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## Daily Terrorism Weather

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### **Middle East**

#### [Jordan 'refuses' Palestinians fleeing Syria conflict](#)

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“Jordan is turning away Palestinian refugees from Syria in violation of international law, the New York-based group Human Rights Watch says...”

#### [Thousands of Iraqis flee to Turkish border as Islamic State advances](#)

*Author/Source: Ece Toksabay and Dasha Afanasieva, Reuters*

“Thousands of Iraqis, most of them ethnic minority Yazidis, have fled to the Turkish border to escape an advance by Islamic State fighters in northern Iraq, Turkish officials said on Thursday...”

#### [Syrian Islamist rebels 'withdraw from Lebanese town after truce'](#)

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“Islamist militants from Syria have reportedly mostly withdrawn from the Lebanese border town of Arsal...”

#### [ISIS assault on Syrian army base kills 41](#)

*Author/Source: Al Arabiya*

“At least 27 Syrian regime forces have been killed in a jihadist assault on a military base in the northern province of Raqa, a monitoring group told Agence France-Presse on Thursday...”

#### [ISIS seizes Iraq's largest Christian town](#)

*Author/Source: Al Arabiya*

“Iraq's largest Christian town, Qaraqosh, was seized by jihadist militants when Kurdish troops withdrew overnight, fleeing residents and clerics told Agence France-Presse Thursday...”

#### [Nine Dead, 50 Injured In Car-Bomb Attack on Shi'ite Mosque in Kirkuk](#)

*Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“Nine people were killed, including three children, and more than 50 were injured Thursday in a car-bomb explosion near a mosque in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk, some 250 km from Baghdad, a security source told EFE...”

#### [Dozens killed in Baghdad car bombs](#)

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“At least 47 people were killed when two car bombs exploded in a Shia neighbourhood in the Iraqi capital, medical and security officials have said...”



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### **Rebels Capture Iraq's Largest Dam**

*Author/Source: Alidda Rubin and Time Arango, New York Times*

“Sunni militants captured the Mosul dam, the largest in Iraq, on Thursday as their advances in the country’s north created an onslaught of refugees and set off fearful rumors in Erbil, the Kurdish regional capital...”

### **France says it is ready to support Iraqi Kurdish forces against Islamists**

*Author/Source: Michel Rose, Reuters*

“France said on Thursday it was ready to support the forces of the autonomous Kurdish region of northern Iraq to block the advance of Islamic State militants, but gave no details of what form this would take...”

### **Mediators race against clock to extend Gaza truce**

*Author/Source: Nidal Al-Mughrabi and Lin Noueihed, Reuters*

“Mediators worked against the clock on Thursday to extend a truce between Israel and Palestinian militants in Gaza, as the three-day ceasefire went into its final 24 hours...”

### **Talks for extended Israeli-Palestinian cease-fire stall in Cairo**

*Author/Source: Renee Lewis, Al Jazeera*

“Israel has demanded the demilitarization of the Gaza Strip as a condition to extend a 72-hour cease-fire that took effect on Tuesday, a condition that has stalled negotiations according to Palestinian reports...”

### **Hamas says it's executed Palestinians as Israeli spies in Gaza war**

*Author/Source: Dan Williams*

“Hamas said on Thursday it had executed several Palestinians on suspicion of helping Israeli forces during the month-long Gaza war...”

### **Yemen army says 18 al-Qaeda militants killed**

*Author/Source: Al Arabiya*

“Yemen’s Defense Ministry says that the army has repulsed an assault by al-Qaeda militants near a southern city, killing 18 of them and losing two soldiers...”

### **Iran Nuclear Talks To Resume By Mid-September**

*Author/Source: Radio Free Europe*

“Reports from Brussels say Iran and six world powers will meet for a new round of nuclear talks before the next United Nations General Assembly session, which starts on September 16...”

## **Central Asia**

### **Rossia Segodnya Expected To Open Bureau In Tajikistan**

*Author/Source: Radio Free Europe*

“Rossiya Segodnya, a massive state-run media conglomerate, is expected to open a bureau in Dushanbe...”



