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## **Daily Terrorism Weather**

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### **Middle East**

#### **Iraq: ISIS Child Suspects Arbitrarily Arrested, Tortured**

*Human Rights Watch*

“Iraqi and Kurdistan Regional Government authorities have charged hundreds of children with terrorism for alleged Islamic State (also known as ISIS) affiliation, Human Rights Watch said in a report released today...”

#### **500 ISIS fighters surrender in group's last Syrian enclave**

*Ben Wedeman / CNN*

“Some 500 ISIS fighters surrendered to US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces on Tuesday, amid the final push to wrest the jihadist group from Baghouz, its last remaining enclave in eastern Syria...”

### **Central Asia**

#### **Kazakhstan achieves its UN Security Council membership goals, says foreign minister**

*Elya Altynsarina / The Astana Times*

“Kazakhstan has completed the tasks set out by President Nursultan Nazarbayev for the country’s two-year, non-permanent 2017-2018 United Nations Security Council membership, Foreign Minister Beibut Atankulov told the Mazhilis (lower house of the parliament) March 4...”

### **South Asia**

#### **One Year or Five. U.S., Taliban Spar Over Troop-Pullout Timing**

*Eltaf Najafizada / Bloomberg*

“The Afghan Taliban rejected a proposal that would result in U.S. forces being withdrawn from the war-torn nation in five years, posing a serious setback to the efforts aimed at ending America’s longest war through negotiations...”

#### **Over 200 kg heroin seized in J&K in August-January**

*The Indian Express*

“Drug law intelligence and anti-smuggling enforcement agencies on Tuesday flagged concerns about growing incidences of narco-terrorism in the border areas of the country, especially in Jammu & Kashmir...”

### **Terrorists Reportedly Being Trained to Attack from Sea, Says Navy Chief**

*NDTV*

“Weeks after the Pulwama terror attack, Navy Chief Admiral Sunil Lanba on Tuesday warned that there are reports about terrorists being trained to carry out operations through sea...”

### **The Latest: Death toll in Afghanistan attack rises to 16**

*The Tribune*

“An Afghan provincial spokesman says the death toll from a militant attack on a construction company near a main airport in the country's east has risen to 16...”

### **"They're Busy with Strikes on Modi": PM's Jibe at Opposition Over Balakot**

*Shylaja Varma / NDTV*

“Prime Minister Narendra Modi once again slammed the opposition as several parties demanded details of India's air strike on a terror camp in Pakistan last week and its impact...”

### **UN: Al Qaeda continues to view Afghanistan as a ‘safe haven’**

*Thomas Joscelyn and Bill Roggio / FDD's Long War Journal*

“The United Nations Security Council warns in its latest report on al Qaeda and the Islamic State that both groups maintain a significant presence in Afghanistan...”

## **Southeast Asia**

### **CPP foreign funding revealed; PH asks Belgium, EU to stop cash flow**

*Manila Bulletin*

“As the government takes its war against communist terrorists a step further, the National Task Force was assured by European officials that it would look into the reported funding of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) by Belgium and other EU-member countries...”

## **East Asia**

### **Chinese Hackers Targeted 27 Universities to Steal Maritime Research, Report Finds**

*Emily Price / Fortune*

“Chinese hackers have started targeting universities in an effort to uncover maritime technology that is being developed for military use, a new report finds...”

### **North Korea Has Started Rebuilding Key Missile-Test Facilities, Analysts Say**

*Choe Sang-Hun / The New York Times*

“North Korea has started rebuilding the facilities it uses to launch satellites into orbit and test engines and other technologies for its intercontinental ballistic missile program, according to American military analysts and South Korean intelligence officials...”

## **Africa**

### **Algerian army chief evokes civil war amid student protests**

*Aomar Ouali / The Washington Post*

“The general who leads Algeria’s army responded Tuesday to protests against the country’s longtime president, darkly evoking the years of bloodshed before the current government took power and the fight against terrorism to portray the demonstrations as dangerous...”

## **Europe**

### **Al-Qaeda chief's wife WINS court battle as European judges say human rights not protected**

*Simon Osborne / Express*

“The wife of an al-Qaeda recruiter who mentored the Charlie Hebdo attackers has won a long-running human rights battle in the European courts - leaving UK tax-payers to pick up a £21,531 legal bill...”

### **Terrorism investigation launched after explosive devices found near London’s Heathrow and City airports and at Waterloo Station**

*David Reid / CNBC*

“A counterterrorism investigation is underway by London police after three improvised explosive devices were found across the city on Tuesday...”

## **U.S. & Canada**

### **Paul, Udall introduce bill to end Afghanistan War**

*Ellen Mitchell / The Hill*

“Sens. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) and Tom Udall (D-N.M.) on Tuesday introduced a bill that would end the nearly two-decade-long Afghanistan War...”

### **U.S.-Backed Forces Are Holding 2,000 Suspected ISIS Fighters in Syria**

*Nancy A. Youssef and Gordon Lubold / Wall Street Journal*

“U.S.-backed forces in Syria are holding more than 2,000 suspected Islamic State fighters, U.S. defense officials said, at least double previous estimates and an obstacle to Trump administration plans to withdraw American forces from Syria...”

### **U.S. insurers seek renewal of federal 'backstop' against acts of terrorism**

*Suzanne Barlyn / Reuters*

“U.S. insurers are pushing for the extension of a federal terrorism risk insurance program, hoping to fend off a possible gap that would leave their clients scrambling for alternate coverage...”

### **Woman Who Left U.S. To Join ISIS Denied Request to Expedite Her Case to Return**

*Vanessa Romo / NPR*

“A federal judge ruled that a woman who left the U.S. to join the Islamic State and is seeking to return cannot have her case expedited because she does not face imminent harm where she is currently living in a Syrian refugee camp...”

## **South and Central America and the Caribbean**

### **Moody's warns Mexico violence hurting business**

*France 24*

“Ratings agency Moody's warned Tuesday that violent crime was hurting Mexican businesses, saying the crucial oil and tourism industries were particularly vulnerable...”