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### Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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#### **Middle East**

##### **Israel's Elbit Systems to Supply Drones to Swiss Army**

*Author/Source: The Jerusalem Post*

“Israeli defense electronics company Elbit Systems was selected to supply a new drone program to the Swiss Armed Forces, the firm announced Sunday morning...”

##### **Iranian and US Diplomats to Meet for Nuclear Program Negotiations**

*Author/Source: The Guardian*

“Iranian, US and European Union officials will start two days of talks about Tehran's nuclear programme on Monday, Iran said, giving its first word about what appears to be an attempt to rescue faltering wider negotiations on ending a decade-old dispute...”

##### **Egypt Turns to Western Advisers, Signaling Possible Financial Reforms: Reuters**

*Author/Source: Ahram Online*

“Western advisers are drawing up plans for reshaping the Egyptian economy, sources said, with the apparent blessing of president-elect Abdel Fattah al-Sisi who so far has spoken only vaguely in public about reviving the state's finances...”

##### **Hizbullah, FPM Hit Back at Soaid Over Lassa, Slam ‘Sectarian Incitement’**

*Author/Source: Naharnet*

“Hizbullah and the Free Patriotic Movement snapped back Sunday at March 14 General Secretariat Coordinator ex-MP Fares Soaid over the land row in Lassa, with Change and Reform bloc MP Simon Abi Ramia describing him as one of the politicians ‘who cannot survive unless they see blood.’”

##### **US Admits Supplying Lethal Aid to Syrian Rebels**

*Author/Source: Haaretz*

“Washington is providing both "lethal and non-lethal" support to members of the Syrian opposition, U.S. National Security Adviser Susan Rice said on Friday, according to Saudi-owned TV channel al-Arabiya...”

##### **In Gaza, Senior UN Envoy Pledges Support as Palestinian Unity Government Takes Shape**

*Author/Source: UN News Centre*

“The senior United Nations envoy in the Middle East visited the Gaza Strip today for the first time since the signing of the Beach Camp Agreement and the formation of a Palestinian government of national consensus, and pledged the Organization's ongoing support as the nascent process moves forward...”

##### **Major Fighting as Al-Qaeda in Iraq Sets Sights on Mosul**



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“Al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI) already controls much of the Anbar Province, and seems to be expanding northward this weekend, as major fighting erupted in the oil-rich northern city of Mosul...”

### **Multiple Bombings Target Kurds in Iraq**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“A double bombing targeting Iraq's Kurdish minority has killed at least 18 people in the country's north east, as clashes continued for a second day...”

### **17 Killed in Twin Bombings in Iraq's Divala**

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“At least 17 people were killed and 65 others wounded in a double bomb attacks targeting a Kurdish party office and a security headquarters in Iraq's eastern province of Diyala on Sunday, a provincial police source said...”

### **36 Killed in Battles in Central and Northern Iraq**

*Author/ Source: Xinhua*

“A total of 36 people were killed, most were security members, in two major battles and separate insurgents attacks across the country, police said on Saturday...”

### **US Culpability in the Failure of Israeli-Palestinian Peace Talks**

*Author/Source: Press TV*

“The Obama administration deserves much of the blame for the failure of the latest round of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks...”

### **Iran President to Visit Turkey with Trade, Syria War on Agenda**

*Author/Source: Parisa Hafezi/ Reuters Africa*

“Iranian President Hassan Rouhani visits Turkey on Monday to discuss expansion of trade and the civil war in Syria which has stained relations between the two neighbours...”

### **At Swearing-In, Ex-General Vows ‘Inclusive’ Egypt**

*Author/Source: David Kirkpatrick/ NY Times*

“Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, the former general who led the military takeover here nearly one year ago, was sworn in as president on Sunday, testing the bet that a new strongman can overcome the economic dysfunction and political polarization that bedeviled Egypt's three-year experiment with democracy...”

### **Iran's Strategic Threat to Israel**

*Author/Source: Louis Rene Beres/ The Jerusalem Post*

“Under international law, war and genocide are not mutually exclusive. On the contrary, war is sometimes recognized – both historically and jurisprudentially – as an essential means of carrying out genocide...”

### **Syria Becoming Warlord-Run Failed State, Says Former Peace Envoy**

*Author/Source: The Guardian*

“Syria is becoming a Somalia-style failed state run by warlords which poses a grave threat to



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## **Central Asia**

### **[Park to Visit Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan Next Week](#)**

*Author/Source: Yonhap News Agency*

“South Korean President Park Geun-hye will visit Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan next week as part of efforts to realize her proposed vision for a united Eurasia, her office said Monday...”

### **[Talks on Disputed Border Areas of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan to Resume on June 16](#)**

*Author/Source: Darya Podolskyaya/ 24 Press Club News Agency*

“Talks on disputed border areas of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan will resume on June 16, the Vice Prime Minister on Security Abdyrakhman Mamataliyev said to 24.kg news agency...”

## **South Asia**

### **[Afghanistan Says Pakistan-Based Group Involved in Abdullah Attack](#)**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“Afghanistan said on Sunday the intelligence unit of a foreign country and the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant group based in Pakistan were involved in the failed assassination attempt on presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah...”

