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1. [Federal Grand Jury Indicts Syrian Refugee In \[Pittsburgh PA\] North Side Bomb Plot](#) [Pittsburgh Post – Gazette]
 - Mustafa Mousab Alowemer, 21, is charged with a count of providing material support to a terrorist organization and two counts of distribution of materials pertaining to weapons of mass destruction.
 - Mr. Alowemer was previously charged by complaint on June 19 and has been held in U.S. custody since.
 - This updates [indictment] June 22 ONN Conus 3.
 - See also DOJ: [Syrian Man Indicted On Terrorism Charges After Planning Attack On Christian Church](#)
2. [US Transports Alleged American ISIS fighter Back From Syria To Face Trial](#) [CNN]
 - The US has transported an American citizen who is alleged to have been an ISIS fighter back to American soil from Syria in order to face trial for his alleged involvement with the terror group, according to two US officials familiar with the matter.
 - The officials said he had been previously held by the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces, a group of Kurdish-led anti-ISIS fighters that are currently holding over 2,000 foreign ISIS fighters from over 50 countries.
 - The US military helped facilitate the transfer.
3. [Former Radical Extremist Opens Up To Congress And The Media](#) [WJLA – WashDC/Sinclair Broadcasting Group]
 - It is an ongoing fight for American law enforcement: trying to prevent terror attacks. In fact, right now, the FBI is investigating terrorism cases in all 50 states and preventing radicalization is a vital part of curbing that threat.
 - Today [July 18], a group of people who've been through it first hand, sat down with members of Congress to give insight. One [Tania Joya] also sat down, with SBG's chief political correspondent, Scott Thuman.
 - Joya's story is a harrowing one. She was married at an early age and further radicalized by her husband, an American allegedly turned jihadist. Years later he brought Tania and their children to Syria to join the movement.
 - While her husband went on to allegedly become one of the top Americans in ISIS as a propagandist, Joya's escape and her children's future eventually brought her to Capitol Hill.
 - Analyst comment: Tania Joya is positive in FBI holdings.
4. ['Looney Tunes Terrorist' Ashiqul Alam Attacked In Prison: Attorney](#) [New York Post]

- The self-proclaimed “Looney Tunes terrorist” appeared in court Thursday sporting a black eye, as his attorney explained he’d been the subject of a jailhouse beat-down.
- [Ashiquil] Alam — who was allegedly plotting to shoot up Times Square — has now been put in solitary confinement for his own safety.

5. [Homemade Explosive Devices Found In Wooded Area Of Cecil County](#) [WJZ – CBS Baltimore, Maryland]

- The Office of the [Maryland] State Fire Marshal is investigating after improvised explosive devices were found in a wooded area of Chesapeake City.
- That property is owned by the United States Army Corps of Engineers.
- There were no damage or injuries reported.
- Analyst comment: Incident is positive in FBI holdings.

6. [Parents Of Jerusalem Bombing Victim Call For Congressional Probe Into Terrorist’s Extradition](#) [Breitbart via The Allgemeiner - USA]

- Arnold Roth’s daughter Malki was among the 15 victims of the August 9, 2001 terror attack on the Sbarro pizza restaurant and one of two Americans to have been killed.
- Roth and his wife, Frimet, are calling on U.S. lawmakers to bring Ahlam Aref Ahmad Al-Tamimi to justice after Jordan’s high court refused an extradition order for her in 2017.
- Tamimi was convicted for her role in the bombing in an Israeli court, but along with 1,000 other Palestinian terrorists, was released in a 2011 prisoner exchange deal for an IDF soldier held captive by Hamas, Gilad Shalit.

7. [Judge Urged To Block Warrantless Tech Searches At Border](#) [Courthouse News]

- Attorneys from the American Civil Liberties Union and Electronic Frontier Foundation asked a federal judge Thursday afternoon to ban the practice of border agents searching electronic devices without a warrant.
- Both organizations sued the federal government in 2017 on behalf of 10 people whose laptops or smartphones were searched while attempting to re-enter the United States.
- Now armed with information showing CBP gives its agents broad authority to make warrantless searches of devices, the groups asked U.S. District Judge Denise Casper to forego a trial and issue a summary judgment against the warrantless searches.

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1. [U.S. Says Navy Ship 'Destroyed' Iranian Drone In Gulf](#) [Reuters]

- The United States said on Thursday that a U.S. Navy ship had “destroyed” an Iranian drone in the Strait of Hormuz after the aircraft threatened the vessel, but Iran said it had no information about losing a drone.

