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### Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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#### **Middle East**

##### [Bahrain busts terror cell, arrests Hezbollah-linked suspects](#)

*Source: Al Arabiya*

“Bahrain’s chief of terror crime prosecution Advocate General Ahmed Al Hammadi has said that an investigation has been launched in the case of the formation of an illegal organization with the aim of stalling the law, preventing the state from exercising its responsibilities, assaulting personal freedom and harming national unity...”

##### [Saudi-led coalition attack kills 20 near Yemen’s Taiz](#)

*Source: Al Jazeera*

“At least 20 civilians, including women and children from the same family, have been killed in a Saudi-led coalition air attack in southwest Yemen, according to the United Nations and witnesses...”

##### [Saudi-led bloc modifies demands to end Qatar crisis](#)

*Source: BBC*

“The four Arab nations leading a boycott of Qatar are no longer insisting it comply with a list of 13 specific demands they tabled last month...”

##### [Iran’s Rouhani says new U.S. sanctions violate nuclear accord: state TV](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“President Hassan Rouhani said on Wednesday new U.S. economic sanctions imposed against Iran contravened the country's nuclear accord with world powers and he vowed that Tehran would “resist” them, state television reported...”

##### [Netanyahu Launches Blistering Attack on EU: ‘Their Behavior Toward Israel Is Crazy’](#)

*Author/Source: Barak Ravid, Haaretz*

“Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu launched a blistering attack against the European Union during a closed-session meeting Wednesday morning in the Hungarian capital of Budapest, telling the premiers of Hungary, the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia that the EU's behavior toward Israel is crazy...”

##### [Clashes erupt between rebels, Al-Qaeda in northwest Syria](#)

*Author/Source: Philip Issa, Arab News*

“Fierce clashes between Syrian opposition fighters and Al-Qaeda-linked militants spread through northwest Syria on Wednesday, as the two sides jostled for control over an important border town...”

##### [Palestinians clash with Israeli forces outside al-Aqsa](#)

*Source: Al Jazeera*

“Palestinian worshippers have clashed with Israeli security forces outside a gate to the Old City in Jerusalem, as tensions continue over the new security measures implements at the al-



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Aqsa Mosque compound...”

### **Israeli Courts to Let Palestinians Sue PA for Torture**

*Author/Source: Yonah Jeremy Bob, Jerusalem Post*

“Fifty-one Palestinians tortured by the Palestinian Authority for cooperating with Israel can sue the PA in Israeli courts for damages, the Jerusalem District Court ruled Wednesday in a blockbuster judgement...”

### **French Woman Faces Prosecution in Iraq for Possible IS Links**

*Authors/Source: Angela Charlton and Qassim Abdul-Zahra, Associated Press*

“A French woman captured in the Iraqi city of Mosul with her four children is facing possible prosecution in Iraq for allegedly collaborating with the Islamic State group, in a test case for how governments handle the families of foreign fighters now that the extremists are in retreat...”

## **Central Asia**

### **Presidential applicants reach 30 people in Kyrgyzstan**

*Author/Source: Zhou Xin, Xinhua*

“The Central Election Commission (CEC) of Kyrgyzstan received documents of 30 people willing to run for the presidency, the CEC said on Tuesday...”

### **Azerbaijani, Turkmen, Turkish FMs holding preparation for summit of presidents**

*Source: AzerNews*

“The fourth trilateral meeting of the foreign ministers of Azerbaijan, Turkey and Turkmenistan is being held in Baku July 19...”

## **South Asia**

### **Gunmen in Pakistan kill four Shi'ites in suspected sectarian attack**

*Author/Source: Gul Yousafzai, Reuters*

“Gunmen on Wednesday shot dead four members of the Shi'ite Muslim minority in Pakistan's southwestern province of Baluchistan, officials said, in what police suspect was a sectarian attack...”

### **4 Indians among 7 arrested for drug smuggling in central Nepal**

*Author/Source: Yurou Liang, Xinhua*

“Seven” people, including four Indian nationals were arrested for smuggling 30 kg contraband hashish from central Nepal's Makawanpur District on Wednesday, police said...”

