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### **Daily Terrorism Weather Online**

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#### **Middle East**

##### **ISIS dealt significant blow after Iraq retakes Mosul, official says**

*Author/Source: Terri Moon Cronk, U.S. Department of Defense*

“The retaking of Mosul by Iraqi forces delivered a significant blow to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, Army Col. Ryan Dillon, the spokesman for Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve, told Pentagon reporters today...”

##### **Iraq ‘investigating Mosul cliff killing video’**

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“The Iraqi government has said it is investigating a video seemingly showing troops killing suspected Islamic State militants detained in the Mosul area...”

##### **Iraqi army personnel, tribal fighters killed, others injured in suicide attack in Anbar**

*Author/Source: Nehal Mostafa, Iraqi News*

“Iraqi troops personnel were killed, while others were wounded in a suicide attack that targeted security headquarters in Anbar province, security sources said...”

##### **Israel, Palestinian authority reach water-sharing deal**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“Israel and the Palestinian Authority have reached a water-sharing deal to bring relief to parched Palestinian communities, a breakthrough announced during the latest visit to the region by the US Middle East envoy...”

##### **Police to keep main suspects of Israeli submarine scandal in lockup**

*Author/Source: Eliyahu Kamisher, The Jerusalem Post*

“The Rishon Lezion Magistrate’s Court has extended the remands of Miki Ganor and Avriël Bar-Yosef, two key suspects in the corruption investigation into contracts to acquire three more German-made submarines and other ships, termed Case 3000...”

##### **UAE minister says demand to shut Al Jazeera dropped**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“Saudi Arabia and three other Arab countries that have imposed a political and economic blockade on Qatar are to drop their demand that the Al Jazeera Media Network be shut down...”

##### **Traumatized civilians fleeing Syria’s Raqqa in droves: U.N. official**

*Author/Source: Ellen Francis, Robin Pomeroy, Reuters*

“Scores of civilians are fleeing Syria's Raqqa traumatized, with families torn apart and conditions worsening as the battle to oust Islamic State intensifies, a senior U.N. official said on Thursday...”



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### **[U.S. Russia willing to deploy monitors for Syria ceasefire](#)**

*Author/Source: Eric Walsh, Fatima Bhojani, Reuters*

“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 said on Thursday...”

### **Central Asia**

#### **[Azerbaijani MPs visit Armeian-shelled Alkhanli village](#)**

*Author/Source: APA*

“A group of Azerbaijani parliamentarians, including Deputy Speaker Bahar Muradova visited the Alkhanli village of Azerbaijan’s Fuzuli region, which was recently shelled by Armenian armed forces...”

#### **[Armenia again breaks ceasefire with Azerbaijan](#)**

*Author/Source: APA*

“Over the past 24 hours, Armenia’s armed forces have 120 times violated the ceasefire along the line of contact between Azerbaijani and Armenian troops, the Azerbaijani Defense Ministry told APA on July 14...”

### **South Asia**

#### **[Drone strike kills IS commander, bodyguard in E. Afghanistan](#)**

*Author/Source: Xiang Bo, Xinhua*

“The commander of Islamic State (IS) group in Afghanistan's eastern Kunar province was killed along with his bodyguard in a drone airstrike on Thursday, spokesman for the provincial government Ghani Musamim said...”

#### **[Afghan girls team can travel to U.S. for robotics contest after being denied visas twice](#)**

*Author/Source: Derek Hawkins, The Washington Post*

“A group of Afghan teenage girls will be allowed to travel to the United States to partake in an international robotics competition after their visa applications were denied twice, U.S. officials said Wednesday...”

#### **[At the center of a corruption case involving the Pakistani Prime Minister is a font](#)**

*Author/Source: Euan McKirdy, Sophia Saifi, CNN*

“The Microsoft font Calibri could be an unlikely smoking gun in a corruption scandal which has mired Pakistan's ruling family and captivated the country...”

#### **[India rejects China’s mediation offer on Kashmir](#)**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“India has rejected China's offer to mediate and help resolve the Kashmir issue, insisting talks will only take place with Pakistan without the intervention of another nation...”

### **Southeast Asia**

#### **[Alleged people smuggler extradited from Indonesia to Australia](#)**

*Author/Source: The Guardian*

“An alleged people smuggler accused of sending more than 200 asylum seekers to Australia has been extradited from Indonesia...”



## **East Asia**

### **[China reiterates dialogue with Philippines to resolve maritime disputes](#)**

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“China is committed to solving disputes over the South China Sea through dialogue and consultation, and advancing cooperation with the Philippines, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang said Thursday...”

