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## Daily Terrorism Weather

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### **Middle East**

#### [A Growing Frontier for Terrorist Groups: Unsuspecting Chat Apps](#)

*Rita Katz / Wired*

“Heads up, tech companies: If your product appeals to the masses, it likely also holds allure for terrorist groups like ISIS...”

#### [Former Israeli Minister Admits to Spying for Iran](#)

*Dov Lieber / Wall Street Journal*

“A former Israeli minister pleaded guilty to spying for the country’s bitter enemy Iran and faces an 11-year prison sentence, in a case that has gripped the public as Israel tries to thwart Tehran’s attempts to entrench on its border...”

#### [HTS offensive could draw in Syria and Turkey](#)

*Anchal Vohra / Aljazeera*

“As Hay’et Tahrir al-Sham captures towns in north Syria, residents fear group's presence may lead to government assault...”

#### [Stabbing in Jerusalem - terrorism suspected](#)

*Orli Harari / Arutz Sheva*

“A 15-year-old girl was stabbed on Wednesday morning while she was standing at a bus stop in Jerusalem's Armon Hanatziv neighborhood...”

#### [Yemen needs 'substantial progress' to further peace: UN envoy](#)

*Aljazeera*

“United Nations Special Envoy for Yemen Martin Griffiths warned on Wednesday that "substantial progress" is needed to advance peace efforts in Yemen before new talks can be held on ending the four-year devastating war...”

### **Central Asia**

#### [Azerbaijan sees new possibilities for dialogue with Armenia](#)

*Joshua Kucera / Eurasianet*

“With a new government in Armenia, there is an increasing level of optimism in Baku that, after years of stagnation, there is finally potential for progress in resolving the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan...”

## South Asia

### [Afghan envoy hopes 2019 to be year of peace for Afghanistan](#)

*Kathy Gannon / ABC*

“The Afghan president's special peace envoy expressed hope Wednesday that the war that has ravaged this country for over 17 years and cost the United States about \$1 trillion will end in 2019...”

### [Need To Ensure Zero Tolerance Towards Terrorism: Sushma Swaraj](#)

*NDTV*

“External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj on Wednesday said no country is immune to the "existential threat" of terrorism and the need of the hour is to ensure zero tolerance towards it...”

### [Pakistan Maritime Security Agency apprehends 15 Gujarat fishermen for straying close to its waters](#)

*Press Trust of India / First Post*

“At least 15 fishermen from Gujarat were apprehended early on Wednesday by the Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA) near the international maritime boundary on the Arabian Sea, the second such incident in the last five days, officials said...”

### ['Terrorism new warfare, social media to be controlled'](#)

*Deccan Herald*

“Terrorism is becoming a new form of warfare and it will keep growing like a "multi-headed monster" till nations continue to use it as a State policy, Army Chief General Bipin Rawat said on Wednesday as he pitched for some control over social media to contain the spread of radicalisation and funding...”

## Southeast Asia

## East Asia

### [North Korean defectors voice concern for Pyongyang's missing Italy envoy](#)

*Yoonjung Seo and James Griffiths / CNN*

“A group of prominent North Korean defectors called on the Italian and South Korean governments to provide protection for Pyongyang's former envoy to Italy Wednesday, as his whereabouts remain unknown...”

## Africa

### [Again, Buhari blames Gaddafi for Nigeria's insecurity](#)

*Kemi Busari / Premium Times*

“Stooges of former Libya leader, Muamar Gaddafi, constitute the terrorists perpetrating evil acts in Nigeria, President Muhammadu Buhari has said...”

### **Nigeria is on edge with multiple internal security conflicts as it prepares for tense elections**

*Mark Amaza / Quartz Africa*

“On Nov. 18, news broke about an attack on an army base in the village of Metele in northeastern Nigeria by suspected members of the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP), a splinter group of Boko Haram, the terrorist organization...”

### **Why is Sudan’s Genocidal Regime a CIA Favorite?**

*Justin Lynch / Daily Beast*

“One of the most respected American diplomats to work in Africa, Princeton Lyman, was set to meet in September 2012 with members of a Sudanese plot to overthrow President Omar al-Bashir, who is accused of genocide in Darfur...”

