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Daily Terrorism Weather

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Middle East

[Up to 3,000 ISIS children living in 'extremely dire conditions'](#)

Martin Chuloy/Guardian

“As many as 3,000 children born into Islamic State families are being housed in camps in north-east Syria, UNICEF estimates, with many younger than six years old and living in “extremely dire conditions” The figure from the United Nations children’s fund is sharply higher than earlier assessments...”

[Iraq’s top Shia cleric tells Iran’s Rouhani, ‘ties must respect sovereignty’](#)

Kurdistan 24

“Iraqi sovereignty must be respected and weapons kept in the hands of the government, a top Shia cleric in Iraq told Iran’s President Hassan Rouhani, indirectly referring to the growing influence of Shia-dominated militias Tehran backs in the country. Wednesday’s meeting was the first time Iraq’s 88-year-old Grand Ayatollah...”

[Iraq bans Boeing 737 MAX aircraft from its airspace](#)

Reuters

“Iraq on Wednesday banned U.S. plane maker Boeing Co.’s 737 MAX aircraft from entering or transiting its airspace, a statement from the civil aviation authority said. It said the decision was based on air safety concerns...”

[IDF says it exposed new Hezbollah cell in Syrian Golan Heights](#)

Judah Ari Gross/Times of Israel

“The Israel Defense Forces said Wednesday that it had exposed a nascent Hezbollah terror cell established in a border village on the Syrian Golan Heights in recent months, and vowed to prevent the terrorist group from operating against Israel from Syrian soil, even at the risk of a sparking...”

[18-year-old Israeli Arab Woman Shot Dead While Shopping for Her Wedding](#)

Bar Peleg, Jack Khoury/Haaretz

“An 18-year-old woman was shot dead inside a vehicle in Lod on Wednesday, with neighbors telling Haaretz that her family had demanded that she cut ties with her fiancé, who is also 18 and a resident of the central Israeli city. The two were due to be married on Thursday. Neighbors said the family...”



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South Asia

[31 Al-Qaeda Militants killed in Afghan air-strike](#)

Outlook India

“As many as 31 Al Qaeda militants were killed in pre-dawn air attacks by Afghan and foreign troops in Afghanistan's Ghazni province on Wednesday, the Defence Ministry said. The air strikes were launched at a base of the militant group in the Giro district of Ghazni, Efe news reported citing a Defence Ministry statement...”

[Afghan Army Base is wiped out by U.S. Airstrikes](#)

Rod Nordland/New York Times

“Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan announced Thursday that his country would release a captured Indian fighter pilot on Friday "as a peace gesture." It was a major sign that the tension between the nuclear-armed Asian neighbors was easing at the end of a tense week that saw both carry out...”

Southeast Asia

[Bombs, explosives found at Indonesian house where militant's wife blew up herself and child](#)

Wahyudi Soeriaatmadja/Straits Times

“Police have found 300kg of explosives and more than 15 bombs in the houses of an arrested terrorist and his accomplice in northern Sumatra. The materials - which included a land mine, pipe bomb and vest bomb - were mostly found in the Sibolga home of local militant cell ring leader Husain alias Abu Hamzah...”

[20 BIFF members killed in Maguindanao clashes with troops](#)

CNN Philippines

“At least 20 members of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) were killed in a series of clashes with government troops in Maguindanao. The members of the BIFF as well as the Daesh-inspired terror group were neutralized Tuesday following an intensive operation of military on...”

[Troops seize weapons, motorboat of Abu Sayyaf](#)

Sunstar

“Government troops seized firearms and a watercraft of the Abu Sayyaf bandits in a raid in the island town of Banguingui, Sulu, officials said Wednesday, March 13. Recovered were an M-16 “Baby Armalite” rifle, a caliber .45 pistol and a motorboat when joint military and police forces raided...”

East Asia

[North Korea's Sohae Satellite Launch Facility: No New Activity Since March 8](#)

38 North

“Recent commercial satellite imagery of the Sohae Satellite Launching Station (Tongchang-ri) shows no changes to the launch pad or engine test stand between March 8 and March 13. In imagery from March 8, the construction observed over the past few weeks seemed...”



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China blocks U.N. Vote to Blacklist Pakistani Militant leader

Maria Abi-Habib, Michael Schwartz/New York Times

“China on Wednesday blocked a United Nations Security Council measure that would have blacklisted the Pakistani founder of Jaish-e-Mohammed, the militant group that nearly brought South Asia to the brink of war last month after one of its suicide bombers attacked Indian forces...”

Africa

US Senate passes bill to halt military support to Saudi in Yemen

William Roberts/Al-Jazeera

“The US Senate voted 54 to 46 to block further involvement by the US military in the war in Yemen, where bombings by Saudi Arabia and the UAE, conducted with US weapons, are blamed for causing mass civilian deaths, starvation, and the spread of disease...”

U.S. Airstrike in Somalia Kills 2 Al-Shabaab militants

Jerry Omondi/CTGN Africa

“US forces conducted an airstrike on Tuesday in Somalia’s Huley vicinity in the Lower Shabelle Region, killing two terrorists, the US Africa Command says. Tuesday’s airstrike was conducted in coordination with Somali forces, and was the second by the US forces this week, having launched another strike on Monday which killed...”

Europe

Growth of Crypto Industry could threaten banks, financial stability: Basel Committee

Helen Partz/Cointelegraph

“International banking authority the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) has issued a warning statement on crypto assets on March 13. The BCBS is a committee of banking supervisory authorities hosted and supported by the Switzerland-based...”

US & Canada

U.S. Joins Other Nations in Grounding Boeing Plane

New York Times

“The Federal Aviation Administration grounded all Boeing 737 Max 8 and Max 9 models. President Trump announced the decision hours after Canada had grounded them, pointing to new satellite data suggesting similarities between the Ethiopian Airlines crash on Sunday and a crash in Indonesia in October...”

U.S. Navy under cyber-attack from Chinese hackers and hemorrhaging national security interests

Ryan Pickell/Business Insider

“An internal US Navy review concluded that the service and its various industry partners are "under cyber siege" from Chinese hackers who are building Beijing's military capabilities while eroding the US's advantage, The Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday. Chinese hackers have repeatedly hit...”



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South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Power has finally been restored to Venezuela](#)

Patrick Oppmann, Jorge Lui Perez, Julia Jones and Helen Regan/CNN

“Venezuela's information minister has said that a huge power outage that has left most of the country dark for a week has been completely restored. The power failure left many homes without running water and caused chaos in hospitals, as well as disrupting places of work and schools...”