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## Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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### **Middle East**

#### [Nusra Front claims deadly blast in Syria's Hama](#)

*Author/ Source: Al Arabiya*

“A car bomb explosion claimed by al-Qaeda affiliated rebels killed at least 34 and wounded more than 50 other people on Friday in a government-controlled village in the central Syrian province of Hama, state news agency SANA reported...”

#### [Car bomb in Syria's Hama province kills 34: state news](#)

*Author/ Source: Reuters*

“A car bomb in Syria's western Hama province killed 34 and wounded more than 50, Syria's state news agency SANA said on Friday, blaming the attack on rebels fighting forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad...”

#### [Militants seize old Iraqi chemical arms factory](#)

*Author/ Source: Al Arabiya*

“Sunni radicals in Iraq, who have overrun a swathe of territory north of Baghdad in a lightning offensive, have taken control of one of Saddam Hussein's former chemical weapons factories, a U.S. official said Thursday...”

#### [Iraqi forces ready push after Obama offers advisers](#)

*Author/Source: Isra' Al-Rubei'I, Reuters*

“Iraqi forces were massing north of Baghdad on Friday, aiming to strike back at Sunni Islamists whose drive toward the capital prompted the United States to send military advisers to stiffen government resistance...”

#### [Iraq forces battle rebels around oil refinery](#)

*Author/ Source: Al Jazeera*

“Iraqi forces have fought fierce battles with armed rebels around the country's biggest oil refinery at Baiji, 200km north of the capital, shutting down the facility and stoking fears of a disruption in national energy supplies...”

#### [Iraq needs more inclusive governance to end turmoil: U.N. development chief](#)

*Author/Source: Dasha Afanasieva, Yahoo News*

“Iraq needs more inclusive governance across sectarian and religious divides if it is to end its turmoil, something only its own politicians can deliver, one of the United Nations' top officials said on Friday...”

#### [Israel accepts first delivery of disputed Kurdish pipeline oil](#)

*Author/Source: Julia Payne, Reuters*

“A tanker delivered a cargo of disputed crude oil from Iraqi Kurdistan's new pipeline for the first time on Friday in Israel, despite threats by Baghdad to take legal action against any buyer...”



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### **Israel raids West Bank, kills Palestinian teen**

*Author/ Source: Al Arabiya*

“As Israeli forces continued on Friday their search for three Israeli teenagers missing for more than a week, an army raid on the West Bank killed a 15-year-old Palestinian and seriously wounded three others, Palestinian hospital officials said...”

### **Palestinian village wins UNESCO listing against Israel barrier plan**

*Author/Source: Ali Sawafta, Reuters*

“A Palestinian village joined UNESCO's world heritage sites list on Friday after an emergency nomination meant to try to block Israel from building a barrier across its ancient farmland...”

### **Saudi king arrives in Cairo to visit Egypt's Sisi**

*Author/ Source: The Daily Star*

“Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah arrived in Cairo late on Friday, state television reported, for a symbolic visit underlining the strong support the ageing monarch is showing for new President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi...”

### **UN Says 10.8 Million Syrians Need Humanitarian Aid**

*Author/Source: Edith M. Lederer, ABC News*

“The humanitarian situation in Syria is worsening and the number of people needing urgent help has reached 10.8 million — almost half of Syria's population of 22 million, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Friday...”

### **Syria says any attempt to deliver humanitarian aid without approval is tantamount to an attack**

*Author/Source: Fox News*

“Syria says any attempt to deliver humanitarian aid to rebel-controlled areas without government approval is tantamount to an "attack on the Syrian state and on its territorial integrity and political independence." ...”

### **Iran rejects 'excessive demands' in nuclear talks with six powers**

*Author/Source: Parisa Hafezi and Justyna Pawlak, Reuters*

“Iran told six big powers on Friday it would not accept their "excessive demands" after the latest talks on lifting sanctions against Tehran in exchange for curbs on its nuclear work yielded no breakthrough, with a deadline for a deal just a month away...”

### **Iran acts to eliminate sensitive uranium stockpile under nuclear deal**

*Author/Source: Fredrick Dahl, Reuters*

“Iran has acted to eliminate virtually all of its most sensitive stockpile of enriched uranium gas under a landmark nuclear deal with six world powers last year, an IAEA report assessing compliance with the interim accord showed on Friday...”

### **Lebanon Detains 17 Said to Be Islamist Militants**

*Author/Source: Anne Barnard and Mohammad Ghannam, The New York Times*

“Lebanese security forces arrested 17 men in two Beirut hotels on Friday on suspicion that they were plotting to assassinate a prominent Lebanese Shiite leader, a government official said, describing an attack that could inflame sectarian conflict across the Middle East...”