- U.S. President Donald Trump told an event at the White House that the drone had flown to within 1,000 yards (meters) of the USS Boxer and had ignored “multiple calls to stand down.”
- Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif told reporters at the United Nations: “We have no information about losing a drone today.”
- Update from Al Arabiya: UAE: [Iran Deputy FM: US Downed ‘Own’ Drone ‘By Mistake’](#)

2. [Iran Admits Seizure Of Foreign Tanker, 12 Crew Members In Strait Of Hormuz; US Warship Enters Persian Gulf](#) [Fox News]

- Iran’s state television said Thursday that regime forces captured a foreign tanker with a crew of 12 accused of smuggling oil.
- Hours later, it was announced the USS Boxer, a Wasp-class amphibious assault ship, loaded with 2,000 Marines and dozens of helicopters entered the Persian Gulf.
- The tanker was seized by Revolutionary Guard forces on July 14 south of Iran’s Larak Island in the strategic Strait of Hormuz amid allegations that the tanker was smuggling fuel from Iranian smugglers to foreign customers.
- Update From Times of Israel – ISR: [Iran Releases Video Showing Seized Tanker Same As Missing UAE Vessel](#)

3. [Iranian Army Deploys Armed UAVs](#) [Jane’s 360 – snippet view]

- The Islamic Republic of Iran Army Ground Forces (IRIAGF) has deployed three Mohajer-6 unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), it was announced on 17 July.
- Iranian media cited Brigadier General Shahram Hassannejad, the commander of the IRIAGF's UAV unit, as saying that the aircraft would be used to identify and destroy threats to the country's borders.
- The military released photographs showing at least one Mohajer-6 deployed to an unidentified airfield that was said to be in northeast Iran.
- The presence in the photographs of an uncompleted building with a blue frame indicated they were taken at the airstrip north of Gonabad in Razavi Khorasan province, 170 km from the Afghanistan border.

4. [US Patriot Battery Reportedly To Deploy To Saudi Arabia](#) [Jane’s 360 via CNN – snippet view]

- The United States is preparing to deploy a Patriot battery to Saudi Arabia’s Prince Sultan Air Base (AB), according to two US officials.
- A small number of US personnel are already at the base to prepare for the Patriot as well as making runway and airfield improvements, with around 500 expected to be deployed.
- The base is southeast of Al-Kharj, a location the US officials said would be difficult for Iranian missiles to reach.

- The US military withdrew most of its personnel from the kingdom in 2003, leaving only those involved in training and supporting Saudi forces.

5. [Argentina Brands Hezbollah Terrorist Organization, Freezes Assets](#) [Reuters]

- The announcement coincided with a visit by U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo as Argentina marks the 25th anniversary of the deadly bombing of a Jewish community center in Buenos Aires in which 85 people died. Argentina blames Iran and Hezbollah for the attack. Both deny any responsibility.
- Argentina also blames Hezbollah for an attack on the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires in 1992 that killed 29 people.
- The Argentine government ordered the freezing of assets of members of Hezbollah and the organization a day after the country created a new list for people and entities linked to terrorism.
- This updates [formal declaration; asset freeze; new watch list] July 13 ONN OCONUS 8.

6. [Manchester \[UK\] Arena Bombing \[2017\] Suspect Denies 22 Counts Of Murder](#) [Washington Times via AP]

- Hashem Abedi's lawyer, Zafar Ali, said his client denied the charges.
- The 22-year-old is the younger brother of Salman Abedi, who blew himself up amid concertgoers at Manchester Arena on May 22, 2017.
- This updates [court proceedings; plea] July 18 ONN OCONUS 1.

7. [Man Arrested In Brussels Over Suspected Terrorist Links](#) [Brussels Times – BEL]

- The federal prosecutor's office said police arrested Sami K., on July 9, in Ganshoren.
- Authorities identified the arrestee after he reportedly spread a series of jihadist messages through social media over the past months, in particular via the messaging app Telegram.
- He is further suspected of having translated a document for the Islamic State terror group, a document which he did not publish.
- The suspect has never travelled to a war zone, according to local media.

8. [Terrorism Suspect Arrested In Maastricht \[Netherlands\]](#) [Netherlands Times - NLD]

- The [Dutch] police arrested a 27-year-old man in Maastricht on Wednesday on suspicion of involvement in terrorism.
- He is suspected of inciting a terrorist crime in the Netherlands and cooperating in training people to become a terrorist, the Public Prosecutor said on Thursday.
- According to broadcaster NOS, the suspect has both Dutch and Moroccan nationality.

9. [German Police Raid Suspected Islamists' Homes](#) [Deutsche Welle – DEU]

- Police in Germany's western state of North Rhine-Westphalia carried out raids against suspected Islamist extremists. Officers were searching for "concrete indications" of a planned attack.
- Six men were detained "for reasons of averting danger." One, a 30-year old Lebanese-German national, was said to have links to a Salafist and jihadi group in Berlin.

