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## Daily Terrorism Weather

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### **Middle East**

#### **Iraqi Kurds say West not providing enough arms to defeat ISIL**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“The president of Iraqi Kurdistan, Massoud Barzani, accused Western countries on Wednesday of not providing enough heavy weapons to help Kurdish peshmerga forces deliver a "decisive blow" to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)...”

#### **Iraqi Kurdish forces launch new offensive against ISIS**

*Author/Source: Haaretz*

“Iraqi Kurdish forces launched a new offensive Wednesday targeting Islamic State extremists as a suicide bomber killed at least five people in the Kurds' regional capital...”

#### **U.S.-led air strikes target Islamic State, Khorasan in Syria: officials**

*Author/Source: Doina Chiacu, Reuters*

“U.S.-led forces conducted six air strikes against Islamic State militants and one against the al Qaeda-affiliated Khorasan Group in Syria since Monday and 24 air strikes in Iraq during the same period, the U.S. military said...”

#### **Egyptian police fire tear gas, arrest 25 people commemorating 2011 protests**

*Author/Source: Shadi Bushra and Ali Abdelatti, Reuters*

“Police fired tear gas and arrested 25 people on Wednesday in central Cairo where hundreds had gathered to commemorate dozens of protesters killed by security forces in 2011, Egypt's interior ministry told state news agency MENA...”

#### **Riyadh fears Islamic State wants sectarian war in Saudi Arabia**

*Author/Source: Angus McDdowall, Reuters*

“Tighter security in Saudi Arabia has made it hard for Islamic State to target the government so the militants are instead trying to incite a sectarian conflict via attacks on the Shi'ite Muslim minority, the Saudi Interior Ministry said...”

#### **Car bomb blast in Iraqi Kurdish city**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“A suicide car bomber has killed at least six people in the Iraqi Kurdish capital, Irbil, local media say...”

#### **Iraqis show no sign of uniting in response to massacre of Sunni tribe**

*Author/Source: Raheem Salman, Reuters*

“Islamic State's systematic massacre of hundreds of Iraq's Albu Nimr tribe should have been an unmistakable wake up call for a country that may not be able to stabilize without long-term support from Sunni tribesmen...”



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### **Iraq transfers 500 mln USD to Kurds on budget dispute**

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“The Iraqi government has transferred some 500 million U.S. dollars to the semi-autonomous region of Kurdistan as part of an agreement over resolving the budget dispute on oil exports, finance minister said on Wednesday...”

### **Fear of deadly ‘religious war’ between Jews and Muslims raised after synagogue attack**

*Author/Source: William Booth and Ruth Eglash, Washington Post*

“Israelis and Palestinians expressed fear Wednesday that their decades-old conflict was moving beyond the traditional nationalist struggle between two peoples fighting for their homelands and spiraling into a raw and far-reaching religious confrontation between Jews and Muslims...”

### **Tension in Jerusalem simmers one day after bloody attack on synagogue**

*Author/Source: Nir Hasson and Barak Ravid, Haaretz*

“One day after the terror attack on a synagogue in Jerusalem, the tension in the city is palpable, with police heavily deployed, cars vandalized overnight and disruptions in public transportation...”

## **South Asia**

### **Pakistan family sentenced to death over 'honor killing'**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“Four men who bludgeoned a pregnant woman to death outside one of Pakistan's top courts because they objected to her marriage were sentenced to death Wednesday, their defense lawyer said...”

### **India man quarantined over Ebola; Cuban doctor catches virus in Liberia**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“India has quarantined a man who was cured of Ebola in Liberia but continued to show traces of the virus in his semen, the Indian Health Ministry said. Officials in India — the world’s second-most populous country, with 1.2 billion people — have screened thousands of passengers traveling from Ebola-hit West Africa in recent weeks...”

### **Pakistan Taliban splinter group vows allegiance to Islamic State**

*Author/Source: Saud Mehsud and Mubasher Bukhari, Reuters*

“A splinter group of Pakistan's Taliban has pledged support to Islamic State (IS), a spokesman said on Monday, in another indication of the appeal of the Iraq- and Syria-based jihadist group in a region traditionally dominated by al Qaeda and local insurgencies...”

### **6 killed as police raid Hindu monastery in central India**

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“Six people were killed in clashes between supporters of self-styled godman Rampal and policemen in India's central Haryana state, a senior police officer said on Wednesday...”



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### **[Middle East Updates / Kabul's high-security int'l zone under attack, Afghan police say](#)**

*Author/Source: Haaretz*

“A high-security international zone in eastern Kabul known as the Green Village is under attack, a senior police source said on Wednesday...”

### **[Taliban suicide bombers die in attack on international zone in Kabul](#)**

*Author/Source: Hamid Shalizi and Mirwais Harooni, Reuters*

“Four Afghan Taliban suicide bombers died when a group of the militants tried to storm an international zone in Kabul on Wednesday in the latest high-profile assault aimed at foreign targets in Afghanistan...”