### **3 stabbed, gunshots heard as Nigeria's ruling party rally descends into chaos**

*Bukola Adebayo / CNN*

“At least three people were stabbed Tuesday after violence flared at a campaign rally in Lagos, southwestern Nigeria, police said...”

## **Europe**

### **Fight against terrorism: Council renews the designations on the EU terrorist list and adds two Iranian individuals and one Iranian entity in response to recent foiled attacks on European soil**

*Council of EU*

“The Council added 2 Iranian individuals and the Directorate for Internal Security of the Iranian Ministry for Intelligence and Security to the EU terrorist list (measures set down in common position 2001/931/CFSP)...”

### **Israel Issues Rare Praise for EU for Sanctioning Iran**

*Herb Keinon, Reuters / The Jerusalem Post*

“Israel issued rare praise for the European Union on Wednesday for its decision a day earlier to sanction Iran for attempted assassinations in France and Denmark...”

### **Russia ‘ready’ for showdown with US over nuclear weapons treaty**

*Simon Osborne / Express*

“Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said Moscow would be happy for negotiations to take place in the form a joint commission or in any format convenient for the US...”

### **Spanish Authorities Dismantle Human and Drug Trafficking Network**

*Prensa Latina*

“The Spanish police reported Wednesday they broke up a human and drug trafficking network by arresting eight of its members, including those most responsible for the criminal organization in the country...”

## **Terror suspect 'who supplied the machine guns used to slaughter 130 in 2015 ISIS attack in Paris' is arrested in Belgium**

*Chris Pleasance / The Daily Mail*

“A Belgian man accused of supplying the guns that ISIS extremists used to murder 130 people during the 2015 Paris terror attack has been arrested in Belgium...”

## **US & Canada**

### **American detained in Iran suffering psychologically, ex-prisoner says**

*CBS*

“New details are emerging about an American Navy veteran being held captive in Iran...”

### **American Teen ISIS Suspect Arrested in Syria, U.S.-allied Kurds Say**

*Tucker Reals / CBS*

“America's Kurdish allies in Syria, currently fretting over when the Trump administration will pull out the 2,000 U.S. troops who guarantee their safety, said Wednesday that they had apprehended an American teenager fighting with ISIS...”

### **Defense Department Abruptly Stopped Releasing Key Details on Strikes in War on ISIS**

*Trevor Aaronson / The Intercept*

“The Defense Department has quietly halted its practice of issuing detailed “strike releases,” periodic reports that provided information about bombings targeting Islamic State fighters, buildings, and equipment in Iraq and Syria...”

### **Democrats Vote to Delay Passage of Israel Bill Until Shutdown Ends**

*Michael Wilner / The Jerusalem Post*

“A bill that would codify a defense memorandum of understanding with Israel and support state and local efforts to combat the BDS movement failed to proceed in the Senate on Tuesday, stalled by Democrats who insist on reopening the government before passing any nonessential legislation...”

### **Pompeo Visits Iraq, Assures Allies that U.S. Will Not Let ISIS Rebound**

*Tucker Reals / CBS*

“U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo made an unannounced stop in Iraq on Wednesday amid confusion over changing messages from the Trump administration about a planned U.S. troop withdrawal from Syria...”

### **The US is trying to woo back Asian countries, but those efforts aren't yet paying off**

*Nyshka Chandran / CNBC*

“When U.S. President Donald Trump came to power two years ago, his government unveiled several actions under the "America First" doctrine that reduced American engagement with the international community...”

### **Steller column: Worried about terrorism? Focus on us, not border**

*Arizona Daily Star*

“The U.S.-Mexico border was practically silent on Sept. 11, 2001...”

**US says airstrike in Somalia kills 6 al-Shabab extremists**

*Associate Press / Washington Post*

“The United States military says it has carried out an airstrike in southern Somalia that killed six al-Shabab extremists...”

**Why Allies U.S., Turkey Keep Feuding With Each Other: QuickTake**

*Selcan Hacaoglu / Washington Post*

“The U.S. and Turkey have been allies for more than six decades, but in recent years their relationship has been repeatedly strained by disputes...”

**South and Central America and the Caribbean**