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### **Daily Terrorism Weather Online**

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#### **Middle East**

##### **[Air strike kills 10 al Qaeda militants, three civilians in Yemen: Saba](#)**

*Author/Source: Mohamed Ghobari, Reuters*

“An air strike killed 10 al Qaeda militants in central Yemen on Saturday after an intelligence report said they were planning attacks on civil and military targets in al-Bayda province, the state news agency Saba said. . .”

##### **[Head of al Qaeda's 'Victory Committee' survived battle in Syria](#)**

*Author/Source: Thomas Joscelyn, Reuters*

“A senior al Qaeda operative who was reportedly killed while fighting in the Latakia province of Syria last month is, in fact, alive. . .”

##### **[Dozens killed in series of blasts in Iraq](#)**

*Source: Al Jazeera*

“At least 25 people were killed in the latest wave of attacks across Iraq, including a series of bombings targeting shoppers in a Sunni neighbourhood in Baghdad, authorities have said. . .”

##### **[U.N. peace envoy criticizes Israeli Easter security in Jerusalem](#)**

*Author/Source: Allyn Fisher-Ilan, Reuters*

“Israeli police refused to let the U.N.'s peace envoy to the Middle East, other diplomats and a crowd of Palestinians pass through a barricade to attend a pre-Easter ritual in the Jerusalem church that Christians revere as the burial site of Jesus, the U.N. official said on Saturday.”

##### **[4 French Journalists Held Hostage in Syria Freed](#)**

*Author/Source: Daa Hadid, Elaine Ganley*

“Four French journalists held hostage in Syria for 10 months have been released, officials said Saturday, the latest batch of reporters to be freed in what has become the world's deadliest conflict for the media. . .”

##### **[Iran: Row with world powers over Arak reactor 'virtually solved'](#)**

*Source: JPOST*

“Iran and six world powers have “virtually solved” a dispute over the Arak heavy-water reactor, which the West is worried could produce bomb-grade material, the Islamic Republic's nuclear chief was quoted as saying on Saturday. . .”

##### **[Iran says it watered down, converted over 200 kg of enriched uranium](#)**

*Source: Reuters*

“Iran said on Saturday it had completed watering down and converting more than 200 kilograms (440 lb) of enriched uranium under a deal reached in Geneva last November with world powers over its disputed nuclear program. . .”



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### **Eighty percent of Syrian chemical weapons shipped out: monitors**

*Source: Reuters*

“Syria has shipped out or destroyed approximately 80 percent of its declared chemical weapons material, the head of the international team overseeing the disarmament process said on Saturday. . .”

### **Two killed by bomb inside Bahrain car: ministry**

*Source: Reuters*

“Two people were killed in a car that blew up in a mainly Shi'ite village in Bahrain on Saturday, and the interior ministry said the initial investigation showed that a homemade bomb had detonated inside the vehicle. . .”

## **South Asia**

### **15 Afghan Taliban killed in 24 hours: MoI**

*Source: Xinhua*

“Afghan police backed by the army have killed over a dozen Taliban militants across the country over the past 24 hours, Interior Ministry said in a statement released here Sunday. . .”

### **Prominent Pakistani journalist shot**

*Source: Al Jazeera*

“Police in Pakistan say gunmen have shot a famous television talk show host amid a wave of attacks on journalists in the country. Hamid Mir, a host on the private television broadcaster Geo, was wounded in the attack Saturday near Karachi's airport, as he was travelling to the office of his employer. . .”

### **Two Pakistani employees of UN "kidnapped" in Karachi**

*Source: Xinhua*

“Police in the Pakistani southern port city of Karachi said late Friday that unidentified gunmen kidnapped two local employees of the United Nations, local media reported. . .”

## **East Asia**

### **Deadly Clash Reported on Border of China and Vietnam**

*Author/Source: Edward Wong, NY Times*

“Five Chinese civilians and two Vietnamese border guards died Friday during a clash between Vietnamese border guards and Chinese citizens who were trying to enter Vietnam illegally, according to official Vietnamese news reports on Friday and Saturday. . .”

### **Divers pull bodies from sunken South Korean ferry as death toll climbs past 60**

*Source: Fox News*

“Divers began to pull bodies from a ferry that sank off South Korea's southern coast earlier this week as the official death toll increased to 61. . .”

## **Africa**



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### **South Sudan UN Base Attack Condemned By Security Council As Possible War Crime**

*Source: All Africa*

“The UN Security Council has said an attack on one of its bases in South Sudan may "constitute a war crime." It called on the country's government to do more to prevent future attacks. . .”

### **Egyptian leftist politician submits bid to run for president**

*Source: Reuters*

“Leftist politician Hamdeen Sabahi officially submitted his bid on Saturday to run for Egypt's presidency, making him the second candidate for next month's election alongside former army-chief Abdel Fattah al-Sisi who is widely expected to win. . .”