## **Southeast Asia**

### **Thailand convicts general of trafficking at mass trial**

*Source: BBC*

“A court in Thailand has found a former general guilty of human trafficking at a landmark trial in Bangkok...”



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### **Indonesia revokes legal status of Hizb ut-Tahrir, officially dissolves group**

*Author/Source: Chandni Vatvani, Channel News Asia*

“Indonesia on Wednesday (19 July) revoked the legal status of hardline Islamic group Hizb ut-Tahrir Indonesia (HTI), officially dissolving the organisation...”

## **East Asia**

### **China blocks WhatsApp services as censors tighten grip on internet**

*Author/Source: Benjamin Haas, The Guardian*

“China has partially blocked the popular messaging service WhatsApp, as authorities tighten their grip on the internet ahead of a major leadership reshuffle in Beijing...”

### **Report: U.S. Navy monitored China's Liaoning across Taiwan Strait**

*Author/Source: Elizabeth Shim, United Press International*

“A U.S. Navy destroyer may have tracked a Chinese aircraft carrier as it returned to its homeport in northern China from Hong Kong, where it was stationed during a 20th anniversary celebration of Hong Kong’s handover to Beijing...”

### **US intelligence shows North Korean preparations for a possible missile test**

*Author/Source: Barbara Starr, CNN*

“CNN has learned that US intelligence indicates that North Korea is making preparations for another intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) or intermediate range missile test...”

## **Africa**

### **Top Boko Haram leader surrenders to Nigerian military**

*Source: News 24*

“A high ranking Boko Haram leader and three other extremists reportedly handed themselves over to the Nigerian military early this week...”

### **Egypt police trap and kill top militants**

*Source: Al Arabiya*

“Egyptian police have killed three top ISIS militants in two separate operations, including two caught trying to move to a new hideout on Cairo’s outskirts, the government said Tuesday...”

### **Warnings as deadly Central African Republic violence returns**

*Author/Source: Hippolyte Marboua, Associated Press*

“Bullet-riddled roofs line the ‘boulevard of death’ in Central African Republic’s southeastern town of Bangassou, where almost everyone who enters is seen as an enemy...”

### **Somali forces arrest 3 Al-Shabaab militants near Kenyan border**

*Source: Xinhua*

“Security forces from Somalia’s Jubaland State on Wednesday arrested three Al-Shabaab terrorists during an operation conducted in Dhobley town in southern part of the Horn of Africa nation...”



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### **[Experts See Rise in ‘Fake News’ Ahead of Kenya Election](#)**

*Author/Source: Lenny Ruvaga, VOA*

“With less than 20 days to the August polls Kenya is grappling with an increase in fake news...”

## **Europe**

### **[French defense chief de Villiers quits over clash with Macron](#)**

*Author/Source: Ed Adamczyk, United Press International*

“French military chief Gen. Pierre de Villiers resigned Wednesday after a public clash with President Emmanuel Macron over defense funding...”

### **[Ukraine conflict: Russia rejects new Donetsk rebel ‘state’](#)**

*Source: BBC*

“Russia says the declaration of a state called ‘Malorossiya’ (Little Russia) in rebel-held eastern Ukraine is just a rebel leader's ‘personal initiative’...”

## **US & Canada**

### **[Trump and Putin had another, undisclosed conversation at G20](#)**

*Source: BBC*

“US President Donald Trump and Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin had another, previously undisclosed conversation at this month’s G20, the White House has confirmed...”

### **[US Supreme Court Halts Refugee Admissions Temporarily](#)**

*Source: VOA News*

“The U.S. Supreme Court has put a temporary halt to U.S. refugee admissions until an appeals court rules on the matter...”

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

### **[Mexico begins extra security on electronics for U.S.-bound flights](#)**

*Author/Source: Andrew V. Pestano, United Press International*

“The Mexican government on Wednesday began enforcing additional security measures for larger electronic devices for passengers flying into the United States, at the request of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security...”

### **[Venezuela protesters block streets as general strike looms](#)**

*Source: Associated Press*

“Protesters have set up spontaneous roadblocks across Venezuela’s capital a day before a general strike planned by opponents of government plans to rewrite the constitution...”