### **[Truck bomb kills two in attack on foreign base in Kabul](#)**

*Author/Source: Jessica Donati and Hamid Shalizi, Reuters*

“A truck bomb ripped through the outer perimeter of a foreign security compound in Afghanistan's capital early on Tuesday, killing two Afghan security guards and wounding a foreigner, police and security sources said...”

### **[22 wounded in bomb attack in N. Afghanistan](#)**

*Author/Source: Xinhua*

“About 22 persons were wounded after a bomb was detonated in a crowd at a sports ground in northern Afghan province of Baghlan on Tuesday evening, police said...”

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

### **[North Korea responds to UN with nuclear test threat](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“North Korea has threatened to conduct a nuclear test in response to a United Nations move towards a probe into the country's human rights violations...”

### **[China arrests 24,000 drugs suspects in 50 days](#)**

*Author/Source: Malcolm Moore, The Telegraph*

“A high-profile police campaign in **China** against illegal drugs netted 24,000 suspects, including several celebrities, in under two months, according to the head of the country's Narcotics Control Bureau...”

### **[Police, Hong Kong activists clash; four arrested](#)**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“Hong Kong police have arrested four men as tensions once again flared after a small group of protesters broke into the city's legislature through a side door...”

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

### **[Tear gas fired at Malawi school pupils' protest](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Police in Malawi have fired tear gas to disperse hundreds of school pupils protesting at the government's delay in paying their teachers' salaries...”



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### **[10 civilians killed by mortar fired at homes near Gaza-Egypt border](#)**

*Author/Source: Jerusalem Post*

“Ten civilians were killed overnight during fighting between the Egyptian army and Islamist militants in Sinai, near Egypt's border with Gaza, where the military has launched a crackdown in recent weeks, security and medical sources said on Wednesday...”

### **[U.N. blacklists Libya's Ansar al-Sharia, involved in Benghazi attack](#)**

*Author/Source: Mirjam Donath, Reuters*

“The U.N. Security Council on Wednesday blacklisted two branches of the Islamist extremist group Ansar al-Sharia in Libya, which Washington says was behind the 2012 Benghazi attack that killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans...”

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

### **[Prosecutors in Spain to charge Catalonia leader Mas](#)**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Spanish prosecutors are to file criminal charges against Catalan President Artur Mas in response to a 9 November unofficial independence vote...”

### **[Ukraine rejects Moscow's call for direct talks with rebels](#)**

*Author/Source: Al Jazeera*

“Russia urged Ukraine's leaders on Wednesday to talk directly to separatists to end the conflict in the east, but Kiev rejected the call and told Moscow to stop "playing games" aimed at legitimizing "terrorists."...”

### **[Turkey fears influx of 2-3 million more Syrian refugees](#)**

*Author/Source: Tulay Karadeniz, Sylvia Westall and Nick Tattersall, Reuters*

“Turkey could face an influx of 2-3 million more Syrian refugees if President Bashar al-Assad's forces or Islamic State insurgents advance around Aleppo, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said on Tuesday...”

### **[France to send fighter jets to Jordan to target ISIS](#)**

*Author/Source: Daily Star*

“France will send six Mirage fighter jets to Jordan to strike ISIS fighters in Iraq, Defence Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said Wednesday...”

### **[Spain symbolically recognizes Palestine](#)**

*Author/Source: Daily Star*

“Spain's Parliament has overwhelmingly approved a largely symbolic resolution that recognizes a Palestinian state...”



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## **Latin America and the Caribbean**

### **Ebola outbreak: Doctor becomes 'first' Cuban diagnosed**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“A Cuban doctor working in West Africa has been diagnosed with Ebola, officials have said...”

### **Colombia kidnap: Farc agrees conditions for release**

*Author/Source: BBC*

“Colombia's Farc rebels have reached an agreement with the government over the conditions necessary for releasing an army general and four others...”

### **Bolivia, France Sign Accords on Nuclear Energy, Lithium**

*Author/Source: Latin America Herald Tribune*

“Bolivia’s government and France’s Atomic Energy and Alternative Energies Commission (CEA) have signed letters of intent on nuclear technology, the lithium industry, alternative energies, and industrial development, the Hydrocarbons and Energy Ministry said...”

## **US & Canada**

### **U.S. Labels Owner of Colombian Soccer Club as Drug Kingpin**

*Author/Source: Latin America Herald Tribune*

“The U.S. Treasury said on Wednesday that the owner of an elite professional soccer club is among 10 individuals and 14 entities in Colombia newly designated as Foreign Narcotics Kingpins...”

### **U.S.: Reaching Nuke Accord with Iran Before Deadline Will Be “Difficult”**

*Author/Source: Latin America Herald Tribune*

“U.S. Deputy National Security Adviser Tony Blinken told lawmakers on Wednesday that it will be “difficult” for Washington and other powers to reach a nuclear agreement with Iran before next Monday, which is the deadline for finalizing the negotiations...”

### **US Senate rejects Keystone pipeline by one vote**

*Author/Source: Bangkok Post*

“The US Senate on Tuesday narrowly rejected a bill that would have approved construction of the Keystone XL pipeline to bring crude oil to Gulf coast refineries from Canada's controversial tar sands...”