### **[Terrorists Attack Airport in Pakistan, Killing 13](#)**

*Author/Source: Zia Ur-Rehman, Salman Masood*

“In a ferocious terrorist assault that stretched into Monday morning, suspected Islamist militants infiltrated Pakistan’s largest international airport in Karachi, waging an extended firefight against security forces that resulted in 23 deaths and shook the country’s already fragile sense of security...”

## **East Asia**

### **[America’s Asia Challenges: China, Air-Sea Battle and Beyond](#)**

*Author/Source: J. Randy Forbes/ The National Interest*

“Tensions in the South China Sea are rising with China placing a large oil rig in disputed waters off the coast of Vietnam...”

## **Africa**

### **[Woman in Suicide Blast at Nigeria Barracks](#)**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“A female suicide bomber has blown herself up outside an army barracks in Nigeria's northeastern city of Gombe, killing at least one soldier...”

### **[UN Deploys Troops in Congo After Killings](#)**

*Author/Source: Nicholas Bariyo/ The Wall Street Journal*

“The United Nations peacekeeping mission in Congo on Sunday started deploying more troops in the troubled South Kivu province, a day after gunmen killed dozens of people, officials said Sunday...”

### **[Sudanese Authorities Arrest Second Opposition Leader](#)**



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“Sudanese authorities on Sunday arrested the leader of Sudan’s opposition Congress Party, a party official said, weeks after the arrest of another opposition leader set off violent antigovernment protests...”

### **Report Cautions US Citizens on Rising Insecurity in Kenya**

*Author/Source: Bernard Namunane/ Daily Nation*

“A US advisory agency has cautioned American citizens about terrorism and crime in Kenya. The Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) in its latest “Kenya 2014 Crime And Safety Report” circulated to the American business community rates crime and road safety as the greatest threats...”

### **Europe**

### **BI, INTERPOL Reach Deal on Faster Ops Vs. Foreign Criminals in PHL**

*Author/Source: GMA News*

“The Bureau of Immigration (BI) has agreed to recognize INTERPOL's travel document (ITD), a form of e-passport booklet, in an effort to make going after foreign criminals in the country easier...”

### **Putin Envoy Warns Finland Against Joining NATO**

*Author/Source: Thomas Nilsen/ Barents Observer*

“Anti-Semitism started World War II, Russophobia could start the third. Finland is one of the most russiphobian countries in Europe, together with Sweden and the Baltic states,” says Russian President Vladimir Putin’s personal envoy Sergei Markov, interviewed by Hufudstadsbladet this weekend...”

### **Big Four Get Serious on Cyber Security**

*Author/Source: Harriet Agnew/ Financial Services*

“Earlier this year, one of the Big Four accountancy firms sent out a presentation to clients warning them of the dangers of cyber attacks. The firm’s systems quickly picked up that the document had been hacked into...”

### **Report: Turkey Given List of 5,000 Potential Al-Qaeda Recruits**

*Author/Source: Cihan*

“Western countries, fearful that the influx of radical fighters into Syria could facilitate later terror attacks in Europe and the US have handed Turkey a list of nearly 5,000 people they believe are attempting to travel to Syria to join al-Qaeda-linked groups there, according to a news report...”

### **Feudal Lords, Election Hacking Color Ukraine Chaos**

*Author/Source: Paul Wesley Sullivan/ WAFB*

“Ukrainians believe the Russians hacked the nation's electronic reporting system and forced the vote totals of the May 25 election to be phoned and faxed in to the nation's capital, said an American observer...”

### **US & Canada**

### **US Man Convicted of Smuggling Fighter Jet Parts to Venezuela**



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“An American man who previously lived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin has been convicted of selling military fighter jet parts to the Venezuelan Air Force...”

### **Kerry Says Freed Taliban Inmates Would Target US at ‘Enormous Risk’: CNN**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“If the five Taliban inmates released from Guantanamo Bay prison in exchange for a captive American soldier rejoined the fight against the United States, they would do so at great risk, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said on Sunday...”

### **US Set to Push Czech Republic, Slovakia for Closer Cooperation with NATO Allies**

*Author/Source: The Voice of Russia*

“Last week, during his visit to Warsaw, US President Barack Obama confirmed that Washington will increase its military presence in Eastern Europe and will support the defenses of allies which are not NATO members...”

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

#### **Colombia’s Challenger Vows Hard Line on Venezuela**

*Author/Source: Andres Oppenheimer/ Stabroek News*

“Colombia’s opposition candidate Oscar Iván Zuluaga, who polls show is tied with President Juan Manuel Santos in the June 15 run-off, says one of his first foreign policy priorities, if elected, would be to demand enforcement of a regional treaty to restore democracy and fundamental freedoms in Venezuela...”

#### **FARC Rebels Declare Cease-Fire for Colombia’s Presidential Runoff**

*Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“The FARC guerrilla group declared a new unilateral cease-fire with an eye toward the presidential election runoff to be held on June 15 in Colombia...”

#### **Two Uruguayans, One Dominican Convicted of People Trafficking**

*Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“Two Uruguayans and a Dominican were found guilty of “people trafficking” for purposes of sexual exploitation, Uruguayan judicial authorities confirmed on Sunday...”