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Daily Terrorism Weather

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Middle East

Car bomb explodes near Russian embassy in Damascus

AFP / The Times of Israel

“A bomb attack hit a northeastern neighborhood of the Syrian capital Thursday, state media said, in the third such explosion in a regime-held area in less than a week...”

Iraqi PM replaces Kirkuk’s counter-terrorism with special forces units

Kosar Nawzad / Kurdistan24

“Iraq’s Prime Minister Adil Abdul-Mahdi on Wednesday ordered the withdrawal of the Iraqi counter-terrorism unit from the city of Kirkuk, replacing them with special forces members as the country continues to deal with remaining Islamic State sleeper cells...”

Israel’s Amb to UN, Danny Danon Says: Iran Spends \$7B on Terror

David Isaac / The Jewish Voice

“Israel Ambassador to the U.N. Danny Danon said Iran spends \$7 billion on terror activities in a speech to the U.N. Security Council on Tuesday...”

Israel arrests 19 Palestinians suspected of terrorism

Xinhua

“Israeli security forces said on Thursday that 19 Palestinians suspected of terrorism were arrested in the West Bank...”

Jailed Arab-Israeli parliamentarian refused early release on 'terrorism' grounds

i24 News

“A former parliamentarian has been denied early release by a court in the southern Israeli city of Beersheba on Wednesday for belonging to a terrorist organization...”

Jewish-Israeli teen charged for 'terrorist act' in Palestinian woman's death

i24 News

“A Jewish-Israeli minor was formally charged with terrorist offenses on Thursday in connection with a stone-throwing attack that killed a Palestinian woman in the West Bank last year...”

Palestinian Authority Paid NIS 502M to Terrorist Prisoners

Maayan Jaffe-Hoffman / The Jerusalem Post

“The Palestinian Authority spent at least NIS 502 million in payments to terrorist prisoners in 2018, according to a report released Thursday by the Israeli research institute Palestinian Media Watch...”

Central Asia

Robert Fisk and legitimizing terror

Aslan Yavuz Şir / Daily Sabah

“The Middle East correspondent of the British newspaper The Independent, Robert Fisk, is a well-known journalist...”

South Asia

End game in Afghanistan

Talimand Khan / Daily Times

“With the beginning of the new year the Afghan peace talk is taking some unexpected summersaults after its smooth initiation by the US special envoy Zalmay Khalilzad in the last quarter of the last year...”

Ghani Says Problem with Pakistan is Their Inaction

Syed Zabiullah Langari / Tolo News

“Addressing a panel of experts at the World Economic Forum in Davos on Thursday, Afghanistan’s President Ashraf Ghani said that peace in Afghanistan will be the greatest asset for Pakistan’s prosperity in terms of energy if Islamabad changes its attitude towards Afghanistan and addresses the common issue of terrorism...”

India, Maldives discuss maritime security, military ties

PTI / Money Control

“India and Maldives on Thursday resolved to deepen their maritime security cooperation and give a new momentum to overall military ties during talks between Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and her Maldivian counterpart Mariya Ahmed Didi, officials said...”

Taliban Agrees to Oppose al Qaeda and Islamic State in Afghanistan

Craig Nelson / The Washington Post

“In a landmark concession to the U.S., the Taliban has agreed to oppose any attempts by militant groups to use Afghanistan to stage terrorist attacks abroad, a person familiar with the deal said, as talks between the insurgents and American diplomats to end the 17-year Afghan war entered a fourth day in the Gulf state of Qatar...”

Southeast Asia

Philippine rebels clinch the spoils of a bloody war

Bong S Sarmiento / Asia Times

“The Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), the Philippines largest Islamic armed group, is poised to reap the fruits of its civil war, a four decade-long conflict that claimed 120,000 lives and badly stunted development on the southern island of Mindanao...”

[Thousands displaced by Indonesia bombing, suspected chemical weapons](#)

Mordechai Sones / Israel National News

“The Indonesian military has since December 4, 2018 precipitated a humanitarian crisis in West Papua according to local reports...”

East Asia

[China pledges to enhance cooperation with SCO anti-terrorism body](#)

Xinhua

“Chinese State Councilor Zhao Kezhi met with Dzhumakhon Giyosov, director of the Executive Committee of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) here Thursday...”

