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## **Daily Terrorism Weather**

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### **Middle East**

#### **West Bank crackdown raises peril for both Abbas and Netanyahu**

*Author/Source: Noam Sheizaf, Al Jazeera*

“Ten days after three Israeli teens were kidnapped in the West Bank, Israel’s crackdown on Hamas continues; the Palestinian Authority (PA) is under growing pressure; more Palestinian casualties are reported every day; and there is still no sign of the abducted Israelis or their captors...”

#### **Israel carries out air strikes in Syria, killing 10**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“Israeli warplanes bombed a series of targets inside Syria early Monday, the Israeli military said, in response to a cross-border attack that killed an Israeli teenager the previous day...”

#### **Sunni Militants Seize Crossing on Iraq-Jordan Border**

*Author/Source: Suadad Al-Salhy and Tim Arango, New York Times*

“Sunni militants seized the border crossing between Iraq and Jordan late Sunday night as they consolidated control of Iraq’s vast western region...”

#### **ISIS joins forces with Saddam loyalists in bid to take Baghdad**

*Author/Source: Benjamin Hall, Fox News*

“For 10 years, members of Saddam Hussein's Baathist party -- including many of the dead dictator's top generals -- have hidden in the shadows of Iraq, persecuted by government in Baghdad and plotting, praying and preparing for the chance to reclaim their country...”

#### **At Least 50 Iraqi Detainees Killed In Militant Attack**

*Author/Source: Radio Free Europe*

“At least 50 detainees have been killed during a militant attack on an Iraqi convoy south of the capital, Baghdad...”

#### **Kerry Says ISIS Threat Could Hasten Military Action**

*Author/Source: Michael Gordon, New York Times*

“Winding up a day of crisis talks with Iraqi leaders, Secretary of State John Kerry said on Monday that the Sunni militants seizing territory in Iraq had become such a threat that the United States might not wait for Iraqi politicians to form a new government before taking military action...”

#### **Afghanistan's Election Chief Resigns 'For The National Interest'**

*Author/Source: Radio Free Europe*

“The chief of Afghanistan's Independent Election Commission (IEC) has resigned amid accusations he rigged vote results to favor one of the candidates in the recent presidential election...”



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### **[Watchdog says Syrian chemical stockpile in western control](#)**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“The last of Syria's acknowledged stockpile of chemical weapons has been handed over to Western governments for destruction, the organization charged with overseeing the elimination of the weapons said Monday...”

### **[Egypt: Al Jazeera journalists convicted for 'helping a terrorist organisation'](#)**

*Author/Source: Buenos Aires Herald*

“Three Al Jazeera journalists were jailed for seven years in Egypt today after a court convicted them of helping a "terrorist organisation" by spreading lies, in a case that has raised questions about the country's respect for media freedom...”

### **[Beirut suicide bombing wounds 19](#)**

*Author/Source: The Guardian*

“A suicide bomber has blown up his car in southern Beirut near an army checkpoint, killing himself and wounding several people watching the soccer World Cup in a nearby cafe...”

### **[Iranian Security Forces Attacked On Border, Possibly By ISIS, State Media Claims](#)**

*Author/Source: Erin Banco, International Business Times*

“Fighters associated with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, the Sunni militant group laying siege to large swaths of land in Iraq, attacked Iranian border guards in the town of Qasre Shirin last week, according to Iranian state media...”

### **[Yemen seals truce with Shi'ite rebels after clashes in capital](#)**

*Author/Source: Reuters*

“Yemen's defense ministry and Shi'ite rebels agreed a ceasefire on Sunday after clashes which have shaken the capital Sanaa and its outskirts, the country's official 26 September newspaper said...”

### **[UAE jails seven men convicted of belonging to al Qaeda](#)**

*Author/Source: Maha El Dahan, Reuters*

“Seven men arrested last year on suspicion of planning attacks on the United Arab Emirates were jailed on Monday for belonging to an al Qaeda network and aiding its affiliate in Syria...”

### **[Russia, Iran nuclear contract imminent](#)**

*Author/Source: Daniel Graeber*

“Russian plans to sign a contract with Iran to help expand the Bushehr nuclear power facility by the end of the year, Russia's nuclear regulator said Monday...”



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## Central Asia

### [Supporters Of Ex-Kyrgyz Speaker Unblock Highway, Continue Protest](#)

*Author/Source: Radio Free Europe*

“Hundreds of supporters of detained former Kyrgyz parliament speaker Akmatbek Keldibekov have dismantled barriers blocking a major highway in the southern Osh region but continue to remain at the site...”

## South Asia

### [Bangladesh attacks: Eight members of Huji sentenced to death](#)

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“A Bangladeshi court has sentenced eight members of a banned Islamist group to death for a bomb attack which killed 10 people in the capital Dhaka in 2001...”

### [Thousands Flee Tribal Region as Pakistan Gears up for Offensive](#)

*Author/Source: Jibran Ahmed, Reuters*

“Pakistan's military on Monday gave residents of North Waziristan until the end of the day to leave the remote mountainous region ahead of a widely anticipated major ground offensive by the army against Islamist militants...”

### [Top LeT militant killed in Baramulla](#)

*Author/Source: Business Standard*

“A top Pakistani "commander" of Lashker-e-Toiba (LeT) militant outfit was killed in a fierce gunbattle with security forces in Baramulla district in north Kashmir overnight, an army spokesman said...”

