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### Daily Terrorism Weather Online

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#### Middle East

##### [Yemen raids kill 17 al-Qaeda militants](#)

*Author/Source: WA Today*

“Two airstrikes in south Yemen have killed seven al-Qaeda militants, including two top operatives, officials say. Yemeni soldiers, meanwhile, have shelled a gathering of al-Qaeda fighters elsewhere in the south, killing 10 militants...”

##### [Turkey defends actions over consulate seizure in Iraq, 80 still held](#)

*Author/Source: Tulay Karadeniz, Reuters*

“Diplomats and soldiers trapped inside Turkey's consulate in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul had no option but to surrender this week after hundreds of heavily armed Islamist militants surrounded the building, the foreign ministry said on Saturday...”

##### [Iraqi airstrike kills seven Kurdish security forces in Diyala: police](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“At least seven members of the Kurdish security forces were killed in an airstrike in Iraq's northeastern province of Diyala on Saturday, police said...”

##### [Israel reinforcing West Bank troops to search for three teens](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“Israel is significantly reinforcing its troop deployment in the occupied West Bank to search for three Israeli teenagers who it believes were abducted by Palestinians, a military source said on Saturday...”

##### [Syria car bomb near Iraq kills at least 8: monitoring group](#)

*Source: Reuters*

“At least eight people were killed when a car bomb exploded in a market in eastern Syria near the border with Iraq, a monitoring group said...”

##### [Iran's Rouhani: Nuclear deal possible by July 20 with goodwill](#)

*Author/Source: Parisa Hafezi, Reuters*

“President Hassan Rouhani urged world powers to cut a deal with Iran by a July 20 deadline to end a dispute over its nuclear program, arguing that in any case sanctions meant to restrict its atomic activity have frayed beyond repair...”

##### [Iran says envisages Iraq role with U.S. if Washington tackles regional militants](#)

*Author/Source: Parisa Hafezi, Reuters*

“Iran could contemplate cooperating with its old adversary the United States on restoring security to Iraq if it saw Washington confronting "terrorist groups in Iraq and elsewhere", Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said on Saturday...”



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### **Drone strikes kill five suspected militants in Yemen**

*Source: Reuters*

“A drone strike killed five suspected al Qaeda militants in Yemen late on Friday, a local official and a tribal source said...”

### **Iraq's Maliki tells army that Sunni insurgents will be defeated**

*Source: Reuters*

“Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki told army officers in the city of Samarra that volunteers were arriving to help defeat Islamist militants who have swept through Sunni Muslim territory towards Baghdad...”

### **Iraq's top Shi'ite cleric issues call to fight jihadist rebels**

*Author/Source: Raheem Salman and Isra al-Rubei'i, Reuters*

“Iraq's most senior Shi'ite Muslim cleric urged followers to take up arms against a full-blown Sunni militant insurgency to topple Shi'ite Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, a conflict that threatens civil war and a possible break-up of the country...”

## **South Asia**

### **In Afghanistan's rural Wardak, fear of Taliban keeps voters away**

*Author/Source: Jessica Donati, Reuters*

“Little more than an hour's drive away from the lines of voters in Kabul, a polling station in rural Afghanistan was all but deserted on Saturday, with the threat of Taliban attacks undermining turnout and the legitimacy of the vote...”

### **Pakistan air raids in North Waziristan 'kill militants'**

*Source: BBC News*

“Pakistani fighter jets have carried out air strikes against militant hideouts in the northwest of the country...”

### **Martial law remains in effect**

*Source: Bangkok Post*

“Despite the lifting of the nationwide curfew Friday night, the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) continues to keep martial law in place to maintain order...”

### **'Fundamental rights at stake'**

*Source: Bangkok Post*

““Stability and reconciliation can hardly be achieved in Thailand if human rights guarantees are neglected,” a group of United Nations (UN) independent experts said on Friday, while urging the current authorities to reverse all measures affecting basic rights and to restore democratic rule in the country...”



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## **East Asia**

### **[China condemns 'groundless accusations'](#)**

*Source: Xinhua News*

“China’s deputy permanent UN representative, Wang Min, has criticized Vietnam and The Philippines over their actions in maritime disputes with China...”

## **Africa**

### **[Turkey pulls diplomats out of Benghazi, urges nationals to leave](#)**

*Source: Reuters*

“Turkey has temporarily pulled its diplomatic staff out of the Libyan city of Benghazi and urged its nationals to leave the east of the country amid mounting security concerns, the Turkish foreign ministry said on Saturday...”

### **[U.N. says 50,000 children face death in South Sudan as launches aid plan](#)**

*Author/Source: Carl Odera, Reuters*

“Tens of thousands of children in South Sudan could die this year without assistance from aid agencies, the United Nations said on Saturday, as it appealed for more than \$1 billion to help those hit by six months of civil war...”

## **Europe**

### **[France deports Tunisian accused of jihadist recruitment for Syria](#)**

*Source: Reuters*

“France has deported a Tunisian national suspected of recruiting young French people for jihadist forces in Syria's civil war, the interior ministry said...”

### **[Bomb found near Ukrainian president's office: source](#)**

*Source: Reuters*

“Ukrainian presidential bodyguards have disposed of a powerful explosive device discovered near President Petro Poroshenko's headquarters, a security source said on Saturday...”

### **[EU's Van Rompuy: Russia must stop support to Ukraine separatists](#)**

*Source: Reuters*

“Russia must stop support from its territory to pro-Russian separatists in eastern Ukraine, the chairman of European Union leaders Herman Van Rompuy said on Saturday after a Ukrainian military plane was downed by the separatists, killing 49...”

## **US & Canada**

### **[Kerry warns Russia over ties to separatists in Ukraine](#)**

*Source: Reuters*

“U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry warned Russia that the United States and its G7 partners would 'raise the costs' Moscow could face unless it curbed weapons flowing into Ukraine and cut ties with pro-Russia separatists...”



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**Pentagon orders aircraft carrier to Gulf to add Iraq military option**

*Source: Reuters*

“U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel ordered an aircraft carrier moved into the Gulf on Saturday, readying it in case Washington decides to pursue a military option after insurgents overwhelmed a string of Iraqi cities this week and threatened Baghdad...”