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### **Daily Terrorism Weather**

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#### **Middle East**

##### **Election day bomb in Iraq kills two women on their way to polls**

*Author/Source: Haaretz*

“Two roadside bombs went off in a northern Iraqi town on Wednesday morning, killing two women walking to a polling station to cast ballots and wounding five soldiers as the country holds key nationwide elections. Police Brig-Gen. Sarhad Qadir said the attacks took place in the town of Dibis, located near Kirkuk, a turbulent city some 290 kilometers (180 miles) north of Baghdad...”

##### **Iraqis vote as violence grips a divided country**

*Author/Source: Ned Parker and Ahmed Rasheed, Reuters*

“Iraq held a democratic vote to choose a leader with no foreign troops present for the first time on Wednesday, as Shi'ite Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki sought to hold power for a third term in a country again consumed by sectarian bloodshed...”

##### **Abbas: No peace with Israel without defining borders**

*Author/Source: Arab News*

“There can be no peace with Israel without first defining the borders of a future Palestinian state, President Mahmoud Abbas said on Tuesday...”

##### **Airstrike on Syrian school kills 19, activists say**

*Author/Source: Arab News*

“A Syrian fighter jet struck a school with a missile in the northern city of Aleppo Wednesday as teachers and students were preparing an exhibit of children's drawings depicting their country at war, killing at least 19 people, including 10 children, activists said...”

##### **Yemen says arrests cell planning to kidnap UAE diplomat**

*Author/Source: Yara Bayoumy, Reuters*

“Yemen said on Wednesday it had arrested a militant cell that had been planning to kidnap the United Arab Emirates' charge d'affaires, after a string of abductions that have targeted Westerners and diplomats in the country. Interior Ministry spokesman Major-General Mohammed al-Qaidy said security forces arrested the six members of what it called a terrorist cell a month ago, and found weapons, fake passports and fake Yemeni currency in their possession...”

##### **Yemen expands southern offensive against AQAP**

*Author/Source: Oren Adaki, The Long War Journal*

“Reports in Arabic media outlets indicate that the Yemeni military is expanding its southern offensive against militants from al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula that began on April 28...”  
Source: The Long War Journal



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## **Asia**

### **Fighting kills 15 in Philippines**

*Author/Source: The Bangkok Post*

“Fifteen people died in a clash between Philippine troops and Islamist militants who attempted to retake their captured camp, the military said on Wednesday...”

### **3 killed, 79 hurt in blast, knife attack at China train station**

*Author/Source: Greg Botelho, CNN*

“Three people died and 79 others were injured, four seriously, in a suspected terror attack Wednesday in China's restive northwestern region...”

### **U.S. General: Corruption, Not Taliban, the worst threat to Afghanistan**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“A former commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan said on Wednesday that corruption, not the Taliban, is the worst threat to the future of the war-torn country...”

### **Scores of Taliban-linked militants killed by Afghan troops near Pakistan border**

*Author/Source: The Guardian*

“Afghan troops backed by western air forces have killed at least 60 militants near the Pakistan border, in one of the biggest assaults against the Taliban-linked Haqqani network, Afghan security officials have said...”

## **Africa**

### **EU peacekeepers take charge at Central African Republic airport, violence rages**

*Author/Source: Adrian Croft and Emmanuel Braun, Reuters*

“European Union peacekeepers took charge of security at Central African Republic's main airport on Wednesday in their first major operation to try and end months of sectarian slaughter...”

## **Europe**

### **Northern Ireland police arrest Gerry Adams over 1972 murder**

*Author/Source: Maurice Neill and Conor Humphries, Reuters*

“Northern Ireland police arrested Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams on Wednesday as part of an investigation into one of the province's most controversial murders, a move likely to cause a political earthquake in Belfast and Dublin...”

### **Merkel rules out military intervention over dispute in Ukraine**

*Author/Source: Arno Schuetze, Reuters*

“German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Wednesday ruled out military intervention in the dispute with Russia over Ukraine and said she was counting on a diplomatic resolution to Europe's worst crisis since the Cold War ended...”



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### **[Russia says not retaliating against Western sanctions for now](#)**

*Author/Source: Alexandra Ulmer, Reuters*

“Russia will not immediately take any retaliatory measures in response to Western sanctions over the Ukraine crisis but could reassess that stance in the future, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Wednesday...”

### **[Russia voices concern over 'militaristic statements' from Kiev](#)**

*Author/Source: Gaberiela Baczynska, Reuters*

“The Russian Foreign Ministry expressed concern on Wednesday about "militaristic statements" from Kiev after acting President Oleksander Turchinov said Ukraine's armed forces were on full military alert in case of a Russian invasion...”

## **[US & Canada](#)**

### **[Senators strike deal on cybersecurity](#)**

*Author/Source: Julian Hattem, The Hill*

“Leaders of the Senate Intelligence Committee have reached a compromise on legislation to help protect the country’s cyber networks and will formally introduce the bill shortly, they said Wednesday...”

### **[U.S. intensifies sanctions on Iran, drastically increasing blacklist](#)**

*Author/Source: Haaretz*

“The United States stepped the enforcement of its sanctions against Iran on Tuesday, adding nine companies and two executives to blacklists for evading U.S. restrictions on Iranian weapons, oil and banking, the New York Times reported...”

### **[U.S. officials say Syria is using remaining chemical weapons stockpile as leverage](#)**

*Author/Source: Ernesto Londono and Greg Miller, The Washington Post*

“The months-long effort to dismantle Syria’s chemical weapons program has ground to a halt because Syria is holding on to 27 tons of sarin precursor chemicals as leverage in a dispute with the international community over the future of facilities used to store the deadly agents, according to U.S. officials...”

### **[U.S. says al Qaeda core weak, but affiliates still threaten](#)**

*Author/Source: Mark Hosenbal, Reuters*

“The United States said on Wednesday that while al Qaeda's Pakistan-based "core organization" had been severely degraded, affiliates of the militant group in Africa and the Middle East were becoming more "operationally autonomous" and aggressive...”

## **[Latin America and the Caribbean](#)**

### **[Mexico votes to allow civilian trials for soldiers](#)**

*Author/Source: Michal O’Boyle, Reuters*

“Mexican lawmakers on Wednesday approved legislation that would allow soldiers accused of committing crimes against non-military personnel to be tried in civilian courts...”



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