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Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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Middle East

FSA-ISIS fighting kills 51 on Syria-Iraq border

Author/Source: Al Arabiya

“At least 51 have been killed in bloody fighting between the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and the Free Syrian Army (FSA) around a town on the Iraqi border on Thursday, Agence France-Presse reported a monitoring group as saying...”

Iran: The World's Worst Cyber-Terrorists - For Now

Author/Source: David Gilbert; International Business Times

“In the last 12 months Iran has emerged as a credible cyber terror threat to the US, targeting several US government agencies, but its lack of skills in this area means that for now, it has been unable to cause significant damage...”

Kuwait says three citizens abducted in Syria

Author/Source: Reuters

“Kuwait said three of its citizens have been kidnapped in Syria and it has asked Turkey for help in trying to secure their release...”

Lebanese Army arrests Syrian leader of car-bomb ring

Author/Source: Rakan al-Fakih, Antoine Amrieh and Mohammad Zaatari; Daily Star

“The Lebanese military arrested late Wednesday a senior Syrian operative based in Arsal who heads a network responsible for rigging car bombs and sending them into Lebanon, a security source told The Daily Star...”

Syrian regime forces overrun Rankous

Author/Source: Daily Star

“Syrian troops backed by Hezbollah fighters captured the last major town in Qalamoun near the border with Lebanon Wednesday after weeks of intense fighting, solidifying the regime’s hold on the strategic region...”

Two Saudi guards killed in Yemen border attack, ministry says

Author/Source: Agence France Presse

“Two Saudi soldiers have been killed in a clash with unidentified gunmen who fired on them from across the border with Yemen, the interior ministry said Thursday...”

South Asia

Afghan commander: cross-border Taliban alliance growing stronger

Author/Source: Maria Golovnina; Reuters

Taliban militants in Pakistan have established an increasingly close relationship with



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insurgents from across the border in Afghanistan, supplying them with explosives and well-trained fighters, a senior Afghan army commander said on Wednesday.

Southeast Asia

[Leftist rebels storm S. Philippine gold mining firm](#)

Author/Source: Xinhua

“Leftist rebels attacked a foreign mining firm in southern Philippines on Thursday afternoon, burning several vehicles and pieces of equipment, local police said later in the day...”

East Asia

[The mysterious disappearance of China’s elite hacking unit](#)

Author/Source: Brian Fung; The Washington Post

“The company that helped uncover major online security breaches from China last year says exposing the hackers had the effect of shutting them down — at least temporarily...”

Africa

[Cameroon: Doubts Over Claims of Arms Cache Find](#)

Author/Source: Moki Kindzeka; Deutsche Wele

“The announcement of the discovery in Cameroon of a large cache of arms and ammunition intended for Boko Haram insurgents in Nigeria is regarded in some quarters as government propaganda...”

[Central African Republic: Violence leaves '30 dead'](#)

Author/Source: The BBC

“At least 30 people have been killed and another 10 wounded in fighting between rival sectarian militias in the Central African Republic (CAR), police say...”

[Govt to acquire anti-missile vehicles for police, says Ruto](#)

Author/Source: Ngare Kariuki; Daily Nation

“The government has announced plans to buy anti-missile police vehicles to deal with terrorist threats and the rising insecurity in the country...”

[In Libya, politicians in fear of powerful militias](#)

Author/Source: The Associated Press

“In a humiliating video, Libya’s top politician — the head of parliament — is seen begging with a militia commander, trying to explain to him why he was caught with two women in his residence and insisting nothing scandalous was going on...”

[Kenya: Respect Human Rights in Crackdown, Says U.S.](#)

Author/Source: Simon Ndonga; Capital FM

“US Ambassador to Kenya Robert Godec has emphasised the need for the police to uphold human rights in the ongoing terror crackdown...”



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[UN staff shot in Somalia 'were experts in piracy'](#)

Author/Source: The Associated Press

“Kenya deported more than 80 Somali nationals on Wednesday as part of an ongoing security crackdown by Kenyan authorities following recent terror attacks, Kenya's internal security minister said...”

Europe

[Bomb explodes outside Bank of Greece](#)

Author/Source: ekthamerini.com

“A bomb exploded outside a Bank of Greece building in central Athens before dawn Thursday, causing some damage but no reports of injuries...”

[Ukraine offers amnesty to pro-Russian separatists](#)

Author/Source: The BBC

“After pro-Russian forces spread out across Crimea last month the new authorities there held a referendum which Moscow said legitimised its return to Russia...”

[Universal justice reform could see dozens more drug traffickers set free](#)

Author/Source: Jesus Duva and Fernando Perez; el Pais

“In computer programming, a bug is a coding error that triggers undesired results. The fast-track reform of Spain's universal justice doctrine, rammed through by the ruling Popular Party (PP) to curtail judges' abilities to try crimes against humanity, contains such a bug...”

US & Canada

[Sharing cyber threat details not antitrust violation, U.S. says](#)

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Author/Source: Aruna Viswanatha and Alina Selyukh; Reuters

“The U.S. government on Thursday urged companies to share information with each other about cyber threats and issued guidance making clear that doing so would not violate antitrust laws...”

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Americas overtake Africa as region with most murders](#)

Author/Source: The Guardian

“The Americas have overtaken Africa as the region with the most murders, thanks to a surge in organised crime, according to a UN report...”

[Argentine federal police stage major drug](#)

Author/Source: The Associated Press

“Argentina's government made a huge show of force against drug trafficking on Wednesday, sending more than 3,000 federal agents to raid 82 more “bunkers” in and around the port city of Rosario, where the death toll is soaring from a bloody turf war...”



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[For Venezuela opposition, meeting with President Maduro could further expose rifts](#)

Author/Source: Emilia Diaz-Struck and Nick Miroff; The Washington Post

“Venezuelan opposition leaders began a late-night meeting with President Nicolás Maduro and his cabinet Thursday in a possible first step toward ending two months of anti-government protests and street clashes that have left at least 41 dead...”