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### Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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#### **Middle East**

##### **[US Starts Removing Embassy Staff from Baghdad as ISI grabs Iraqi Town of Tal Afar](#)**

*Author/Source: Liz Sly and Abigail Hauslohner/The Washington Post*

“Al-Qaeda renegades captured another major town in northern Iraq on Sunday, forcing hundreds of families to flee into the surrounding desert as their country descended into a new round of bloodletting...”

##### **[Netanyahu Speaks to Abbas About Three Abducted Israeli Teens](#)**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Monday and said he expected him to help in efforts to find three Israeli teenagers abducted in the occupied West Bank...”

##### **[Saudi Rejects Foreign Interference in Iraq, Blames ‘Sectarian’ Maliki](#)**

*Author/Source: Noah Browning/ Reuters*

“Saudi Arabia rejected on Monday the idea of any foreign interference in Iraq and blamed Baghdad's "sectarian and exclusionary" policies for a lightning offensive by Sunni insurgents...”

##### **[Libya Crisis: More Deadly Clashes in Benghazi](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Tanks were seen on the streets and explosions could be heard throughout the day in Libya's second-biggest city...”

##### **[UN’s Pillay Says Almost Certain of War Crimes in Iraq](#)**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“Forces allied with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) have almost certainly committed war crimes by executing hundreds of non-combatant men in Iraq, the U.N. human rights chief said on Monday...”

##### **[US, Iran to Resume Nuclear Talks in Vienna](#)**

*Author/Source: Ralph Ellis/CNN*

“The United States and Iran will start a new round of negotiations this week over the future of Iran's nuclear program...”

##### **[US Considers Air Strikes on Iraq, Holds Talks with Iran](#)**

*Author/Source: Ziad AL-Saniary and Susan Heavey/Reuters*

“President Barack Obama considered options for military action to support Iraq's besieged government on Monday, and U.S. and Iranian officials held talks to stabilize the region, which has been roiled by the advance of Sunni rebels toward Baghdad...”



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## **South Asia**

### **Pakistan Jet Strike Insurgents in Full-Scale Offensive**

*Author/Source: Haji Mujtaba/Reuters*

“Pakistani fighter jets pounded North Waziristan on Monday, a day after the army announced the start of a full-scale drive to flush Islamist insurgents out of the volatile region bordering Afghanistan...”

### **Mangalore: Security Beefed Up At Airport Following Terror Alert**

*Author/Source: Daijiworld Media Network*

“Mangalore International Airport has been put on high alert following information from the Central Intelligence Bureau about a possible terror attack on the airport...”

### **Pakistan: 37 Militants Killed in Offensive**

*Author/Source: Ijaz Muhammad and Asif Shazad/ ABC News*

“Pakistani jets pounded targets in the country's northwest on Monday as the military waged an offensive against militant safe havens that killed 37 fighters, while insurgents fought back with a roadside bomb that killed six soldiers, the first army casualties of the operation, the military said...”

### **Join Global Movement For Jihad, Al Qaeda Tells Kashmiris in New Video**

*Author/Source: Sameer Yasir/First Post*

“Security agencies in Kashmir are bracing themselves for a possible escalation in violence after al Qaeda’s central command released a video, explicitly meant for Kashmiri Muslims, calling them to follow the path of those fighting in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan, and join the global movement for Jihad...”

### **IB Told Rajnath Singh: NATO Troops Withdrawal from Afghan Will Up Infiltration, Terror Activities**

*Author/Source: Vijaita Singh/ Financial Express*

“The Intelligence Bureau (IB) has termed the withdrawal of NATO and allied forces from Afghanistan as one of the biggest challenges to India’s counter-terrorism measures in its presentation to Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh...”

### **Taliban’s Existential Threat to Afghanistan Wanes, But Next president Faces Big Problems**

*Author/Source: Kevin Sieff/The Washington Post*

“As Afghans wait for the results from this weekend’s presidential election, it is becoming increasingly clear that the Taliban — which failed to undermine the vote — no longer represents an existential threat to the country’s government...”

## **East Asia**

### **China Sentences Three to Death for Tiananmen Attack**

*Author/Source: Channel News Asia*

“Three people were sentenced to death Monday over a deadly suicide car crash in Beijing's symbolic heart Tiananmen Square, state-run media said, in China's latest move against militants from restive, mainly Muslim Xinjiang...”



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## **Southeast Asia**

### **Singapore, Malaysian, Indonesia Navies Fend Off Bunker Pirate Attack**

*Author/Source: Ship & Bunker, News and Intelligence for the Marine Fuels Industry*

“Naval forces fended off a bunker pirate attack on a tanker off Malaysia Saturday night, local newspaper the Rakyat Post reports...”