### **New militant group claims responsibility for Friday blast in Cairo**

*Source: Reuters*

“The Egyptian militant group Ajnad Misr claimed responsibility on Saturday for a blast that killed one police officer in Cairo. . .”

### **Sudanese militants kill two, kidnap three at oil field**

*Source: Reuters*

“Armed militants killed two security staff and kidnapped a Chinese, an Algerian and a Sudanese worker in an attack on an oil field in Sudan's West Kordofan state, army spokesman Al-Sawarmi Khalid Sa'ad said on Saturday. . .”

### **Somalia - Puntland Defence Forces Urged to Confront Somaliland, Al Shabaab**

*Source: All Africa*

“Puntland Government in northern Somalia has urged defence forces units operating in the disputed regions of Sool and Sanaag to confront Somaliland's separatist administration and Al Qaeda linked Al Shabaab fighters, Garowe Online reports. . .”

### **Nigeria: Boko Haram Claims Abuja Attack That Killed 75**

*Source: All Africa*

“Islamists have claimed responsibility for the explosion that killed at least 75 in Nigeria this week. The group Boko Haram believes the legacy of colonialism has corrupted Africans and only Islamic law can save Nigeria. . .”

### **South Sudan: Army Says Fighting Rebels Attempting to Control Oil Fields**

*Source: All Africa*

“The South Sudanese military on Saturday said it was scaling up major operations against rebels seeking to control the country's state oil fields, saying it had repulsed sustained attacks in Unity and Upper Nile states."Bentiu remains a contested town. . .”

### **Nigeria: 14 More Chibok Schoolgirls Regain Freedom, 85 Still Held**

*Author/Source: Michael Olugbode, All Africa*

“The Borno State Government friday evening announced that 14 of the schoolgirls who were abducted at Government Girls' Secondary School, Chibok on Monday have regained their freedom, bringing the number of those freed to 44, while 85 are still missing. . .”



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### **Nigeria: Navy Partners U.S., Others to Fight Oil Theft in Gulf of Guinea**

*Author/Source: Chiemelie Ezeobi, All Africa*

“In continuation of his fight against piracy and crude oil theft especially in the Gulf of Guinea, the Nigerian Navy and its counterparts from 21 countries, including the United States, will Saturday hold a Joint Multinational Maritime Security exercise tagged 'Operation Obangame' in the Gulf of Guinea. . .”

### **Deaths in latest attack on Egypt's police**

*Source: Al Jazeera*

“A police officer and a conscript were killed after armed attackers opened fire on their patrol car, Egypt's interior ministry has said, in the latest deadly assault against the country's security forces. . .”

## **Europe**

### **Russia says reinforced troops on Ukraine border as precaution**

*Source: Reuters*

“The extra Russian military forces near the border with Ukraine have been deployed there in response to instability in Ukraine, a Kremlin spokesman said, in a departure from the previous explanation that they were on routine exercises. . .”

### **Mediator heads to east Ukraine, seeking surrenders**

*Author/Source: Alastair Macdonald, Aleksandar Vasovic, Reuters*

“A mediator from Europe's OSCE security body headed to eastern Ukraine on Saturday seeking the surrender of pro-Russian separatists as the Kiev government declared an Easter truce following a peace accord with Moscow. . .”

### **Ukraine PM: Putin Wants To Rebuild Soviet Union**

*Source: Time*

“Ukraine's interim prime minister said in an interview that Russian President Vladimir Putin wants nothing less than the restoration of the Soviet Union. . .”

## **US & Canada**

### **Guantánamo Bay detainees' release upon end of Afghanistan war 'unlikely'**

*Source: The Guardian*

“Typically, when a war ends, so does the combatants' authority to detain the other side's fighters. But as the conclusion of the US war in Afghanistan approaches, the inmate population of Guantánamo Bay is likely to be an exception – and, for the Obama administration, the latest complication to its attempt to close the infamous wartime detention complex. . .”

### **US Weighing Military Exercises in Eastern Europe**

*Author/Source: Lolita C. Baldor, ABC News*

“The United States is considering deploying about 150 soldiers for military exercises to begin in Poland and Estonia in the next few weeks, a Western official said Saturday. . .”



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### **[Heartbleed Internet Security Flaw Used In Attack](#)**

*Author/Source: Niclose Perlroth, CNBC*

“Within 24 hours of the Heartbleed bug's disclosure last week, an attacker used it to break into a major corporation, security experts said Friday. . .”

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

### **[Buses, cars burned in Brazil protest against police](#)**

*Source: Yahoo News*

“Four buses, a truck and two cars were burned Saturday in Brazil when demonstrators took to the streets to protest the deaths of two young men during police actions. . .”