## **Africa**

### **[US, Somalia forces raid al-Shabab, kill several: official](#)**

*Author/Source: Abdi Guled, Associated Press*

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

### **[Egypt: US laptop ban lifted in Egypt, Morocco](#)**

*Author/Source: All Africa*

“Egypt and Morocco's airlines have said a ban against carry-on laptops on US-bound flights has been lifted, leaving only two Saudi airports under the restrictions put in place in March...”

### **[Libya, Italy keen to fight illegal immigration across Mediterranean](#)**

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“Libya's UN-backed Prime Minister Fayed Serraj met on Thursday with Italian Interior Minister Marco Minniti in the capital Tripoli...”

### **[South Africa considers privatization to counter recession](#)**

*Author/Source: Olivia Kumwenda-Mtambo, Mfuneko Toyana, Reuters*

“South Africa's finance minister laid out an ambitious 14-point program on Thursday to wrench the economy out of recession that included the sale of non-core assets and partial privatization of state-owned firms...”

### **[Burkina Faso forces repulse armed attack near Mali border](#)**

*Author/Source: Song Lifang, Xinhua*

“Burkina Faso armed forces on Wednesday fought back heavily armed men close to its border with Mali, corroborating sources told Xinhua reporters in the capital Ouagadougou...”

## **Europe**

### **[Russian and NATO pilots are testing each other's wills in the skies above Eastern Europe](#)**

*Author/Source: Christopher Woody, Business Insider*

“NATO and Russian aircraft and ships have drawn ever closer in the skies and seas around Eastern Europe in recent years, engaging in a kind of cat-and-mouse game that has led to many near misses...”

### **[Turkey sends ships and submarine to monitor drilling vessel near Cyprus](#)**

*Author/Source: Daren Butler, Ece Toksabay, Reuters*

“Turkey has sent two ships and a submarine to monitor a drilling vessel in the eastern



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Mediterranean Sea, the military said on Thursday, in a move likely to increase tension with Cyprus after reunification talks failed last week...”

### **Merkel, Macron vow closer cooperation, pledge to reform Eurozone**

*Author/Source: France 24*

“German Chancellor Angela Merkel vowed closer co-operation with France at a joint press conference with President Emmanuel Macron on Thursday, including backing Macron's suggestion of creating an EU finance minister position and a eurozone budget...”

### **Trump, Macron talks ‘roadmap’ against terrorism**

*Author/Source: Doug Ware, United Press International*

“President Donald Trump and French President Emmanuel Macron pledged support for one another on Thursday regarding a wide array of matters, particularly counter-terrorism...”

## **US & Canada**

### **Exclusive: U.S. prepares new sanctions on Chinese firms over North Korea ties – officials**

*Author/Source: Matt Spetalnick, David Brunnstorm, 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...”

### **Tillerson urges direct talks to solve Qatar-GCC crisis**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson has called for direct talks between Saudi Arabia-led group and Qatar, as he wrapped up a four-day mission to solve the Gulf crisis...”

### **Canada judge rejects U.S. widow’s bid to freeze ex-Guantanamo detainee’s assets**

*Author/Source: Anna Paperny, Reuters*

“A judge in Ontario on Thursday rejected a bid by a U.S. soldier's widow and an injured veteran to freeze the assets of a Canadian citizen who last week received C\$10.5 million (\$8.24 million) in a settlement with the Canadian government over its role in his decade-long detention at the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay...”

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

### **Mexico, US agree to bolster energy cooperation, security**

*Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“Mexico and the US agreed Thursday to take energy relations to the “next level” and bolster security, interconnections and integration in the power sector to boost economic development, officials said...”

### **Gunmen kill 11 people attending party in Central Mexico**

*Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“Gunmen murdered 11 people attending a party in Hidalgo, a state in central Mexico, security officials told EFE on Thursday...”



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**[Prison sentence for Brazil's former president triggers protests in Sao Paulo](#)**

*Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“Protesters both in favor of and against the prison sentence handed to Brazil’s former president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva took to the streets of Sao Paulo on Wednesday, as military police were deployed to avoid possible confrontations...”

**[Peru judge orders 18 months in jail for former President Humala, wife](#)**

*Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“A judge ordered former Peruvian President Ollanta Humala and his wife Nadine Heredia on Thursday to serve 18 months in preventative custody ahead of a trial on charges that he received funds from Brazilian construction company Odebrecht during his successful 2011 election campaign...”