### [Normal life in most parts of Kashmir affected due to strike](#)

*Author/Source: Hindustan Times*

“Normal life in several parts of Kashmir Valley was affected due to a strike call given by JKLF as authorities clamped restrictions in two police station areas of the city to foil the launch of separatist outfit's 'Quit Kashmir' movement...”

### [UPDATE 1-India to open civilian nuclear programme to greater scrutiny](#)

*Author/Source: Douglas Busvine, Reuters*

“India said on Monday it was ratifying an agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to expand oversight of its civilian nuclear programme, in a move aimed at unblocking a major nuclear partnership with the United States...”



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## **Southeast Asia**

### **[Anonymous hackers found accessing Vietnam ministry computers](#)**

*Author/Source: TuoitreNews*

“Unidentified hackers have launched targeted attacks against computers used by officials of the Vietnamese Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, an Internet security company said in a report on Friday...”

## **East Asia**

### **[32 Terrorist Groups Smashed in Xinjiang, China Says](#)**

*Author/Source: Edward Wong and Chris Buckley, New York Times*

“Officials in the western Chinese region of Xinjiang said Monday that an antiterrorism crackdown that began in late May had resulted in the smashing of 32 terrorist groups and the sentencing of 315 people to prison terms, death row or other punishment, according to state news reports...”

### **[Act on Chinese hacking: academics, activists](#)**

*Author/Source: Wu Po-hsuan and Sean Lin*

“In light of recent incidents in which Chinese-language Apple Daily’s Web sites were paralyzed by massive hacker attacks earlier last week, Taiwanese academics and social activists yesterday urged the government to prioritize information security as they expressed concern that China’s cyberespionage agents have infiltrated the databases of Taiwanese media outlets...”

### **[Two North Korean Attacks On South Korea In Yellow Sea Not War Crimes: ICC](#)**

*Author/Source: RTT News*

“On Monday, the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Fatou Bensouda, announced the conclusion of the preliminary examination of the situation in North Korea...”

### **[Beijing 'setting precedent' in South China Sea](#)**

*Author/Source: Deutsche Wells*

“China has sent four more oil rigs into the South China Sea in a bid to step up exploration for oil and gas in the in the potentially energy-rich waters. According to media reports, coordinates released by China's Maritime Safety Administration showed the Nanhai number 2 and 5 rigs had been deployed roughly between China's southern Guangdong province and the Pratas Islands, which are occupied by Taiwan. The Nanhai 4 rig was towed to waters close to the Chinese coast...”



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## **Africa**

### **[Nigeria blast at Kano health college 'kills 8'](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“An explosion has struck a public health college in Nigeria's second city of Kano, in the north, killing at least eight people, police say...”

### **[Boko Haram crisis: Dozens killed in villages near Chibok](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“Dozens of villagers are feared dead after attacks by suspected Boko Haram Islamist militants in Nigeria's northeastern Borno state...”

### **[Central African Republic: Militia kills 18 Muslims](#)**

*Author/Source: Washington Post*

“Residents of the Central African Republic city of Bambari say that a militia attacked a nearby Muslim village and killed 18 of its inhabitants...”

### **[Kenya 'bombs al-Shabab bases' in Somalia](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“Kenyan fighter jets have bombed the al-Qaeda-linked al-Shabab group in Somalia, killing more than 80 of its fighters, the African Union (AU) force in Somalia has said...”

## **Europe**

### **[EU warns Russia of new sanctions over Ukraine militants](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“The EU says it is ready to impose new sanctions on Russia if Moscow does not act quickly to stop arms and militants flowing into eastern Ukraine...”

### **[Pro-Russian Rebels in Ukraine Agree to Cease-Fire](#)**

*Author/Source: Andrew Roth, New York Times*

“Rebel leaders in eastern Ukraine announced a general cease-fire on Monday evening at talks with representatives of Russia, the Ukraine government in Kiev and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe...”

### **[Railroad exploded in Donetsk region of Ukraine](#)**

*Author/Source: Pravda*

“Two blasts with a difference of 20 minutes occurred on Sunday, June 22nd, on a railway in the Donetsk region of Ukraine...”

### **[Cocaine, kidnapping and multimillion tax fraud uncovered in Spanish diesel scam](#)**

*Author/Source: José Precedo, El Pais*

“Spanish police investigating a gang that ran a nationwide scam that sold adulterated diesel to unsuspecting motorists over five years say it may also have been involved in drug dealing and kidnapping...”



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## US & Canada

### [Iraq crisis: Kerry vows 'intense support' to counter Isis](#)

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“US Secretary of State John Kerry has vowed "intense and sustained support" for Iraq after meeting key politicians in the capital, Baghdad. He said attacks by Sunni militants were a threat to Iraq's existence and its leaders had to act "now"....”

### [Anwar al Awlaki killing: Court releases secret legal memo](#)

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“A New York court has released the Obama administration's legal justification for the killing of a US citizen and suspected al-Qaeda leader in Yemen. The previously secret justice department memo was published after a lawsuit...”

## Latin America and the Caribbean

### [Three Brazilians die in shoot-out in Rio shantytown](#)

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“Three people have been killed in a shoot-out between police and alleged drug traffickers in a shanty town in the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro...”

### [Marines Rescue 18 Kidnapped Central American Migrants in Northeast Mexico](#)

*Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“Marines rescued 18 kidnapped Central American migrants and arrested four suspects, including two minors, over the weekend in the northeastern state of Tamaulipas, Mexican media reported...”