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### Daily Terrorism Weather

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#### Middle East

##### ISIL may not reach Baghdad, but sectarian bloodshed likely will

Tarabay, Jamie/Al Jazeera

“Baghdad may be echoing with calls to arms for local militias and residents running stampedes into grocery stores to stock up on supplies, but there’s unlikely to be a mass advance by the fighters loyal to the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant into the capital any time soon...”

##### 44 Sunni Prisoners Killed as Iraqi Violence Spreads

Rubin, Alissa, Al-Salhy, Suadad/ New York Times

“The first signs of sectarian reprisal killings of Sunnis appeared in Iraq on Tuesday, as 44 Sunni prisoners were killed in a government-controlled police station in Baquba, north of Baghdad, and the bodies of four young men who had been shot were found dumped on a street in a Baghdad neighborhood controlled by Shiite militiamen...”

##### ISIS moving seized US tanks, Humvees to Syria

Gertz, Bill/Fox News

“Syrian and Iraqi terrorist forces obtained significant numbers of tanks, trucks, and U.S.-origin Humvees in recent military operations in Iraq and those arms are being shipped to al Qaeda rebels in Syria, according to U.S. officials...”

##### Iran is not the solution in Iraq

Zarif, Maseh, Donovan, Marie/AEI Ideas

“The al Qaeda network’s expansion is not the only threat we face in Iraq. Iran has mobilized proxy militias and sent elements of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) there...”

##### Gulf of Aden Security Review - June 17, 2014

Critical Threats

“The U.S. State Department designated Shawki Ali Ahmed al Badani, a prominent member of al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) on June 17...”

##### Patience urged as Afghanistan investigates poll fraud claims

Allen, Karen/BBC News

“Afghanistan's security forces are braced for street demonstrations in the coming days, as rival camps in Saturday's presidential elections trade allegations of fraud...”

##### Iraq conflict: Clashes on approaches to Baghdad

BBC News

“The prime minister of Iraq's autonomous Kurdish region, Nechirvan Barzani, has told the BBC he believes Iraq may not stay together as Sunni areas feel neglected by the Shia-



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dominated Iraqi government...”

### **[Is media hype helping the ISIS?](#)**

BBC News

“Yesterday this blog included a photo of black-clad Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIS) militants to illustrate one of its posts...”

### **[Arab-Israeli lawmaker says kidnappers are not terrorists](#)**

JTA

“JERUSALEM (JTA) — An Arab-Israeli Knesset member said the kidnappers of three Israeli teenagers are not terrorists...”

## **[Asia](#)**

### **[Uzbekistan: South Korea’s President Talks Investment in Tashkent](#)**

Lillis, Joanna/ Eurasia Net

“South Korean President Park Geun-hye kicked off a six-day tour of Central Asia on June 16 in Uzbekistan. Park was reportedly pushing for new joint gas-sector projects in Uzbekistan, and offering investment in a \$300-million solar energy plant that is to be built in Samarkand as part of Uzbekistan’s fledgling renewable energy industry...”

### **[Beware the Black Flag of Terrorism](#)**

Widen, Merritt/ Wall Street Journal

“It was a harrowing sight to see the black flag of ISIS flying over Fallujah, a city so recently rescued by American forces with blood and steel (“While Obama Fiddles,” Wonder Land, June 12, by Daniel Henninger...”

### **[China Rejects P3 Network, Plan Abandoned](#)**

World Maritime News

“The Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) of the People’s Republic of China denied support to the P3 Network, proposed by Mærsk A/S (Maersk Line) together with MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company S.A. and CMA CGM S.A. The MOFCOM’s decision follows a review under China’s merger control rules...”

### **[China backs Pakistan's anti-terrorism campaign](#)**

Global Times

“China on Tuesday hailed Pakistan's contribution to the international anti-terrorism campaign after it launched an anti-Taliban military offensive that has killed 177 terrorists...”

### **[In Drive Against Militants, Pakistani Airstrikes Hit Strongholds](#)**

Walsh, Declan/ New York Times

“LONDON — As a full Pakistani military offensive in the tribal district of North Waziristan took shape on Monday, commanders promised a crushing blow to the jihadi groups that have flourished there in the past decade, spreading chaos in the region and posing a security threat to the West...”



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### **[9 youths drown in Vietnam daily, highest in Southeast Asia](#)**

Vietnam Breaking News

“Nine teenagers and young people die of drowning in Vietnam every day, a senior official said on Monday...”

### **[China Lauds Pakistan's Airstrikes on Militants](#)**

NDTV

“Beijing: China today said its "all-weather ally" Pakistan has made a positive contribution to counter terrorism by launching air raids on terror camps in North Waziristan in which a number of Islamist militants from Xinjiang have been killed...”

## **[Africa](#)**

### **[Ebola kills 7 more in Liberia, as disease continues its spread](#)**

Al Jazeera

“Seven people believed to have the Ebola virus have died in recent days in the first deaths reported in Liberia's capital, Monrovia, since the outbreak began, a health official said Tuesday...”