## South Asia

### [Afghan election: Kerry to meet feuding rivals](#)

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“US Secretary of State John Kerry has arrived in Afghanistan to try to resolve the crisis surrounding the recent disputed presidential poll...”

### [Pakistani Cleric Threatens March To Topple Government](#)

*Author/Source: Radio Free Europe*

“A Pakistani cleric has threatened to march on the capital and overthrow the government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif after authorities allegedly detained hundreds of his followers...”

### [Pakistan arrests activists ahead of planned political protests](#)

*Author/Source: Mubasher Bukhari, Reuters*

“Pakistani security forces have arrested dozens of political activists as the government braces for two major political protests in the next week...”

### [Bangladesh police forcibly end garment workers' strike](#)

*Author/Source: Ruma Paul, Reuters*

“Bangladesh police used water cannons and teargas on Thursday to disperse hundreds of garment workers staging a hunger-strike to demand back-pay and a holiday bonus...”

### [India bill to try minors as adults after Delhi gang rape](#)

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“India's cabinet has approved a bill to allow children over 16 to be tried as adults for crimes like rape and murder...”

### [UML lawmakers protest in Parliament over gangster Chari's killing](#)

*Author/Source: Ekantipur*

“CPN-UML lawmakers from Dhading district on Thursday demanded the government investigate the death of notorious gangster Dinesh Adhikari alias ‘Chari’ terming the murder as extra judicial killing...”

## Southeast Asia

### [Top Khmer Rouge leaders guilty of crimes against humanity](#)

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“Two top Khmer Rouge leaders have been jailed for life after being convicted by Cambodia's UN-backed tribunal of crimes against humanity...”

### [Thai 'Yellow Shirt' founder jailed](#)

*Author/Source: Bangkok Post*

“A controversial media mogul who founded Thailand's royalist "Yellow Shirt" street movement was jailed Thursday after an appeal court refused him bail over a 20-year sentence for corporate fraud, his lawyer said...”



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### **Children targeted in Australia anti-Semitic abuse**

*Author/Source: Bangkok Post*

“Five teenagers were arrested Thursday over an alleged vicious racial attack on a bus full of children from Jewish schools in Sydney that left them traumatised...”

## **East Asia**

### **China says Japan fighter jets shadowed its planes over disputed waters**

*Author/Source: Michael Martina and Elaine Lies, Reuters*

“Japanese fighter jets shadowed Chinese aircraft patrolling over disputed waters, China's Ministry of Defense said on Thursday, in the latest flare-up of a spat over air space that has deepened a rift between the two countries...”

### **Typhoon Halong heads for Japan**

*Author/Source: Bangkok Post*

“Typhoon Halong advanced toward southern Japan on Thursday, packing heavy rains as officials warned the storm would bring strong winds and high waves to the region...”

### **N. Korea pushing fissile material output: US think-tank**

*Author/Source: Bangkok Post*

“Recent satellite images of North Korea's main nuclear complex suggest continued activity focused on the production of both weapons-grade plutonium and uranium, a US think-tank said Thursday...”

### **Exclusive: China police investigate U.S. citizen near border with North Korea - source**

*Author/Source: James Pearson and Megha Rajagopalan, Reuters*

“A Korean-American who runs a Christian NGO in a Chinese city on the border with North Korea is being investigated by Chinese authorities and has had his bank accounts frozen, a source with direct knowledge of the case told Reuters on Thursday...”

### **China suspends work at hundreds of factories after deadly blast**

*Author/Source: Samuel Shen and Fayen Wong, Reuters*

“China has suspended work at more than 200 factories in an eastern province for safety checks as part of a nationwide review following an explosion at an auto parts plant that killed 75 people, government officials and state media said...”

## **Africa**

### **Air Algeria AH5017 black box tape 'unintelligible'**

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“The cockpit voice recorder from the Air Algeria flight that crashed in Mali in July is damaged and unintelligible, French investigators say...”



