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Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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Middle East

[Syrian Qaeda wing pledges loyalty to ISIL in border town](#)

Source: Reuters

“Syria's al Qaeda wing has pledged loyalty to the rival Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group in a Syrian border town, a monitoring group said, boosting ISIL's control on both sides of the frontier...”

[U.N. endorses Iraq military force against advancing Islamist rebels](#)

Source: Louis Charbonneau, Reuters

“The United Nations on Wednesday issued an unusual call for military force, with a senior U.N. official saying the advance of Islamist militants throughout the north and east of Iraq must be dealt with militarily, though success will hinge on a broad political consensus...”

[Suicide bomber kills four in Kurdish-held Iraqi city Kirkuk: police](#)

Source: Reuters

“A suicide bomber killed four people and wounded 16 in the Iraqi city of Kirkuk, police sources said on Wednesday, the first suicide attack since Kurdish forces occupied the city on June 12...”

[Militants attack Iraq air base, U.S. advisers arrive](#)

Source: Raheem Salman, Reuters

“Militants attacked one of Iraq's largest air bases and seized control of several small oilfields on Wednesday as U.S. Special Forces troops and intelligence analysts arrived to help Iraqi security forces counter a mounting Sunni insurgency...”

[Palestinian Prisoners End Hunger Strike After Israeli Concessions](#)

Source: NBC News

“Scores of Palestinians on a hunger strike ended their protest against detention without trial on Wednesday after winning limited concessions from Israel — but no major policy change...”

[Israel stages air strikes on Gaza Strip](#)

Source: al-Arabiya News

“The Israeli air force carried out 12 raids on the Gaza Strip overnight after militants fired more rockets at southern Israel, Palestinian security sources said Wednesday...”

[Syrian warplanes strike in Iraq, killing 57 civilians](#)

Source: Mohammed Tawfeeq, Holly Yan and Chelsea J. Carter, CNN

“Reports that Syrian warplanes carried out a cross-border attack on Iraqi towns this week is further evidence of the blurring between the two countries' borders as they face an offensive by Islamic extremists...”



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[Suicide bomber hits hotel near Saudi embassy in Beirut](#)

Source: Reuters

“A suicide bomber killed himself and wounded at least four security officers at a hotel in Beirut close to the Saudi Arabian embassy on Wednesday, Lebanese security sources said, the third blast in Lebanon in less than a week...”

[3 Iranian troops killed in attack near Iraq border](#)

Source: The Associated Press

“An attack near Iran’s western border with Iraq has killed three Iranian border guards, the semi-official Fars news agency reported on Wednesday...”

Central Asia

[North Waziristan suicide blast kills three](#)

Source: The Daily Times

Three people were killed Tuesday in a suicide bombing in North Waziristan tribal area, the first such attack there since the military launched a major operation against the Taliban and other militants. The attacker detonated his car bomb in North Waziristan’s Spinwam village when he was intercepted on the approach to a checkpoint, officials said, killing two soldiers and a civilian.

South Asia

[Indian trains derail, killing 4; sabotage probed](#)

Source: Associated Press

“Two trains derailed in eastern India on Wednesday, killing at least four people, and authorities were investigating whether Maoist rebels were responsible, officials said...”

[PIA flight attacked midair in Peshawar, woman killed](#)

Source: Pakistan Today

“A woman was killed and two others were reportedly injured when unknown armed men fired at a Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) airplane that was about to land at the Bacha Khan International Airport late on Tuesday...”

[Parcel bomb blast at courier firm’s outlet](#)

Source: Daily Times

“A blast occurred at a courier company’s outlet in Gulshan-e-Iqbal here on Tuesday night, police said. According to Sindh IGP office, explosives were concealed in a parcel...”

[Karachi bleeds: 7 dead in 7 incidents of violence](#)

Source: The Express Tribune

“Despite the ongoing targeted operation against criminals in Karachi, at least seven people were killed in seven different incidents of violence in the city, Express News reported on Wednesday...”



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Rockets land near Kabul airport

Source: Khaama Press

“Heavy explosions were heard in capital Kabul late Tuesday night...”

Bombing in northern Afghanistan kills 4 civilians

Source: Washington Post

“A bomb hidden in a push cart and detonated by remote control near a government building in northern Afghanistan killed four people on Wednesday while a rocket attack near the Kabul airport wounded four, officials said...”

Taliban battle Afghan forces for control of southern district

Source: Reuters

“Taliban militants have been locked in fighting with Afghan forces this week to wrest control of a southern district, provincial authorities said on Wednesday, in a struggle that has killed or wounded dozens of people...”

East Asia

China says Philippines stirring tensions after Aquino supports Japan

Source: Sui-Lee and Ben Blanchard, Reuters

“China on Wednesday accused the Philippines of creating tension in the region and urged Manila to show "sincerity" in upholding stability after President Benigno Aquino welcomed Japan's more assertive military policy...”

China jails nine more in Xinjiang for terror offences

Source: Reuters

“Authorities in China's violence-prone far western region of Xinjiang have jailed nine more people for up to 14 years for terror-related offences at a public sentencing in front of more than 3,000 people, state media said on Thursday...”

New vertical Chinese map gives greater emphasis to South China Sea claims

Source: Australia Network News

“China has unveiled a new official map of the country giving greater emphasis to its claims on the South China Sea, making the disputed waters and its numerous islets and reefs more clearly seem like national territory...”

