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## **Daily Terrorism Weather Online**

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### **Middle East**

#### **[Iran, powers to hold expert-level nuclear talks in Vienna](#)**

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“Iran and six world powers will hold an expert-level meeting on the nuclear issue in the Austrian capital of Vienna next week, Iranian nuclear negotiator Hamid Baeidinejad told semi-official ISNA news agency on Saturday...”

#### **[UN says 799 Iraqis killed in May violence in highest monthly death toll this year.](#)**

*Author/Source: Associated Press*

“Violence has claimed the lives of 799 Iraqis in May, the highest monthly death toll so far this year, the United Nations said on Sunday, underlining the daunting challenges the government faces as it struggles to contain a surge in sectarian violence...”

#### **[Iran tries to block Afghanistan's opium boom](#)**

*Author/Source: Associated Press*

“In the face of Afghanistan's unprecedented boom in opium production, neighboring Iran is trying to batten down its border to slow down smuggling, building moats, walls and other large-scale projects...”

#### **[Clashes Near Iraq's Fallujah as Conflict Toll Reaches 366](#)**

*Author/Source: Agence-France Presse*

“Clashes erupted between Iraqi troops and anti-government fighters on the outskirts of Fallujah on Saturday, as the militant-held city's main hospital said 366 people had been killed in the months-long conflict...”

#### **[Shin Bet claims 11 foiled plots to kidnap ‘bargaining chips’](#)**

*Author/Source: Times of Israel*

”The national security agency, in conjunction with the Israel Prison Service, thwarted 11 kidnapping attempts since September 2013, it said...”

### **Dangerous Unity**

*Author/Source: Jerusalem Post*

”Anyone listening to Hamas understands that not only will a unity deal fail to advance peace between Israelis and Palestinians, but that it will only boost terrorists and the opponents of peace...”

### **Central Asia**

#### **[Kazakhstan’s criminal code to include articles on death penalty](#)**

*Author/Source: B News*

“Three articles on death penalty have been added to the draft criminal code of Kazakhstan...”



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## **South Asia**

### **Al-Qaida decentralized, but not necessarily weaker**

*Author/Source: Associated Press*

“Al-Qaida has decentralized, yet it's unclear whether the terrorist network is weaker and less likely to launch a Sept. 11-style attack against the United States, as President Barack Obama says, or remains potent despite the deaths of several leaders...”

### **Three confess to gang-rape and murder of Indian girls**

*Author/Source: The Guardian*

“Three suspects have confessed to the gang-rape and killing of two teenage girls who were found hanging from a tree in northern India last week, police say...”

## **East Asia**

### **Provocative remarks from U.S., Japan not helpful for regional security: Chinese general**

*Author/Source: Zeng Pengfei, Xinhua*

“The provocative harsh remarks against China by United States Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at a regional security forum are not helpful for regional peace and stability, an army general heading the Chinese delegation said on Sunday...”

### **Vietnam must take responsibility for escalating tensions in South China Sea**

*Author/Source: Chen Qinghong, Xinhua*

“The recent situation in the South China Sea is really worrying...”

## **Africa**

### **At least 14 dead in Nigeria blast**

*Author/Source: Al-Jazeera*

“At least 14 people were killed and another 14 injured in an explosion Sunday evening in northeastern Nigeria, with armed group Boko Haram believed to be behind the attack, officials said...”

## **South East Asia**

### **Thai military floods Bangkok with troops to shut down potential protests**

*Author/Source: The Guardian*

“Thailand's military government sent thousands of troops and police into central Bangkok on Sunday to stop any demonstrations against its seizure of power, and some shopping malls and train stations closed to avoid trouble...”

### **Philippine rebel arrested over landmine attack that killed two US marines**

*Author/Source: The Guardian*

“Philippine police on Sunday captured a suspected Muslim rebel bomber who allegedly was involved in a 2009 landmine attack that killed two US army special forces soldiers and a Filipino marine in a restive southern province...”



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## **Europe**

### **[4 held in French jihadist group; Syria fears rise](#)**

*Author/Source: Associated Press*

“Four people were arrested Monday in a sweep against French jihadist recruiters, the country's top security official said a day after authorities announced the detention of a French suspect in the deadly shooting at a Jewish museum...”

### **[Brussels Jewish Museum killings: Suspect 'admitted attack'](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Prosecutors say a Frenchman being held over a fatal shooting at the Jewish Museum in Brussels admitted the killings in a video...”

### **[Turkish police use teargas against Gezi Park anniversary protesters](#)**

*Author/Source: The Guardian*

“Turkish police fired teargas and water cannon on Saturday to disperse protesters in central Istanbul who sought to mark the one-year anniversary of the country's biggest anti-government demonstrations in decades...”

### **[Racists target north Belfast home – and then return to attack its occupants](#)**

*Author Source: The Guardian*

“Racists who broke the windows of a home housing Pakistani immigrants in north Belfast returned to the property on Sunday afternoon to assault the occupants...”

## **US & Canada**

### **[Susan Rice: Bergdahl 'would have been lost' if Obama told Congress about Guantanamo detainees swap](#)**

*Author/Source: CNN*

“White House national security adviser Susan Rice defended the Obama administration's decision to exchange Guantanamo detainees for U.S. Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, amid criticism that the United States negotiated with terrorists in the process...”

### **[Plane crash near Boston leaves seven dead](#)**

*Author/Source: Associated Press*

“Seven people have been killed after a private plane crashed in an airfield in Massachusetts...”

### **[Family Asks McCain to Help Win U.S. Marine's Release from Mexican Jail](#)**

*Author/Source: Latin America Tribune Herald*

“Relatives of U.S. Marine Andrew Tahmooressi, who is being held in a Mexican jail for entering the country with weapons in his possession, have asked Republican Sen. John McCain for help in the case...”



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### [South and Central America and the Caribbean](#)

#### **46 Members of Los Rastrojos Crime Gang Arrested in Colombia**

*Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“Colombian police arrested 46 suspected members of Los Rastrojos gang accused of extortion and drug dealing in the northern province of Atlantico, President Juan Manuel Santos said...”