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### **[Security chief escapes suicide bomb attack in Lebanon](#)**

*Author/Source: Laila Bassam, Al Arabiya*

“A suicide bomber killed one person and wounded 37 in an attack at a security checkpoint in Lebanon on Friday that narrowly missed a top security official who said he had been told Islamist militants wanted to assassinate him...”

### **South Asia**

#### **[Afghan suicide attack targets top adviser](#)**

*Author/Source: The BBC*

“A suicide attack in Afghanistan targeting a senior government official has killed one civilian and injured several others in Kabul, police say...”

#### **[Three US troops, military dog killed in Afghan blast](#)**

*Author/ Source: Yahoo News*

“A Taliban attack killed three American soldiers and a military dog in southern Afghanistan on Friday, officials said, in the latest sign of the insurgents' capability as the coalition winds down operations...”

#### **[Bomb blast at Islamabad shrine injures 40](#)**

*Author/Source: The Economic Times*

“More than 40 people were injured, some critically, when a bomb ripped through a Sufi shrine on the outskirts of Islamabad, officials have said...”

#### **[India nuke enrichment plant seen operational in 2015](#)**

*Author/Source: Khaleej Times*

“IHS Janes has identified what appears to be a new uranium hexafluoride plant that would increase the uranium enrichment capacity of the Mysore facility...”

#### **[Karachi Operation: Two TTP Militants Killed](#)**

*Author/Source: Faraz Khan, The Express Tribune*

“Two Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) members were killed in a joint operation by police and Rangers personnel in Karachi's Manghopir Sultanabad area, Express News reported on Friday...”

#### **[Pakistan world's largest refugee-hosting country](#)**

*Author/ Source: The Daily Times*

“Pakistan is the largest refugee-hosting country in the world with currently hosting some 1.6 million registered refugees...”

#### **[Sri Lanka, India fishing issue simmers as navy detains 53 Indian fishermen](#)**

*Author/ Source: Xinhua*

“Seven Indian fishermen were arrested for poaching in Sri Lankan waters on Friday, the Sri Lankan Navy said...”

#### **[Militant Commander Declares War On Pakistan Army](#)**

*Author/Source: Aamir Iqbal, Newsweek Pakistan*



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“Hafiz gul bahadur’s spokesman claims military violated peace accord signed in 2006 and has left militants no choice but to wage jihad...”

**[Junta targets crime to clean up Thailand’s image](#)**

*Author/ Source: The Washington Post*

“Thailand’s new ruling junta doesn’t like the way the country is portrayed in the movies as a haven for drugs, thugs, lawlessness and ladies of the night...”

**East Asia**

**[China sends four oil rigs to South China Sea amid regional tensions](#)**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“China has sent four oil rigs into the South China Sea in a sign that Beijing is stepping up its exploration for oil and gas in the tense region, less than two months after it positioned a giant drilling platform in waters claimed by Vietnam...”

**[In Hong Kong, an Unofficial Election Draws Beijing’s Ire](#)**

*Author/Source: Michael Forsythe, Chris Buckley, and Alan Wong, The New York Times*

“More than 350,000 residents of Hong Kong did something on Friday that no one in mainland China can do: They participated in a free vote over their political future...”

**[Li Keqiang urges peaceful development of seas, says conflict leads to 'disaster'](#)**

*Author/Source: South China Morning Post*

“China wants to promote peaceful development of the oceans, Premier Li Keqiang has said...”

**[Obama urges China, neighbours to avoid escalating maritime dispute](#)**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“U.S. President Barack Obama on Friday urged China and its neighbours to peacefully resolve a dispute over oil drilling in the South China Sea and avoid escalating tensions...”

**Africa**

**[US imposes sanctions on Uganda for anti-gay law](#)**

*Author/Source: The BBC*

“The US has imposed sanctions on Uganda for anti-gay laws it says are "counter to universal human rights"...”

**[U.S. to move some embassy staff from Kenya over security concerns](#)**

*Author/ Source: Reuters*

“The United States said on Friday it would move some staff from its embassy in Kenya to other countries following a string of militant attacks on the country's coast...”

**[Egypt urged to free Al Jazeera journalists](#)**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“Former hostages Terry Waite and BBC correspondent Alan Johnston have joined Amnesty International in calling on the Egyptian government to release three Al Jazeera journalists held in Egypt...”