### **Thailand’s Junta Amasses 6,000-Strong Security Force to Smother Bangkok Protests**

*Author/Source: South China Morning Post*

Thailand’s junta has prepared a force of over 6,000 troops and police for deployment in Bangkok on Sunday to smother protests and prevent opposition to the May 22 coup from gaining momentum.

## **Africa**

### **Kenya Attack: Mpeketoni Near Lamu Hit By Al-Shabab Raid**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“At least 48 people have died after al-Qaeda-linked militants attacked hotels and a police station in a Kenyan coastal town, officials say...”

### **Deadly Bombing Hits Zanzibar**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“One person has been killed and several others injured in a bombing on Tanzania's Indian Ocean island of Zanzibar, police has said...”

### **Thousands Join Opposition Protest in Niger Capital**

*Author/Source: Niamey/ Reuters*

“Thousands of opposition supporters took to the streets on Sunday in Niger's capital Niamey to demand that authorities respect civil liberties, following the arrest of several of their number last month...”

### **Liberia: Deadly Ebola Bounces Back in Liberia**

*Author/Source: All Africa*

“Barely a week after Liberia's Chief Medical Officer acknowledged the vulnerability of Liberia to the deadly Ebola virus that has already killed over 200 persons in the Mano River Union region, with six Liberian casualties another possible outbreak of the virus has been reported in several parts of Liberia including the capital Monrovia...”

### **Mpeketoni Attackers Will Be Hunted Down, Prosecuted-Govt**

*Author/Source: Rachel Ombaka/Daily Nation*

“Perpetrators of the heinous attack in Mpeketoni will be pursued and prosecuted, the government has said...”

## **Europe**

### **Spain Arrests Eight in ‘ISIS Cell’**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Spanish police say they have detained eight people on suspicion of recruiting militants to fight in Syria and Iraq...”



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### **Ceasefire To Be Declared Once border Secure, Says New Ukrainian President**

*Author/Source: JC Finley/UPI*

“Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko announced Monday that a ceasefire would be imminent once the country's eastern border is secure...”

### **Ukraine Conflict Threatens Water Supply to 4 Million**

*Author/Source: The Moscow Times*

“Fighting in eastern Ukraine threatens water supplies to the city of Donetsk and could have serious consequences for 4 million people, monitors for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe said Monday...”

## **US & Canada**

### **Lawyers for 9/11 Suspects Seek Hearing into FBI Spying Allegations**

*Author/Source: Tom Ramstack/Reuters*

“Attorneys for five Guantanamo prisoners accused in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks asked a military judge on Monday to order a hearing into what they called FBI intrusions into their confidential communications with their clients...”

### **Obama: US Sending 275 US Troops to Iraq**

*Author/Source: Kate Stanton/UPI*

“President Barack Obama said Monday in a letter to Congress that he would deploy up to 275 troops to Iraq, where sectarian conflict is threatening stability in the region...”

### **After Oil, Natural Gas May Be Next on North American Rails**

*Author/Source: Edward McAllister/Reuters*

“As politicians debate the dangers of a massive increase in oil carried by rail in North America, railroads and energy producers are considering the same for natural gas...”

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

### **FARC Guerilla Commander Dies in Fighting in Colombia**

*Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“The commander of the 18th Front and the Northwestern Bloc of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) was killed in fighting in a rural area outside Ituango, a city in the northwestern region of Antioquia, the army said...”

### **Cuba Calls on G-77 Summit to Support Venezuela**

*Author/Source: Caribbean News Now*

“Cuban President Raul Castro told a Group of 77 (G-77) + China summit in Bolivia on Saturday that Havana's closest ally Venezuela needed support amid the fallout from anti-government protests...”

### **Rio Officer Shoots Live Round During Cup Protest**

*Author/Source: The Washington Post*

A police officer sitting on a motorcycle can be seen on an Associated Press video firing what appeared to be a live pistol round at anti-World Cup protesters Sunday near Rio de Janeiro's



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**[As World Oil Prices Jump on Iraq Strife, Venezuela Oil Price Rises](#)**

*Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“Venezuela's weekly oil basket rose this week, driven by higher oil prices worldwide as strife in Iraq and the Ukraine heated up...”

**[Mexican Rights Body Investigating Attacks on Reporters During March](#)**

*Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“The attacks on five journalists by unidentified individuals during a march marking a massacre anniversary in Mexico City are under investigation, the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) said...”