



POTOMAC INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR TERRORISM STUDIES
901 North Stuart Street Suite 200 Arlington, VA 22203
Tel. 703-562-4513, 703-525-0770 ext. 237 Fax 703-562-1000
icts@potomac institute.org www.potomac institute.org

Daily Terrorism Weather Online

29 May 2018

Middle East

[Netanyahu: Israel will respond 'with great force' to Mortar Attacks](#)

Author/Source: Herb Keinon, The Jerusalem Post

“Netanyahu, speaking in Maalot, said that Jerusalem views with gravity the attacks that he attributed to Hamas and Islamic Jihad. “Israel will extract a heavy price from anyone who tries to harm it...”

[How will the U.S. nuclear deal pullout affect Iran's economy?](#)

Author/Source: Seyed Yasser Jebraily, Al Jazeera and News Agencies

“After US President Donald Trump's withdrawal from the 2015 nuclear agreement, there has been much talk about the future of Iran's economy. Some have speculated that the negative effect of Trump's decision on the oil markets may put the survival of Iran's economy in doubt...”

[The Latest: Israel intercepts Gaza protest boat](#)

Author/Source: The Associated Press, Y Net News

“Israeli troops have boarded one of two Gaza boats that set out to break the naval blockade of the coastal territory in a largely symbolic protest. The Israeli military says troops boarded the vessel without incident on Tuesday and detained 17 people. The ship will be towed to the port at Ashdod after it is searched. The second boat returned to Gaza on its own...”

[Iraqi cleric Sadr rejects Iran, U.S. interference in forming new government](#)

Author/Source: Mohammed Ebraheem, Iraqi News

“Iraqi Shia cleric Muqtada al-Sadr reiterated on Tuesday his rejection of Iranian and U.S. interference in forming a new government in Iraq, the first ever since the defeat of Islamic State in the country last year...”

[Top minister warns Israel on cusp of war with Gaza](#)

Author/Source: Toi Staff, The Times of Israel

“Israel is the closest its been to war in Gaza since the 2014 war with Hamas,” Intelligence Minister Israel Katz told Army Radio Tuesday evening, following a day of intense rocket and mortar fire from the Strip and retaliatory Israeli strikes...”

[Russia Considers Pulling Back Iranian Forces From Israel-Syria Border](#)

Author/Source: Amos Harel, Haaretz

“Israeli political and military leaders believe Russia is willing to discuss a significant distancing of Iranian forces and allied Shi'ite militias from the Israel-Syria border, Israeli officials say...”



POTOMAC INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR TERRORISM STUDIES
901 North Stuart Street Suite 200 Arlington, VA 22203
Tel. 703-562-4513, 703-525-0770 ext. 237 Fax 703-562-1000
icts@potomacinstitute.org www.potomacinstitute.org

[Russian women implicated in Iraqi terrorist attacks to be tried in Iraq](#)

Author/Source: Mohammed Ebraheem, Iraqi News

“Iraq has the exclusive right to try Russian women, who are implicated in terrorist attacks on its territory, the Iraqi ambassador in Moscow said on Tuesday...”

Central Asia

South Asia

[Nine People, Mostly Civilians, 'Mistakenly Killed' In Afghan Raid](#)

Author/Source: Radio Free Afghanistan, Gandhara

“Afghan forces have killed nine people, mostly civilians, by mistake during a raid on a house in the eastern province of Nangarhar, officials say...”

[Financial sustainment of the Afghan security forces key to lasting security in Afghanistan](#)

Author/Source: NATO

“NATO Allies and partners are staying the course in their support to the financial sustainment of the Afghan security forces. At the yearly plenary meeting of the Afghan National Army (ANA) Trust Fund Board, held today (Tuesday, 29 May 2018) at NATO Headquarters, they reviewed – together with representatives of the donor community – the Trust Fund management arrangements and implementation...”

[More than 100 dead as Bangladesh drug war escalates](#)

Author/Source: Straits Times

“More than 100 alleged drug dealers have been killed and thousands detained in Bangladesh in the past fortnight in a Philippines-style narcotics crackdown that has raised concerns about extrajudicial killings...”

[Afghan forces repel Islamic State attack at Kabul ministry](#)

Author/Source: Rahim Faiez, Houston Chronicle

“Islamic State militants, including two suicide bombers, dressed in military uniforms and riding in two armored vehicles launched a surprise attack on the Interior Ministry in Kabul on Wednesday but Afghan forces managed to repel the assault, leaving all the attackers dead...”

Southeast Asia

[Push to import new ‘rapid-fire’ shotgun into Australia sparks concerns](#)

Author/Source: Rachel Carbonell, ABC

“This is the Verney-Carron Veloce, a French-made shotgun with a new fast fire and reload mechanism. It is not available in Australia but if Queensland gun importer Rick Casagrande gets his way, it soon will be. His battle to bring the weapon into the country is now in the Federal Court...”



POTOMAC INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR TERRORISM STUDIES
901 North Stuart Street Suite 200 Arlington, VA 22203
Tel. 703-562-4513, 703-525-0770 ext. 237 Fax 703-562-1000
icts@potomac institute.org www.potomac institute.org

East Asia

[North Korean Official Heads for U.S. as Adversaries Seek Path to Nuclear Deal](#)

Author/Source: Andrew Jeong in Seoul and Chun Han Wong in Beijing, The Wall Street Journal

“North Korean leader Kim Jong Un dispatched one of his top lieutenants to the U.S. as Washington and Pyongyang pressed ahead on denuclearization talks in hopes of reaching a deal...”

