say more than 400 pounds (181 kilograms) of marijuana has been found in 15 new cars made in Mexico and shipped to Ohio and Pennsylvania to sell...”

**Latin America and the Caribbean**

**[U.N.: Colombia’s Coca Cultivation Area Increased 52% from 2015 to 2016](#)**

*Author/source: Allen Cone, UPI*

“Areas of coca cultivation in Colombia increased 52 percent from 2015 to 2016 -- before the South American nation commenced a plan to cut down farming of the raw material to make cocaine, according to a U.N. report...”