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Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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Middle East

[Turkish Army Strikes PKK Outposts in Northern Iraq](#)

Source: Xinhua

“The Turkish army struck on Tuesday the outposts of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) in northern Iraq and in southeastern Turkey, the army source said...”

[Iraq Arrests 20 Female Foreigners in Mosul Over Joining IS Group](#)

Source: Xinhua

“Iraqi security forces arrested 20 female foreigners, including five Germans, in Mosul city over charges of joining the Islamic State group, local media reported Tuesday...”

[Protest Calls Grow as Israel Tightens Grip on al-Aqsa](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party has called for a ‘Day of Rage’ to protest against new security measures introduced by Israel at a Jerusalem site which is holy to both Muslims and Jews...”

[Two IDF Soldiers Hurt in West Bank Ramming Attack; Assailant Killed](#)

Source: The Jerusalem Post

“Two IDF soldiers were lightly wounded in a suspected car-ramming attack near the West Bank settlement of Kiryat Arba on Tuesday...”

[Israeli Soldiers Kill Palestinian Young Man in Hebron: Medics](#)

Source: Xinhua

“Israeli soldiers shot dead a Palestinian young man on Tuesday in the southern West Bank city of Hebron, according to medical Palestinian sources and Israeli radio...”

[UAE Denies Washington Post Report It Orchestrated Qatar Hack](#)

Source: CNN

“The United Arab Emirates has denied a Washington Post report that claims the country orchestrated a hack of Qatari state news and social media websites in May, an incident that triggered the region's worst diplomatic crisis in decades...”

[Air Attacks Hit Raqqa as ISIL Defends Stronghold](#)

Source: Al Jazeera

“Heavy bombardment and fierce fighting continue to shake the Syrian city of Raqqa, as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, also known as ISIS) group defend their stronghold from advancing US-backed forces...”

[Suicide Bomber Kills Four in Kurdish-held Syrian Northeast](#)

Source: Al Arabiya

“A suicide car bomber killed four people at a checkpoint in a Kurdish-controlled area of



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northeastern Syria on Tuesday, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said...”

Despite Some Improvements, Food Security Remains Dire in Syria – UN agencies

Source: UN News Centre

“In spite of improvements in wheat production in war-torn Syria – about 12 per cent more than last year's record low – the overall food security situation remains far worse than before the conflict, the United Nations food security and emergency food relief agencies have said...”

Coalition: Houthis Suffer Major Losses in Yemen's Mokha Front

Source: Al Arabiya

“Yemen's army and resistance forces, supported by the Arab Coalition, struck Houthi militias inflicting major losses in the Mokha Front, a military source told Al-Arabiya television channel on Tuesday...”

Hariri: Lebanon's Army to Carry Out Operation Near Syrian Border

Source: Al Arabiya

“Lebanese Prime Minister Saad al-Hariri said on Tuesday the army would carry out an operation in an area of the border with Syria that has been a base of operations for militants including extremist groups...”

Central Asia

Armenia Breaks Ceasefire with Azerbaijan 138 Times

Source: APA

“Over the past 24 hours, Armenia's armed forces have 138 times violated the ceasefire along the line of contact between Azerbaijani and Armenian troops, the Azerbaijani Defense Ministry told APA on July 18...”

South Asia

Indian, Pakistani Army Trade Fire on LoC

Source: The Economic Times

“Pakistan resorted to indiscriminate shelling and firing on Tuesday on the Line of Control (LoC) in two sectors of Jammu and Kashmir, a defence official said...”

Rohingya Man Accused of Myanmar Insurgent Ties Bailed in Bangladesh

Authors/Source: Krishna Das and Serajul Quadir, Reuters

“Bangladesh's interior minister said a Rohingya Muslim man the country's police arrested late last year, for suspected links with an insurgent group that attacked Myanmar security forces, has been bailed and is living in a refugee camp in Bangladesh...”

Southeast Asia

Duterte Seeks to Extend Martial Law in Marawi as Militants Hold Ground

Author/Source: Felipe Villamor, The New York Times

“With Islamic militants holding a stubborn grip on the southern Philippine city of Marawi,



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President Rodrigo Duterte has asked Congress to extend martial law on the island of Mindanao through the end of the year to quell the rebellion, his government said on Tuesday...”

Australia Creates Counter-Terror Super Ministry

Source: Al Arabiya

“Australia has created a super ministry combining its security agencies including the domestic spy service, border force and national police, the country’s prime minister said Tuesday, calling the “historic change” necessary to tackle terrorism...”

East Asia

China Ready for ‘War’ With India Holds Live-Fire Drills Near Border

Author/Source: Tim O’Connor, Newsweek

“The ruling Communist Party of China has issued a stern warning to neighboring India, with which it is engaged in a bitter border dispute that has recently seen Chinese live-fire drills and media speculation of extensive Indian military casualties denied by both sides...”

China Unveils its Answer to U.S. Reaper Drone – How does it compare?

Author/Source: Stephen Chen, South China Morning Post

“China has started commercial production of its deadliest drone for overseas users, and it could be a rival to US remotely piloted vehicles, according to a Chinese drone researcher...”