[Ordinary North Koreans dare to speak out despite fear](#)

Author/Source: Michael Cowan, BBC

“Speaking to ordinary citizens inside North Korea is almost impossible, with visitors heavily policed and communication with the outside world blocked. But two residents were willing to speak to the BBC's Victoria Derbyshire programme, despite the threat of death or imprisonment...”

[US says North Korea behind malware attacks](#)

Author/Source: Deb Riechmann, SF Gate

“The Trump administration issued a fresh warning Tuesday about malicious North Korean cyber activity, as that nation's leader dispatched a top adviser to New York to prepare for a possible summit on its nuclear arsenal...”

[Japan reports suspected North Korea sanctions breach](#)

Author/Source: Channel News Asia

“ ‘Japan has reported a suspected sanctions violation by Pyongyang to the UN after spotting an apparent cargo transfer involving a North Korean tanker the foreign ministry in Tokyo,’ said Tuesday (May 29). The incident is the fifth time this year Tokyo has reported a cargo transfer by a North Korean vessel, in violation of sanctions over Pyongyang's banned nuclear and ballistic missile programmes...”

Africa

[Post-Gaddafi Libya: Rival leaders agree to hold polls in December 2018](#)

Author/Source: Africa News

“Libyans will have the opportunity to elect lawmakers and a new president in December 2018, according to agreements reached by rival leaders on Tuesday, May 29, in Paris...”

[ISIS-Affiliated Al Shabaab Claims Responsibility Of Attacks On Security And Intelligence Targets In Mogadishu](#)

Author/Source: Goldberg, Intelligence Briefs

“Al Shabaab terror organization has claimed responsibility for the assassination of Somali Security & Intelligence Officers in two different locations in Mogadishu. The jihadist claimed responsibility for the killings through their propaganda media outlet...”



POTOMAC INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR TERRORISM STUDIES
901 North Stuart Street Suite 200 Arlington, VA 22203
Tel. 703-562-4513, 703-525-0770 ext. 237 Fax 703-562-1000
icts@potomacinstitute.org www.potomacinstitute.org

Women and children among 10 beheaded in gruesome attack amid Islamist insurgency in Mozambique

Author/Source: Adrian Blomfield, Telegraph

“Muslim militants have beheaded 10 villagers, women and children among them, in northern Mozambique, raising fears that Islamist extremists are gaining a new foothold in Africa...”

3 Al Shabaab Terrorists Arrested In Nyeri County, Kenya By Anti-Terrorism Police

Author/Source: Goldberg, Intelligence Briefs

“Anti-terrorism police in Kenya have arrested three al shabaab suspects in the country’s Nyeri County while at the same time launching 24-hour surveillance on several strategic locations and routes in the region...”

Europé

Why the upcoming release of 40 radicalized inmates presents 'a major risk' to France

Author/Source: Evie Burrows-Taylor, The Local fr

“The 40 radicalized prisoners who are preparing to leave French prisons over the next 18 months after serving their sentences are "a major risk", France's leading counter-terrorism prosecutor has warned...”

Liege shooting: Two police officers and civilian dead in Belgium: A man has shot dead two female police officers and a civilian in the eastern Belgian city of Liège.

Author/Source: BBC News

“The gunman also took a female cleaner hostage at a school before being killed by police. Four other police officers were also injured. The man's motive is not yet clear but the incident is being treated as terrorism...”

Russia Considers Pulling Back Iranian Forces From Israel-Syria Border

Author/Source: Amos Harel, Haaretz

“Russia fears Israel's strikes in Syria will undermine Assad's rule. Israel believes Moscow may agree to move the Iranians 60 kilometers away from the Israeli border...”

Russian women implicated in Iraqi terrorist attacks to be tried in Iraq

Author/Source: Mohammed Ebraheem, Iraqi News

“Iraq has the exclusive right to try Russian women, who are implicated in terrorist attacks on its territory, the Iraqi ambassador in Moscow said on Tuesday...”

Russian journalist killed in Kiev

Author/Source: Melissa Quinn, Washington Examiner

“A Russian journalist who was a staunch critic of Russian President Vladimir Putin was shot and killed at his apartment in Kiev...”



POTOMAC INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR TERRORISM STUDIES
901 North Stuart Street Suite 200 Arlington, VA 22203
Tel. 703-562-4513, 703-525-0770 ext. 237 Fax 703-562-1000
icts@potomac institute.org www.potomac institute.org

US & Canada

[Eric Hargan: HHS did not lose undocumented children](#)

Author/Source: Sally Persons, Washington Times

“Health and Human Services Deputy Secretary Eric Hargan said Tuesday that children take into U.S. custody after illegally crossing the border are not “lost” but are placed with a sponsor...”

[Trump accuses Mueller’s ‘13 Angry Democrats’ of ‘MEDDLING’ in midterms](#)

Author/Source: Brooke Singman, Fox News

“President Trump warned Tuesday that Special Counsel Robert Mueller and the ‘13 Angry Democrats’ on his team ‘will be MEDDLING’ in the midterms by pursuing their Russia probe so close to the election...”

Latin America and the Caribbean

[‘Illegality of Drugs Killing People’: UN Urges Legalization in Latin America](#)

Author/Source: TeleSur

“Peru, Colombia and Bolivia are the top producers of coca leaves used to make cocaine, much of which is smuggled through Mexico to reach the United States. A U.N. agency on Monday called for legalizing drugs in Latin America to reduce the human cost of prohibition...”