### **[Suspect in Benghazi consulate attack captured by US Special Forces](#)**

Al Jazeera

“A Libyan man suspected of being a ringleader in the deadly attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi has been captured by American troops, the Pentagon confirmed Tuesday...”

### **[Kenya attacks: 'Women abducted' near Mpeketoni](#)**

BBC News

“At least 12 women were abducted during the latest attack on Kenya's coast, which also left 15 people dead, residents have told the BBC...”

### **[Kenya attacks 'not terrorism' claims president as tourism fears grow](#)**

The Telegraph

“Back-to-back attacks close to Kenya's coast that killed 60 people over two days were the work of local political activists and not international terrorists, Kenya's president has said...”

### **[Suicide bomber targets World Cup screening in Nigeria](#)**

The Guardian

“A suicide bomber detonated a tricycle taxi packed with explosives at an outdoor World Cup viewing center in a northeast Nigerian city on Tuesday night, and witnesses said several people were killed...”

## **[Europe](#)**

### **[Ukraine Suspects Terrorism in Pipeline Explosion](#)**

Hershenhorn, David /New York Times

“MOSCOW — A major natural gas pipeline exploded in central Ukraine on Tuesday, a day after the Russian energy behemoth Gazprom said that it was cutting off supplies to Ukraine in



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a dispute over pricing, and officials immediately labeled it a possible act of sabotage...”

### **Latin America and the Caribbean**

#### **American Airlines Cuts 80% of Venezuela Flights**

Latin America Herald Tribune

“CARACAS – American Airlines, which was one of the largest foreign carriers into Venezuela with almost 7 flights daily from Miami, Dallas and New York, has announced that it is cutting flights to virtually 1 a day because of unexchanged currency...”

#### **Audrie Pott case: Mother of teen suicide victim urges passage of tough new law on juvenile sex offenders**

Mercury News

“SAN JOSE - The mother of teenager Audrie Pott, who committed suicide in 2012 after being sexually abused at a party, today in San Jose criticized opponents of a bill to give mandatory sentences to juveniles convicted of sexually abusing unconscious and disabled victims...”

Source:

### **US & Canada**

#### **Terrorism Experts Warn: Leader Of ISIS Has His Eyes On New York City**

New York, CBS News

“The new war in Iraq has local terrorism experts on high alert .The leader of the insurgent group swallowing city after city there has vowed to bring his war to New York City, CBS 2’s Marcia Kramer reported Tuesday...”

#### **Will Obama really partner with the same Iranians who killed hundreds of Americans in Iraq?**

Thiessen, Marc/ AEI Ideas

“In 2007, CBS News reported, in a story entitled “U.S. Sees New Weapon In Iraq: Iranian EFPs”:U.S. military officials charged on Sunday that the highest levels of the Iranian leadership ordered Shiite militants in Iraq to be armed with sophisticated armor-piercing roadside bombs that have killed more than 170 American forces...”

#### **America in the slow lane: How unions and lobbying groups are ruining US transportation infrastructure**

Pethokoukis, James/ AEI Ideas

“Debate around improving US infrastructure are typically funding discussions...”

#### **Mountain Search to Resume for Missing Firefighter**

NBC News

“Authorities continued on Tuesday to search mountainsides for an off-duty Arcadia firefighter, described by colleagues as a well-trained elite athlete, who went missing during a camping trip in Ventura County...”

#### **Clinton: ‘Not Prepared’ to Back Working With Iran**



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CBS News

“WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton expressed caution Tuesday about the United States working with Iran to combat fast-moving Islamic insurgents in Iraq, saying the U.S. needs to understand “what we’re getting ourselves into.” The U.S. and Iran have held an initial discussion about how the longtime foes might cooperate to address the threat from the al-Qaida-linked militants that have swept through Iraq...”

### **[U.S. Forces Capture Key Benghazi Suspect](#)**

Barrett, Devlin/Wall Street Journal

“U.S. operatives captured a senior suspect in the 2012 attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, in a nighttime raid on Libyan soil that set the stage for a high-profile trial of an alleged terrorist in U.S. civilian court...”

### **[US and Iranian Religious Leaders Declare Opposition to Weapons of Mass Destruction](#)**

Iran Primer

“On June 14, a group of U.S. bishops and Iranian religious leader issued a joint declaration opposing actions that endanger the health, dignity and welfare of others — including proliferation of weapons of mass destruction...”

### **[Italy seized 'weapons of mass destruction' parts](#)**

The Local

“Customs officers in the northern Italian port of La Spezia have identified a shipment from China found last autumn as materials that could be used to make weapons of mass destruction...”

### **[GE Aviation Is Poised For Solid Growth In Coming Years](#)**

Forbes

“Driven by an upcycle in the global commercial aviation sector, General Electric’s aviation business is poised for solid growth in the coming years...”

### **[Liberty Star Engages Washington, DC, Based Policy Analytics Firm VogelHood](#)**

Wall Street Journal

“Liberty Star Uranium & Metals Corp. ("Liberty Star" or the "Company") (OTCQB: LBSR) is pleased to announce it has engaged VogelHood Research LLC to monitor federal legislative and regulatory activity regarding rare earth elements (REEs)...”