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Daily Terrorism Weather

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Middle East

[Car Bomb Kills one, Injures 14 in Syria: State Media](#)

Reuters

“A car bomb detonated in the government-held Syrian city of Latakia on Tuesday, killing one person and wounding 14, Syrian state media reported...”

[Report: 12 Iranians Killed in Israeli Strike on Syria; Total Rises to 21](#)

Anna Ahronheim/ The Jerusalem Post

“Twelve soldiers belonging to Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps were killed in Sunday's Israeli air strikes on Syria, the UK-based NGO Syrian Observatory for Human Rights claimed on Tuesday...”

[Netanyahu Stops Qatari Money Transfer to Hamas after Gaza Confrontation](#)

Uri Bollag/ The Jerusalem Post

“Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has stopped the money transfer from Qatar to Hamas after the Gaza border confrontation on Tuesday afternoon, after consulting with security officials...”

[Preparations under Way for Peace Plan after Israeli Elections, Pompeo Says](#)

Michael Wilner/ The Jerusalem Post

“The Trump administration has begun laying the groundwork for talks between Israelis and Palestinians, sharing elements of the plan with partners in the region ahead of an anticipated rollout after Israel's April 9 elections, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Tuesday...”

[Two Men Found Guilty of Smuggling Millions in Fake Cash](#)

The National

“Two men found guilty of attempting to smuggle nearly three million in fake Euros into the UAE have been sentenced to three years in prison. Dubai Criminal Court heard how a 51-year-old man was arrested in July last year after arriving on a flight into Dubai International Airport...”

[Danon: Iran Spends \\$7 B. a Year on Middle East Terror, Incl. in West Bank](#)

Tovah Lazaroff/ The Jerusalem Post

“Iran has spent \$7 billion annually on terror in the Middle East, including in the West Bank, Israel's Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon told the Security Council on Tuesday...”

[Assad Blocks Access to Damascus for EU Envoys: Diplomats](#)

Robin Emmott/ Reuters

“Syria's President Bashar al-Assad has revoked special visas for European Union diplomats and officials traveling regularly between Beirut and Damascus, complicating efforts to distribute aid to civil war victims, three senior EU diplomats said...”



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Hammas: Chad's Relations with Israel a Stab in the Back of Palestinians

Alon Einhorn/ The Jerusalem Post

“Hammas denounced Chad's renewed diplomatic relations with Israel as a "stab in the back" of the Palestinian cause, the terrorist organization said in a statement carried by Iran's PressTV...”

Palestinian and Saudi Leaders Talk Strategy amid Middle East Violence

Tovah Lazaroff, Khaled Abu Toameh/ The Jerusalem Post

“Regional leaders at the annual World Economic Forum in Davos discuss a strategy for the Middle East amid escalating regional violence and the US pledge to pull its forces out of Syria...”

Helmet Saves Israeli Soldier Hit by Palestinian Sniper at Gaza Border

Anna Ahronheim/ The Jerusalem Post

“An IDF tank struck a Hamas observatioAn post killing one Palestinian after an IDF officer was lightly injured Tuesday evening by gunfire along the border with the southern Gaza Strip...”

Iran, Iraq Call for Joint Coop. in Space Technology

MEHR News Agency

“Iranian ICT Minister Mohammad Javad Azari Jahromi and his Iraqi counterpart have called for broadening joint cooperation in space and information technology (IT) on Tuesday...”

Central Asia

Dublin Anti-Terror Arrests Made after Bank Alerted Gardai to 'ISIS Donations'

Niall O'Connor/ Dublin Live

“A bank alerted gardai to a suspected Islamic terror financier and his family who was collecting thousands of euro in donations for ISIS, sources have told Dublin Live...”

South Asia

U.S. Military Service Member Killed in Afghanistan: Statement

Reuters

“A U.S. military service member was killed in Afghanistan on Tuesday, the U.S. military said in a statement, without providing additional details...”

Southeast Asia

Police Officer Nabbed on Drug Smuggling Suspicion in North Sumatra

Apriadi Gunawan/ The Jakarta Post

“A Samosir Police officer in North Sumatra was arrested on Sunday on suspicion of smuggling 15 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine...”



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East Asia

[U.S. Officers Charged for Smuggling Marijuana](#)

Yonhap

“Two noncommissioned U.S. officers have been arrested for smuggling marijuana worth millions of won into the country, the local prosecutors office said Tuesday...”