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### **Ebola: Liberia declares state of emergency**

*Author/Source: News 24*

“Liberia declared a state of emergency on Wednesday due to the deadly Ebola outbreak as US President Barack Obama said it was premature to send experimental drugs to victims in Africa...”

### **Nigeria: Ebola Virus - Air Passengers Now Mandated to 'Self-Declare' Health Status**

*Author/Source: Chukwuma Muanya, All Africa*

“Gwarzo said the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) has specially trained personnel at the airports that screen passenger's temperature with handheld infrared device and there are plans to procure equipment that can mass screen passengers' temperatures...”

### **Travel restricted within Ebola-affected West African countries**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“West African countries hard-hit by the Ebola virus have issued travel restrictions in an effort to contain the spread of the deadly disease after reports emerged of families hiding sick relatives and abandoning bodies in the streets...”

### **'Dozens' killed in Boko Haram attack in Nigeria**

*Author/Source: News 24*

“Boko Haram gunmen attacked Nigeria's restive northeastern town of Gwoza on Wednesday leaving dozens dead, residents said, in the latest violence blamed on the Islamists...”

### **Libya militia clashes spread beyond Tripoli towards Zawiya oil port**

*Author/Source: Aziz El Yaakoubi, Reuters*

“Clashes in Libya spread from Tripoli to the western town of Zawiya near Tunisia's border, where a large oil port is located, killing four people over the last two days, local town council officials said on Thursday...”

### **Violence puts South Sudan close to catastrophe - UN**

*Author/Source: News 24*

“A top UN official on Wednesday told the Security Council that a fresh wave of violence in South Sudan is dragging the world's youngest country closer to a "humanitarian catastrophe" as the global body bolsters its military presence there...”

### **Passenger Arrested With N200m Cocaine at Kano Airport**

*Author/Source: Abdulkadir Badsha Mukhtar, Daily Trust*

“The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) at the Aminu Kano International Airport Command (MAKIA) yesterday said it arrested a passenger with cocaine worth N200 million on Friday during a routine screening of passengers from a commercial airline...”



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## Europe

### [Mission to search Malaysia Airlines crash site in Ukraine ends over safety concerns](#)

*Author/Source: Carol Morello, Washington Post*

“The Dutch-led mission to retrieve human remains and evidence from the site of the Malaysia Airlines crash over eastern Ukraine was halted Wednesday because of security concerns...”

### [As Ukraine Fighting Intensifies, Dental College Is Struck](#)

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

“As fighting between the Ukrainian Army and pro-Russian rebels intensified on Thursday, an artillery barrage crashed into a dental college here, killing one patient and blowing apart three dental chairs and cracking walls adorned with charts of teeth...”

### [Donetsk officials say 3 killed, 5 injured in east Ukraine fighting](#)

*Author/Source: Fox News*

“Donetsk City Council says three people have been killed and five were injured in overnight shelling in the eastern Ukrainian city, as government forces tighten their grip on the pro-Russian rebel stronghold...”

### [Clashes In Kiev As Ukraine Moves To Dismantle 'Euromaidan' Protest Camp](#)

*Author/Source: Business Insider*

“Tensions flared on Thursday on Kiev's Independence Square, the scene of street protests that toppled a Moscow-backed president in February, when protesters still camped there clashed with city workers who tried to clear away their tents...”

### [NATO chief arrives in Ukraine as crisis in the east deepens](#)

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen, who met with leading officials in Ukraine on Thursday, said that the military alliance stood ready to support Ukraine with advisers and assistance...”

### [Russia responds to sanctions by banning western food imports](#)

*Author/Source: Jennifer Rankin, Guardian*

“Russia has banned fruit, vegetables, meat, fish, milk and dairy imports from the US, the European Union, Australia, Canada and Norway, Russia's prime minister told a government meeting on Thursday...”

### [Snowden granted three-year Russian residency permit](#)

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“Edward Snowden's lawyer says the National Security Agency (NSA) whistleblower has been granted permission to stay in Russia for three more years...”

