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Daily Terrorism Weather

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Middle East

[ISIS-claimed attack on Americans in Syria Renews criticism of Trump Policy](#)

Natasha Turak/ CNBC

“Around 1 p.m. local time Wednesday, a suicide bomber blew himself up in a popular area of downtown Manbij, a northern Syrian city that’s been controlled by U.S.-supported Kurdish militias since it was wrested from ISIS in 2016...”

[ISIS Accounts on Facebook share videos of Syria suicide bombing](#)

Christopher Carbone/ Fox News

“The horrifying moment in which a deadly suicide bomb exploded on a street in Syria on Wednesday was captured in a video that ISIS-sympathetic accounts then shared on Facebook. Two different accounts posted what appears to be...”

[B’Tselem says 290 Palestinians killed by IDF fire in 2018](#)

Anna Ahronheim/ The Jerusalem Post

“Israeli security forces killed 290 Palestinians in 2018, including 55 minors, the Israeli human rights organization B’Tselem announced on Thursday. According to the report, 254 Palestinians were killed...”

[Israeli PM to visit Chad for resumption of diplomatic ties](#)

Xinhua

“JERUSALEM, Jan. 17 (Xinhua) -- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will travel to Chad on Jan. 20, his office said Thursday, where he is expected to announce...”

[40 Bodies in ISIS Grave; Seven Killed in Iraq](#)

Margaret Griffs/ Antiwar

“At least seven people were killed, and 16 were wounded in recent violence; 40 bodies were found in a mass grave: Forty bodies belonging to ISIS members were discovered in...”

South Asia

[California man killed in Taliban truck bombing in Afghanistan](#)

CBS

“A California man was among those killed in a powerful truck bomb attack against a heavily fortified foreign compound in Kabul this week, officials said Wednesday, as the government continued investigating...”

[Afghan forces launch fresh offensive against Taliban](#)

Shadi Khan Saif/ Anadolu Agency

“Afghan forces on Thursday opened a fresh front against the Taliban in the northwestern Badghis province bordering Turkmenistan, killing 39 militants...”



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District police chief killed in Afghanistan's Parwan province

Xinhua

“CHARIKAR, Afghanistan, Jan. 17 (Xinhua) -- The district police chief of Shinwari district in eastern Parwan province was killed and two others were injured in clash with...”

Probe against ISIS-inspired group: NIA carries out searches in Western UP, Punjab

India Today

“The NIA Thursday carried out searches at eight places in western Uttar Pradesh and Punjab in connection with its probe against an ISIS-inspired group, which was allegedly planning suicide attacks and serial blasts, targeting...”

Southeast Asia

A dozen foreign nationals investigated over weapons of mass destruction fears

New Zealand Herald

“Twelve foreign nationals who have applied to study or work here are under investigation over fears that they're coming here to make weapons of mass destruction (WMD), Newshub reported. These international students, who are being investigated by Immigration New Zealand, are from countries that have...”

Protecting from Sayyaf attacks

Daily Express

“Military measures alone will not reduce the risk of Abu Sayyaf kidnappings or terrorist transit in the Sulu and Sulawesi Seas off eastern Sabah, according to a report by an Indonesian think tank. Regional initiatives such as the Trilateral Maritime Patrol are...”

Bangladesh: Violent Repression of Opposition

Human Rights Watch

“(New York) – Bangladesh violently cracked down on criticism of the ruling Awami League in advance of national elections in 2018, Human Rights Watch said today in its World Report 2019. Instead of responding to calls for accountability, security forces engaged in violence, torture, enforced disappearances, and extrajudicial killings. The victims included...”

East Asia

PLA South China Sea Fleet sets sail for far-sea drill

Global Times

“A formation of Chinese naval ships consisting of four advanced warships under the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Southern Theater Command's South China Sea Fleet set sail Wednesday for deepwater exercises with the PLA's Air Force, Rocket Force and Strategic Support Force. The PLA forces will conduct...”

North Korea and US meet for nuclear face-off: Kim Jong-un's top envoy in Washington

Simon Osborne/ Express UK

“Reports that Kim Yong Chol had boarded a flight from Beijing to the US capital tallied with earlier rumours that fresh talks on Pyongyang's progress were imminent. US and South Korean media had quoted unidentified sources as saying”



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Africa

[Dusit Attack revenge for U.S. Declaration of Jerusalem as Israel's capital-Sabaab](#)

Emmanuel Wanjala/ The Star

“Tuesday's attack on DusitD2 hotel complex on 14 Riverside Drive was retaliation for US President Donald Trump's decision to declare Jerusalem the capital city of Israel, al Shabaab has said. SITE Intelligence Group, an NGO that specialises in tracking and analysing global extremist groups, said...”

[Nairobi attack missing accounted for, with death toll at 21](#)

The Irish Times

“Nineteen people still missing two days after a Somali militant attack on a Nairobi hotel and office complex that killed 21 people are now accounted for, the Kenyan Red Cross said on Thursday. Kenyan president Uhuru Kenyatta said on Wednesday evening that a 20-hour siege had ended with...”

Europe

[Turkey deports Dutch journalist Ans Boersma over alleged links to Syrian terror group](#)

Borzou Daraghi

“Turkey deported a Dutch journalist on Thursday after receiving what it described as a report from her own government linking her to a Syrian militant group listed as a terrorist organization...”

[Jihadi defense lawyer arrested for financing terrorism](#)

Chris Tomlinson/ Breitbart

“Paris lawyer Bruno Vinay was arrested on Tuesday by members of the Directorate-General of Internal Security (DGSI), France's domestic intelligence agency, following the terror financing allegations...”

US & Canada

[Georgia man plotted attack on White House, authorities say](#)

Joshua Sharpe/ Atlanta Journal Constitution

“Federal authorities on Wednesday arrested a metro Atlanta man they said was plotting to attack the White House but instead got entangled with the FBI. Hasher Jallal Taheb, 21, of Cumming, was taken into custody in Gwinnett County while allegedly trying to...”

[Kirk Woodman: Canadian mine worker killed in Burkina Faso](#)

BBC

“Kirk Woodman was abducted by gunmen on Tuesday night from a mine near the country's border with Niger. Canada's Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland condemned those responsible "for this terrible crime". Mr Woodman, a geologist, was the second Canadian to go missing...”



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South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Ten killed in car bomb attack on Colombian police academy](#)

Today

“A car bomb attack on a police cadet training academy killed 10 people and wounded 65 on Thursday in Bogota, making it the worst such incident in the Colombian capital in 16 years. The defense ministry said the "terrorist act" was carried out using...”