[S. Korea Publishes 5-page Statement Wrapping up Radar Spat with Japan](#)

Yonhap

“South Korea's defense ministry issued a five-page statement capping a monthlong military radar dispute with Japan on Tuesday, a day after Tokyo announced a halt to bilateral consultations in an apparent retreat from the row...”

Africa

[Egypt Says Clashes Kill 7 Troops, 59 Militants in Sinai](#)

Ynet

“Egypt said Tuesday at least seven troops, including an officer, have been killed in clashes with militants in recent operations in restive northern Sinai Peninsula, where its security forces have been battling a long-running insurgency led by a local affiliate of the Islamic State group...”

[Canadian peacekeepers called in following deadly attack in Mali](#)

Levon Sevunts/ Radio Canada International

“Canadian peacekeepers in Mali scrambled five of their helicopters to airlift injured Chadian soldiers following Sunday's deadly terrorist attack against a UN camp in the north of the country, Canadian officials revealed Tuesday...”

[Sudan Targets Demonstrators, Journalists as Protests Continue](#)

Al Jazeera

“Sudanese police in the capital's twin city Omdurman has fired tear gas at crowds protesting the fatal wounding of a demonstrator last week, witnesses said...”

[Zimbabwe President Says 'Heads Will Roll' After Protest Crackdown](#)

Euan McKirdy/ CNN

“Zimbabwe President Emmerson Mnangagwa has called violence by the country's security forces "unacceptable and a betrayal" following deadly protests last week sparked by a sharp fuel price hike...”



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Europe

[Supersonic Bomber Crashes in Russia's Northwest](#)

CNN

“A Tupolev Tu-22M3 supersonic strike bomber has crashed in Russia's northwestern region of Murmansk. The accident occurred at 1:40 p.m. (5:40 a.m. ET) as the long-range bomber was attempting to land, according to Russian state news agency TASS, citing law enforcement officials...”

[Spain Charges 'Wolf Pack' with Another Sexual Assault](#)

Joan Faus/ Reuters

“Spanish prosecutors have tabled another sex crime charge against four men calling themselves “The Wolf Pack” who assaulted a young woman at the Pamplona bull-running festival in 2016...”

[Exclusive: Ship in Deadly Black Sea Blaze was Turned Away from Port over Sanctions](#)

Damir Khalmetov, Alexander Ershov/ Reuters

“Two ships ablaze in the Black Sea region, leaving at least 10 crew dead, caught fire while transferring fuel mid-sea after one vessel was barred from using its usual port in southern Russia due to U.S. sanctions risk, two sources told Reuters...”

[Turkish Journalist Serving Life Gets Another Six Years in Prison: Anadolu](#)

Reuters

“A Turkish court on Tuesday sentenced a prominent journalist serving a life sentence to almost six additional years in prison for leaking information deemed secret by the government, the state-owned Anadolu news agency said...”

[Russia Says Any Deal to End Land Row with Japan Needs Public Support](#)

Vladimir Soldatkin/ Reuters

“Any deal to end a territorial row with Japan needs public backing, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday after meeting Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, giving a nod to widespread Russian opposition to ceding territory to Japan...”

US & Canada

[Intel Report Warns of 'Complex' Threats, Competition from Russia and China in Space Race](#)

Catherine Herridge/ Fox News

“The United States faces an “increasingly complex and uncertain world” where threats are becoming “even more diverse and interconnected,” according to a new intelligence community document released Tuesday...”

[US Supreme Court Allows Trump Military Transgender Ban](#)

BBC

“The United States Supreme Court has allowed President Donald Trump to enforce his policy of banning certain transgender people from the military...”



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3 Michigan Residents Arrested for Conspiring to Provide Material Support to ISIS: DOJ

Tal Axelrod/ The Hill

“Three residents of Lansing, Mich., were arrested Monday for conspiring to provide material support to the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS), the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced Tuesday...”

Paul Whelan: US Spy Suspect to Remain in Custody in Russia

BBC

“Former US marine Paul Whelan, who is accused of spying by Russia, must remain in custody while he awaits trial, a court in Moscow has ruled...”

U.S. Will Seek Extradition of Huawei CFO from Canada

Reuters

“The U.S. Justice Department said on Tuesday it will pursue the extradition of the chief financial officer of China’s Huawei Technologies Co Ltd’s [HWT.UL], arrested in Canada in December...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

Top Journo Who Fled Nicaragua Says Nation’s Press Threatened

New Delhi Times

“One of Nicaragua’s most prominent journalists says President Daniel Ortega is working to close any spaces of freedom in the Central American country...”