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## **Daily Terrorism Weather**

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### **Middle East**

#### **Iraq Attacks Kill at Least 9 as Police, Army Vote**

*Author/Source: Qassim Abdul-Zahra, ABC News*

“Iraqi officials say suicide bombers have targeted polling centers as soldiers and security forces cast ballots ahead of parliamentary elections...”

#### **Abbas calls Holocaust "most heinous crime" against humanity**

*Author/Source: Jeffrey Heller, Reuters*

“Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas called the Nazi Holocaust "the most heinous crime" against humanity in modern times, in an apparent bid to build bridges with Israel days after troubled peace talks collapsed...”

#### **Zarif says most Iranians support nuclear deal with West**

*Author/Source: Mehrdad Balali, Reuters*

“Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said on Sunday he saw a good chance for a nuclear deal with the West because "most Iranians" were in favor of it, playing down resistance from Islamic hardliners.”...

#### **Syria misses self-imposed deadline for destroying chemical arms**

*Author/Source: Mariam Karouny, Reuters*

“Syria appeared to have missed a self-imposed deadline to get rid of all its chemical weapons by April 27, as the United Nations announced that more than 92 percent of the arsenal had been shipped out of the country or destroyed...”

#### **88 dead in two days of clashes in Syria's Daraa**

*Author/Source: Arab News*

“At least 88 rebel and regime forces have been killed in two days of clashes for control of strategic sites in Syria's southern Daraa province, an monitoring group said Saturday...”

#### **Iran planning to target decoy U.S. aircraft carrier in drills**

*Author/Source: Haaretz*

“An Iranian newspaper is reporting that the country's military plans to target a mock-up American aircraft carrier during upcoming war games...”

#### **Iraq hits 'jihadist convoy' in Syria**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Iraqi military helicopters have destroyed a convoy of fuel tankers inside Syrian territory, Baghdad says...”



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## **Asia**

### **India test-fires anti-ballistic missile**

*Author/Source: Arab News*

“India successfully test-fired an anti-ballistic missile on Sunday capable of intercepting targets outside the earth's atmosphere, a major step in development of a missile defense system that is available to only a handful of nations...”

### **U.S., Philippines to sign 10-year defense agreement amid rising tensions**

*Author/Source: Juliet Eilperin, The Washington Post*

“The United States and the Philippines will sign a 10-year defense agreement Monday, officials said, one of the clearest signs yet of renewed American engagement in the region at a time when tensions between China and its neighbors have been rising...”

### **Chinese spies read Australian MPs' emails for a year: report**

*Author/Source: Matt Siegal, Reuters*

“A cyber attack on the Australian parliamentary computer network in 2011 may have given Chinese intelligence agencies access to lawmakers' private emails for an entire year, the Australian Financial Review reported on Monday...”

### **5 NATO troops killed in Afghan helicopter crash**

*Author/Source: Tim Craig and Mohammad Sharif*

“Five NATO troops were killed in a helicopter crash Saturday in southern Afghanistan, the deadliest day for the U.S.-led coalition in at least four months...”

## **Africa**

### **Gadhafi's Son Faces Charges in Tripoli Court**

*Author/Source: Voice of America*

“The son of late Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi and dozens of former government officials appeared in a Tripoli court on Sunday to face charges ranging from war crimes to corruption, in a major test of the state's commitment to the rule of law...”

### **Attack in Central African Republic kills 22, including chiefs, MSF staff**

*Author/Source: Crispin Dembassa-Ketter Reuters*

“At least 22 people, including 15 local chiefs and three members of staff of the medical charity Medecins Sans Frontieres, were killed in an attack on a town in the Central African Republic, officials said on Sunday...”

### **Election violence flares in South Africa's platinum belt**

*Author/Source: Ed Stoddard, Reuters*

“Police used water cannon and stun grenades to disperse rioters in South Africa's strike-hit platinum belt on Sunday after a government minister was attacked by rock-throwing protesters while campaigning for the May 7 election...”



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## Europé

### Pro-Russian forces parade detained European officers

*Author/Source: William Booth and Griff Witte, The Washington Post*

“Seven European military officers and a translator being held hostage by pro-Russia separatists were paraded before the news media on Sunday, hours after another group of captives, three Ukrainian security agents, were shown on Russian TV huddled in a room, blindfolded and bloody, without pants, their arms bound with packing tape...”

## US & Canada

### White House says sanctions will include Russia's defense industry

*Author/Source: Eric Beech, Reuters*

“The United States will impose further sanctions on Russia on Monday over the crisis in Ukraine and they will include high-tech exports to Russia's defense industry, a White House official said on Sunday...”