China sentences more drug criminals

Source: Xinhua

“Chinese courts sentenced 39,762 criminals for drug offenses in the first five months of 2014, up 27.8 percent year on year, the Supreme People's Court (SPC) announced on Wednesday...”

Africa

South African police make record \$190 million heroin bust

Source: Reuters

“South African police have seized heroin worth more than two billion rand (\$190 million) and



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arrested two Chinese nationals in the biggest drugs bust in the country's history, a spokesman said on Wednesday..."

Kenya police arrest 13 for planning attacks

Source: News 24

"Kenyan police have arrested 13 members of an outlawed separatist movement and accused them of planning ethnically-motivated attacks similar to assaults that killed dozens in the coastal region this month, the Interior Ministry said..."

Deadly blast rips through Nigerian mall

Source: al-Jazeera

"A bomb ripped through a crowded shopping mall in the Nigerian capital of Abuja on Wednesday, killing at least 19 people and wounding many more..."

Toll hits 65 after five more die in fresh Lamu raid

Source: Daily Nation

"Five more people have been shot dead in Lamu County even as the government says a major security operation is under way in the area to arrest gunmen who massacred 60 people last week..."

Mali urges aggressive overhaul of U.N. peacekeeping mission

Source: Daniel Flynn, Reuters

"Mali called on the United Nations to speed up deploying the remainder of its promised 12,000-member peacekeeping force and station more troops in the West African nation's turbulent north..."

C African Republic at risk of genocide, says group

Source: Washington Post

"In the early hours of Monday morning, a Christian militia swept down on the village of Ardo-Djobi near Bambari in the Central African Republic killing 18 Muslims of the Fulani ethnicity..."

U.N. Security Council blacklists Boko Haram leader, splinter group

Source: Michelle Nichols, Reuters

"The United Nations Security Council sanctioned the leader of Nigeria's Boko Haram and a splinter group on Wednesday, the first individual and entity to be designated by the world body since the Islamist militant group was blacklisted, diplomats said..."

Morocco arrests recruiters for Iraq-Syria fighting

Source: Associated Press

"Morocco's Interior Ministry says it has dismantled a cell recruiting Moroccans to fight for extremist groups in Iraq and Syria..."

Sudan Said to Revive Notorious Militias

Source: Jeffrey Gettleman, New York Times

"The Sudanese government has reconstituted the janjaweed, notorious militias that terrorized the restive Darfur region for years, making them an official, uniformed force that has recently



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burned down huts and attacked civilians, according to a new report prepared by the Enough Project, an activist group that aims to prevent genocide..."

[Boko Haram Suspected of New Kidnappings in Nigeria](#)

Source: Alan Cowell, The New York Times

"Militants are suspected of having abducted dozens more girls and women in northeastern Nigeria, news reports said on Tuesday, reviving concerns about hundreds of schoolgirls who were kidnapped in the same region in April and have yet to be rescued..."

[Cairo blasts target court, metro stations](#)

Source: al-Arabiya News

"A series of improvised explosives have targeted several metro stations and a court in the Egyptian capital during morning rush hour on Wednesday, leaving at least four people wounded..."

Europe

[Drug bust shows Montenegro's efforts against organised crime, experts say](#)

Source: Drazen Remikovic, Southeast European Times

"Officials are calling a police operation this month at the port of Bar in Montenegro a significant action against organised crime and narcotics trafficking in the region..."

[Firemen injured in car fire explosion in Thessaloniki](#)

Source: Ekathimerini

"Two firemen were injured in an explosion sparked by a car fire in Thessaloniki, Greece early Wednesday..."

[Ukraine army helicopter 'shot down by pro-Russian rebels' less than 24 hours after ceasefire](#)

Source: The Telegraph

"Nine Ukrainian servicemen were killed on Tuesday when pro-Russian insurgents shot down an army helicopter in the separatist east just a day after a top militia leader ordered a temporary ceasefire..."

US & Canada

[U.S. Ambassador Baucus says China hacking threatens national security](#)

Source: The Chicago Tribune

"Cyber theft of trade secrets by China is a threat to U.S. national security, U.S. Ambassador to China Max Baucus said on Wednesday in the first major public address of his tenure, warning that Washington would continue to pressure Beijing..."

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[More than 400 former Colombian paramilitaries to be released from jail by December](#)



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2014

Source: Colombia Reports

“More than 400 incarcerated Colombian paramilitaries are scheduled to be released before December 2014 after having served their eight year sentences as a result of submitting to Colombia’s Justice and Peace Law...”

Mexican Tijuana cartel boss Sanchez Arellano 'captured'

Source: BBC

“Luis Fernando Sanchez Arellano, also known as Engineer, was arrested on Monday...”

Technology and Cyber

Massive phishing campaign targets hundreds of online dating websites

Source: Adam Greenberg, SC Magazine

“Online daters beware: credentials for dating websites – including Match.com, Christian Mingle, PlentyOfFish, eHarmony, Zoosk, Lavalife and SeniorPeopleMeet – are being targeted in a massive campaign that makes use of a phishing kit featuring hundreds of fraudulent PHP scripts...”

European bank 'hit by sophisticated cyber-thefts'

Source: BBC

“A security firm has reported uncovering evidence of cyber-thieves robbing more than 190 customers of a European bank...”