[South Korea seeking nuclear dismantling pledge from Kim Jong Un at next Trump summit](#)

The Strait Times

“North Korea must make concrete pledges towards curbing its nuclear weapons program, such as dismantling its main nuclear complex and allowing international inspections to confirm the process, when leader Kim Jong Un meets US President Donald Trump as soon as next month, South Korea's foreign minister said...”

Africa

[Fighting corruption, creating jobs can curb terrorist attacks](#)

Peter Warutere / Daily Nation

“The terrorist attack on 14 Riverside Drive in Nairobi last week should be a wake-up call for the government and Kenyans to see the broader perspective of how and why terrorism is evolving into a homegrown problem...”

[Nigeria: Islamic State claims attack on Geidam military base](#)

Fergus Kelly / The Defense Post

“ISIS claimed fighters from its Islamic State West Africa province affiliate attacked a military base in Geidam in northeast Nigeria on Wednesday, January 23...”

[Terrorism: Two Narok students arrested en route to Kismayu](#)

Kiplang'at Kirui / The Star

“Police in Narok have arrested two students suspected to have been recruited by terror group al Shabaab...”

Europe

[Counter-terrorism clip urging people to report anything suspicious to be shown in cinemas across Greater Manchester](#)

Manchester Evening News

“This cinema clip urging people to report anything suspicious in a bid to tackle terrorism is being shown in cinemas across Greater Manchester during the Oscar season...”

WORLD WAR 3 WARNING: Russia 'reducing threshold' for nuclear weapons use - 'It's serious'

Harvey Gavin / Express

“Jens Stoltenberg said Moscow’s construction and testing of SSC-8 cruise missiles, which the alliance says are banned under a Cold War-era accord, had reduced “the threshold for any use of nuclear weapons”...”

U.S. & Canada

Counter-terrorism drill held in Lewes

Ellen Driscoll / Cape Gazette

“Typically deserted this time of year, Beach Plum Island State Park hummed with activity Dec. 19 when an inert bomb was dragged onshore...”

Donald Trump's government shutdown cripples FBI, raises terrorism risk

Chris Truax / USA Today

“We know what the shutdown is doing to airport security and of the growing inability of Transportation Security Administration agents to even afford to get to work...”

Gunman who threatened to detonate suicide vest in Cal City taken into custody

Kelly Broderick / ABC

“According to California City Police, a gunman who threatened to detonate a reported suicide vest, was taken into custody this morning...”

Inadequate Controls Are the Achilles Heel for Foreign Banks in the US

Brian Mich and Salman Raza / Forbes

“Preventing terrorist financing, money laundering and other illicit financial transactions is a key focus for law enforcement agencies and regulators...”

Man charged with terrorism after threatening mass shooting against women

Adam Forgie / 2KUTV

“A Colorado man is facing a threat of terrorism charge in Utah after posting to Facebook that he wanted to “be the next mass shooter” by “killing as many girls as I see.”...”

Modeling terrorist behavior with Sandia social-cultural assessments

News Wise

“Part of what makes terrorists so frightening is their penchant for unpredictable, indiscriminate violence...”

Right-wing terrorists killed three times more people in US than Islamists in past decade with attacks soaring in 2018

Chris Baynes / Independent

“Every terrorist murder in the US last year was linked to right-wing extremism, according to a new report...”

US sanctions two Iran-backed militias fighting in Syria

AFP / Daily Mail

“The US Treasury announced sanctions Thursday on two Iran-backed militias fighting in Syria in a move aimed at raising pressure on Tehran and the powerful Revolutionary Guard Corps...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

Trinidad mother reunited with sons taken by ISIL father to Syria

Amandla Thomas-Johnson / Aljazeera

“A mother from Trinidad and Tobago has spoken of her relief after being reunited this week with her two sons who were abducted by their father and taken to ISIL-held territory in Syria four years ago...”

Venezuelan general says US-backed 'criminal plan' risks civil war

Tom Phillips and Julian Borger / The Guardian

“The head of Venezuela’s armed forces has thrown his weight behind the embattled president, warning that the country could be thrust into a devastating civil war by what he called a US-backed “criminal plan” to unseat Nicolás Maduro...”