**[Nigeria wraps up kidnap investigation with 200 girls still missing](#)**



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*Author/Source: Felix Onuah, Reuters*

“Nigeria wrapped up its inquiry into the abduction of more than 200 schoolgirls by militants on Friday with little progress to show, reporting almost none had been freed after the initial kidnapping some girls escaped from...”

#### **Mauritania's Presidential Poll Holds Tomorrow**

*Author/Source: Kimeng Hilton Ndukong*

“The incumbent, Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, is running against four candidates, including a lady...”

#### **Ebola outbreak spreads as toll reaches 337**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“An Ebola outbreak continues to spread in three West African countries, and the death toll in the outbreak has risen to 337, the World Health Organization says...”

#### **Africa's Sahel region 'threatened by Islamist violence'**

*Author/Source: The BBC*

“The growth of Islamist violence in the Sahel is threatening the stability of the entire region that runs south of Africa's Sahara Desert, a UN envoy has told the Security Council...”

### **Europe**

#### **EU, US threaten Russia with new round of sanctions over Ukraine**

*Author/Source: Deutsche Welle*

“The leaders of France, Germany and the United States agreed on Friday to impose additional sanctions against Russia, if the Kremlin does not pull back its troops from Ukraine's border and try to convince pro-Moscow separatists to lay down their arms...”

#### **Seven Ukraine troops killed before week-long ceasefire declared**

*Author/Source: Nataliya Vasilyeva and John-Thor Dahlburg, Haaretz*

“Ukrainian troops will start a unilateral, seven-day cease-fire later Friday as a first step in efforts to de-escalate the conflict with pro-Russia separatists in the country's east, the president said...”

#### **Russia opens new criminal case involving Putin critic Navalny**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“Russian investigators opened a criminal case into the theft of a picture found in the home of a prominent critic of President Vladimir Putin on Friday, in what his lawyer described as part of a Kremlin campaign against him...”

#### **Russia denies troop buildup at Ukraine border**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“The Kremlin on Friday denied a statement by NATO suggesting Russia was building up troops on the frontier with Ukraine but said Moscow had brought in more border guards because of security concerns...”

#### **Bulgaria floods: At least 12 killed in Varna and Dobrich**

*Author/Source: The BBC*



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“At least 12 people have died and several are missing after torrential rain and heavy floods hit eastern Bulgaria, officials say...”

#### **US & Canada**

##### **[Central America presses Biden on migrant rights as U.S. vows aid](#)**

*Author/Source: Mike McDonald, Reuters*

“Central American leaders on Friday pressed visiting U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden to improve migrant rights, even as the United States committed tens of millions of dollars in extra aid to the region in a bid to stem a surge of illegal immigration...”

##### **[Code Hosting Service Shuts Down After Cyber Attack](#)**

*Author/Source: Brian Prince, Information Week*

“Code Spaces shuttered its doors after a hacker accessed the company's Amazon EC2 control panel and erased business data and other information...”

##### **[CDC: Possible US anthrax cases rise to 84](#)**

*Author/Source: The BBC*

“The number of health workers potentially exposed to anthrax has risen to 84, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has said...”

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

##### **[The Business Relationship Between Italy's Mafia and Mexico's Drug Cartels](#)**

*Author/Source: Sergio Corrado and Francesca Realacci, Insight Crime*

“Powerful Mexican drug cartels, namely the Zetas and the Gulf Cartel, have entered into a business relationship with several Italian criminal networks, including the 'Ndrangheta, an organization that encompasses the Coluccio and Aquino families in New York and the Schirripa family in Calabria in southern Italy...”

##### **[Mexico drugs war: Mass grave found in Veracruz](#)**

*Author/Source: The BBC*

“The authorities in Mexico have found more than 30 bodies in a mass grave in the eastern state of Veracruz...”

##### **[Colombia Army dismantles 7 FARC camps](#)**

*Author/Source: Larisa Sioneriu, Colombia Reports*

“Colombia’s Armed Forces found and dismantled seven FARC camps in the country’s central state of Meta, the National Army announced Thursday in a communique...”

##### **[Three Die in Plane Crash in Colombia](#)**

*Author/Source: Latin America Herald Tribune*

“Two Ecuadorians and a U.S. citizen were killed when their small aircraft crashed in southwestern Colombia, this nation’s air force said Friday...”

##### **[Bomb Suspected in Blast in Colombian Capital](#)**

*Author/Source: Latin America Herald Tribune*

“At least two people were injured Friday when a powerful explosion rocked a police station in the Colombian capital...”