### [Prince William to join East Anglian Air Ambulance](#)

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“The Duke of Cambridge is to become an air ambulance pilot next spring, it has been announced...”



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### **Russian Hacking Case Highlights Lack of Global Cyber Cops**

*Author/Source: Lisa Fleisher and Simon Zekaria, Wall Street Journal*

“An alleged widespread data theft by Russian hackers is rekindling questions among security experts on how to police and disclose breaches—and how firms that discover such stolen material should behave...”

### **Bomb found in Telemark: 2 arrested**

*Author/Source: The Local*

“A live bomb was found around 10pm on Wednesday evening in a residence in Snurråsen in the Siljan municipality of Telemark. It was successfully defused by bomb experts during the early morning on Thursday...”

### **Gaza protest: Police prepare for riots in Oslo**

*Author/Source: The Local*

“The organization “With Israel for Peace” (MIFF) will gather in front of the Norwegian parliament in support of the people of Israel and their country's occupation of Gaza. A similar protest in 2009 led to street fights in Oslo...”

### **Severe flooding hits Southwest Norway**

*Author/Source: The Local*

“Fire chief Henry Ove Berg of South-Rogaland fire department said to “Stavanger Aftenblad”:  
“All available crews are out there helping people.”...”

### **Four more police officers arrested as part of probe into wiretapping allegations**

*Author/Source: Hurriyet Daily News*

“Four more police officers were arrested in the second wave of a wiretapping probe operation on Aug. 7, while six officers were released pending trial...”

## **US & Canada**

### **Obama authorizes air strikes in Iraq**

*Author/Source: Mark Felsenthal and Roberta Rampton, Reuters*

“U.S. President Barack Obama said on Thursday he has authorized air strikes against Islamist militants in Iraq to protect American personnel and launched humanitarian assistance to prevent a genocide of members of a religious minority who have fled their homes...”

### **U.S. military completes drop of food, water over northern Iraq: official**

*Author/Source: Missy Ryan, Reuters*

“U.S. military aircraft dropped meals and water for Iraqis threatened by Islamist militants in northern Iraq, a senior U.S. defense official said on Thursday...”

### **Hurricane Iselle to hit Hawaii on Thursday**

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“Hawaiians are bracing for a rare direct tropical cyclone hit as Hurricane Iselle threatens the US island chain...”



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### **Canada gives Ukraine helmets, tents to secure eastern region**

*Author/Source: David Ljunggren, Reuters*

“Canada will provide Ukraine with non-lethal equipment such as helmets, protective vests and tents to help secure the country's unstable eastern region, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said on Thursday....”

### **African Summit Yields \$37 Billion in US Commitment**

*Author/Source: Voice of America*

“Fifty African leaders who attended the unprecedented summit left Washington with a U.S. commitment of \$37 billion...”

### **Tekmira Ebola drug gets regulator change for possible human use**

*Author/Source: Rod Nickel, Reuters*

“Tekmira Pharmaceutical Corp said on Thursday that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration had modified its clinical hold status on Tekmira's experimental Ebola treatment to enable its potential use in humans infected with the virus...”

## **Latin America and the Caribbean**

### **Mexico approves oil sector reforms**

*Author/Source: BBC News*

“Mexico's Congress has approved sweeping changes to the country's energy industry which will see private oil contracts awarded in the country for the first time since 1938...”

### **Earthquake Shakes Pacific Coast of Panama**

*Author/Source: Latin American Herald Tribune*

“An earthquake measuring 4.6 on the open-ended Richter scale shook the Pacific coast of Panama, near Coiba Island, the Geoscience Institute at Panama University reported...”

### **Colombia president starts new term, warns FARC to halt attacks**

*Author/Source: Helen Murphy, Reuters*

“Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos was sworn in to a second term on Thursday promising to bring peace and equality to the nation, but warned Marxist rebels that talks to end five decades of war could rupture if hostilities against civilians continue...”