North Korea Condemns U.S. Army Relocation as ‘Evacuation’

Author/Source: Elizabeth Shim, United Press International

“North Korea condemned the recent relocation of the U.S. 8th Army in South Korea, calling the move a provocation that is also a sign of U.S. cowardice, or an ‘evacuation’...”

North Korean Defector ‘Appears in Propaganda Video’

Source: BBC

“South Korean intelligence officials are investigating whether a prominent defector from the North has been kidnapped back to Pyongyang...”

S. Korean President Vows to Raise Defense Budget to 2.9 Pct of GDP in Next 5 Years

Source: Xinhua

“South Korean President Moon Jae-in vowed Tuesday to raise the country's defense budget to 2.9 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) from the current 2.4 percent within his five-year presidency...”

Report: Japan’s Defense Minister Concealed Military Information

Author/Source: Elizabeth Shim, United Press International

“Japan's defense minister may have denied the existence of a log of Japanese military activity in South Sudan, even after being briefed on the availability of the vital records, according to Kyodo News...”



Africa

[Kenyan Police Foil Al-Shabaab Attack in Lamu](#)

Source: Xinhua

“Kenyan security forces foiled an attempted attack on their camp in the coastal region of Lamu by Al-Shabaab early Tuesday, hours after President Uhuru Kenyatta ordered an all-out war against terrorists in the restive region...”

[South Sudan’s Leader Declares State of Emergency](#)

Source: The Washington Post

“South Sudan President Salva Kiir has declared a state of emergency in parts of Northern Bahr el Ghazal state...”

[Egyptian Police Kill 2 Pro-Brotherhood Gunmen](#)

Source: Xinhua

“Egyptian police on Tuesday killed two members of a militant group loyal to the outlawed Islamist group Muslim Brotherhood, the Interior Ministry said in a statement...”

[2 Catholic Priests Kidnapped in Eastern DR of Congo](#)

Source: Africa News

“Gunmen in restive eastern Democratic Republic of Congo kidnapped two Catholic priests in an area at the centre of over two years of massacres by unknown assailants, the country’s conference of bishops said on Monday...”

[Nigerian Navy Thwarts UAL Houston Vessel Hijacking Attempt](#)

Source: Maritime Herald

“The Nigerian Navy has foiled an attempted hijacking of a merchant vessel some 16 nautical miles off the coast of Bonny, Nigeria...”

Europe

[Little Russia: Ukraine Separatists Proclaim New State](#)

Source: Deutsche Welle

“Rebel forces in eastern Ukraine on Tuesday announced that they plan to hold a referendum calling for the creation of a new state known as Malorossiya, which translates as ‘Little Russia’...”

[Turkish Court Order Human Rights Activists Held on Terror Charges](#)

Source: Deutsche Welle

“Six people, including a German human rights consultant and an Amnesty director, will land behind bars in pre-trial detention. Four others were released. Amnesty called the decision a “crushing blow” for human rights...”

[Turkey to Continue Fight ‘Until Last Terrorist is Dead’](#)

Author/Source: Emin Avundukluoglu, Anadolu Post

“Turkey’s prime minister said Tuesday that Turkey will continue to conduct its fight against terrorism until the last terrorist is dead...”



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Britain's Cyber Security Center Says Has Never Certified Kaspersky Products

Author/Source: Mark Hosenball, Reuters

“Britain's National Cyber Security Centre said on Tuesday it had never certified products from Russian cyber security firm Kaspersky Lab...”

US & Canada

U.S. Sanctions 18 Iranian Entities Day After Certifying Nuclear Deal Compliance

Source: The Guardian

“The Trump administration announced on Tuesday new sanctions on 18 Iranian individuals, groups and networks over non-nuclear behavior, such as support for ballistic missiles development...”

U.S. Ending Laptop Ban on Middle Eastern Airlines

Source: Al Arabiya

“The US Transportation Security Administration said on Monday it was lifting a ban on passengers on Saudi Arabian Airlines carrying large electronics like laptops onboard US-bound flights, the last carrier under the restrictions...”

Two Iranians Charged in U.S. Over Hacking Defense Materials

Source: Al Arabiya

“Two Iranians were indicted Monday in the United States with hacking a defense contractor and stealing sensitive software used to design bullets and warheads, according to the Justice Department...”

CAIR: Hate Crimes Against Muslims Spike After Trump Win

Source: Al Jazeera

“The number of anti-Muslim hate crimes in the United States rose 91 percent in the first half of the year compared with the same period in 2016, according to a leading Muslim advocacy and civil rights group...”

North Korea Lacks Capacity to Hit U.S. with Accuracy: U.S. General

Author/Source: Idrees Ali, Reuters

“North Korea does not have the ability to strike the United States with ‘any degree of accuracy’ and while its missiles have the range, they lack the necessary guidance capability, the vice chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff said on Tuesday...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

Venezuela Denounces ‘Imperialist’ U.S. Sanctions Threat

Source: BBC

“The Venezuelan government says it will hold elections for a controversial constituent assembly despite the threat of US sanctions...”