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### Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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#### **Middle East**

##### [Report: Syria bans Iran from using hangars after Israeli airstrikes](#)

*Author/Source: Judah Ari Gross, The Times of Israel*

“The Syrian air force has forbidden Iranian forces and their allied Shiite militias from using its aircraft hangars and other facilities on its military bases, in light of repeated Israeli attacks, a Syrian news outlet reported on Sunday...”

##### [Anger Spreads as Syria Leads Global Disarmament Body](#)

*Author/Source: Nick Cumming-Bruce, The New York Times*

“The Syrian government of Bashar al-Assad has been accused of using chemical weapons, barrel bombs and torture against its own people during a seven-year civil war...”

##### [A Superstar’s Funeral in Tehran turns into Angry Protests Against Iranian Authorities](#)

*Author/Source: Radio Farda, Payvand*

“Paying homage to a pre-revolution superstar in Tehran turned into a large and noisy protest against the ruling establishment on Sunday, May 27. Nasser Malek Motiee, 88, passed away on Friday evening of kidney failure in a hospital in the capital city...”

#### **Central Asia**

##### [Armenia breaks ceasefire with Azerbaijan 93 times](#)

*Author/Source: Trend, Azernews*

“Over the past 24 hours, Armenia’s armed forces have 93 times violated the ceasefire along the line of contact between Azerbaijani and Armenian troops, the Azerbaijani Defense Ministry said May 28...”

#### **South Asia**

##### [Former Pakistani Spy Chief Barred From Traveling Over Tell-All Book](#)

*Author/Source: RFE/RL, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty*

“A former head of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) spy agency has been barred from leaving the country in connection with a recent memoir he co-authored with a former Indian intelligence-agency head...”

##### [Political parties insist for change in Afghan electoral system](#)

*Author/Source: Afghanistan Times, Afghanistan Times*

“Some political parties have demanded the Afghan parliament’s electoral system be changed to a proportional system...”

##### [Pakistan, India hold first maritime security dialogue in two years](#)



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*Author/Source: Web Desk, Daily Pakistan*

“A four-member Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA) delegation, headed by Rear Admiral Zakaur Rehman, reached New Delhi to hold annual maritime dialogue with India’s Coast Guard Director General Rajender Singh on Monday...”

### **No comprehensive dialogue with Pakistan till it shuns terrorism: Sushma Swaraj**

*Author/Source: The Economic Times, The Economic Times*

“There cannot be any comprehensive dialogue with Pakistan till it shuns terrorism, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said today, asserting talks were not appropriate while people are dying on the border...”

### **India flags security challenges faced by Afghanistan at SCO meet**

*Author/Source: Financial Express, Financial Express*

“The SCO-Afghanistan Contact Group Meeting was held here today during which India underlined the security challenges posed by terrorism imposed from beyond the borders of the war-torn country...”

## **Southeast Asia**

### **Philippine Agents Kill Militants Who Helped Fight ISIS-Linked Forces**

*Author/Source: Felipe Villamor, The New York Times*

“Nine militants from a group that helped the Philippine Army hunt down Islamic State-linked fighters in the country’s south have been killed in a firefight with the police, their colleagues said Monday...”

### **Terrorism on agenda during PM Modi’s Indonesia visit**

*Author/Source: Business Standard, Business Standard*

“As Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to leave for Indonesia on Tuesday for a two-day visit, Indian Ambassador to the country on Monday said both countries are looking for joint-cooperation to counter terrorism...”

### **Senate Oks resolution honoring soldiers for defending, maintaining peace in Marawi City**

*Author/Source: Hannah Torregosa, Manila Bulletin*

“The Senate on Monday adopted the resolution honoring the bravery, sacrifice and heroism of the soldiers who fought against the Islamic State (ISIS)-inspired Maute group that tried to take over Marawi City...”

## **East Asia**

### **China to host Iran leader amid nuclear deal upheaval**

*Author/Source: The Times of Israel, The Time of Israel*

“Iran’s president will attend a summit with his Chinese and Russian counterparts next month, officials in Beijing said Monday, as they try to salvage the nuclear deal thrown into upheaval by US President Donald Trump...”

## **Africa**



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#### **Nigeria told to end security ‘slush funds’**

*Author/Source: Sowetan Live, Sowetan Live*

“Campaigners on Monday urged Nigeria to stop handing out millions of dollars to tackle unspecified security issues with no questions asked, arguing the practice fuels corruption and conflict...”

#### **4 Killed in Nigeria suicide attack**

*Author/Source: Xinhua, XinhuaNet*

“Four people were confirmed killed following a suicide attack by suspected Boko Haram members in Nigeria's northeastern town of Konduga, local police said on Monday...”

#### **Militant Attack in Mali’s North Leaves More than 20 Dead**

*Author/Source: Katarina Hoije, Bloomberg*

“At least 20 people have been killed in a militia attack on an ethnic Tuareg organization in Mali’s Gao region, which has witnessed a surge of violence between armed groups even as French and West African troops are carrying out anti-jihadist operations in the area...”

#### **Somalia: parliamentary Staffer Shot Dead in Mogadishu Attack**

*Author/Source: Shabelle Media Network, All Africa*

“Armed Assailants believed to be Al-Shabaab assassins have on Monday afternoon shot dead Parliamentary staffer in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, Police and witnesses said...”

### **Europe**

#### **French prosecutor: 40 terrorism convicts to be released soon**

*Author/Source: The Associated Press, ABC News*

“France's anti-terrorism prosecutor says about 40 convicted terrorists are due to be released from French prisons this year and next, calling the re-entry into society of the unrepentant ones a ‘major risk...’”

#### **British Army’s new air defence missile blasts airborne target by Baltic Sea**

*Author/Source: Gov.uk, Gov.uk*

“A brand-new missile system at the heart of the British Army’s future air defences has completed its first successful firing trials, Defence Secretary Gavin Williamson has announced...”

#### **Russia seething: Poland wants permanent U.S. military base, willing to pay \$2 billion for it**

*Author/Source: Ben Wolfgang, The Washington Times*

“Russia threatened retaliation Monday after news that Poland wants a permanent U.S. military base within its borders and is willing to pay up to \$2 billion for the facility...”

### **US & Canada**



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**[Global War on Terrorism monument dedicated](#)**

*Author/Source: Steve DeVane, The Fayetteville Observer*

“Retired Gen. Dan McNeill never met 1st Lt. Tyler Hall Brown, but he knows all about the soldier who died in Iraq on Sept. 14, 2004...”

**[CAIR likens Israeli army to ISIS, Al-Qaeda](#)**

*Author/Source: Michael F. Haverluck, One News Now*

“The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) pushed its so-called “anti-Islamophobia” campaign to another level at a Southern California event, claiming that the Israeli army is basically the equivalent to ISIS and al-Qaeda terrorist groups...”

**South and Central America and the Caribbean**

**[Luis Posada Carriles, Hemisphere’s Most Wanted Terrorist, Dies Free in Miami at Age 90](#)**

*Author/Source: Brett Wilkins, Counter Punch*

“Luis Posada Carriles, the most notorious and wanted terrorist in the Western Hemisphere — but one few Americans have ever heard of — has died a free man in Miami at age 90...”