10. [Yemen Has Been A Saudi Prince's War. Now It's His Quagmire.](#) [New York Times]

- From the beginning of Saudi Arabia's intervention in Yemen, it was Prince Mohammed Bin Salman's war.
- The war is lodged in a stalemate and Prince Mohammed's signature fight has become a quagmire, diplomats and analysts say.
- A steep pullout by his key ally, the United Arab Emirates, they say, raises questions about Saudi Arabia's ability to lead the war on its own.

11. [How Kim Gets His Cars: Secretive Route Used To Ship Two \\$500,000 Mercedes Maybachs To North Korea Is Exposed By Researchers](#) [MSN via Daily Mail – UK]

- Researchers hope that exposing the routes [in this case Holland – China – Japan - South Korea – Russia - North Korea] luxury goods take to North Korea will help disrupt the smuggling network and bolster the sanctions regime.
- They also raise the prospect that networks used to ship components for weapons programmes could be one-and-the-same, and that disrupting one might interfere with the other.

12. [Suicide Attack On North Sinai Bus Station Foiled, As IS Beheads Four Civilians](#) [Middle East Eye – USA]

- The attacker managed to detonate his device, killing one soldier. The [Egyptian] armed forces shot him before reaching his target.
- The attack in Sheikh Zuweid came hours after IS claimed responsibility for the decapitation of four civilians it described as "spies" for the Egyptian government.
- This updates [bus station attack] July 18 ONN OCONUS 15.
- See also SITE Intelligence Group: [IS Claims Suicide Bombing On Egyptian Soldiers And Opposition Militants In Sheikh Zuweid, Beheading Spies At Bogus Checkpoint](#)

13. [HTS Special Forces Training Group \[In Syria\] Continues To Solicit Funds For Drones](#) [SITE Intelligence Group]

- Following multiple requests for donations, on July 7, 2019, "Malhama Tactical" issued another Russian-language appeal to Telegram, soliciting funds to purchase a "Mavic Pro quadcopter" for reconnaissance and artillery purposes.
- The group states donations will support mujahideen against Russian forces and provides a new Telegram username as a point of contact.

- See also SITE: [Jihadi Fundraiser Solicits Donations For Tunnels and Fortifications In Syria](#)

14. [Erbil \[Iraq\] Shooting: \[Kurdish\] Counter-Terror Unit Releases Picture Of Suspected Perpetrator](#) [Bas News – Kurdish – IRQ]

- “The person in the picture is “Mazlum Daq”, born in 1992, from Diyarbakir in Turkey. He is wanted by the security service of Kurdistan Region.”
- During the shooting, a Turkish diplomat and two civilians were killed while dining at a restaurant in central Erbil.
- This updates [suspect ID] July 18 ONN OCONUS 13.

15. [AQIM Denies Connection To 5 Individuals Suspected Of Planning Attacks Against Protestors In Algeria](#) [SITE Intelligence Group]

- In a statement the group referred to an Algerian Defense Ministry statement from July 14, in which the Ministry identified the suspects as "terrorists," pointing out that it really means "mujahideen," and reminding that it has long stated that it supports the demonstrations and would not harm the people.
- This updates [denial] July 15 ONN OCONUS 16.
- [The group] declared its innocence, and reiterated its backing of protestors.

16. [ISIS Supporters Who Beheaded Scandinavian Hikers In Morocco Sentenced To Death](#) [Fox News]

- The men – Jounes Ouzayed, Rashid Afatti, and Abdessaman Al Joud – are the three main defendants accused of killing and beheading Maren Ueland, 28, of Norway, and Louisa Vesterager Jespersen, 24, from Denmark, in December.
- A fourth suspect, Kahiali Abderahman, who fled the scene, was given life in prison.
- This updates [sentencing] June 28 ONN OCONUS 13.

17. [Blast Near Afghan University Kills Six, Injures 27](#) [Reuters]

- There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Friday’s blast just hours after Taliban militants set off two car bombs outside police headquarters in the southern city of Kandahar, killing at least 12 and wounding more than 80.

18. [ISKP "Military Source" Reports Heavy Losses To Taliban In Nangarhar \[Afghanistan\], Suggests Taliban Is Militarily Supported By Russia](#) [SITE Intelligence Group]

- The Islamic State (IS) featured as an "exclusive" in Naba 191, an article citing a "military source" in Khorasan Province about battles over the past three months with the Afghan Taliban in Nangarhar, reporting heavy human, material, territorial losses to its foe, and the possibility that the Taliban receives military support from Russia.

- The unidentified "military source" noted that the Taliban fighters are equipped with "modern Russian equipment," and surmised they received it directly from Russia or possibly another country, as such weapons are not possessed by Afghan soldiers nor are they sold on the black market by arms dealers.

**19. [AQIS Documentary On Pakistan Vilifies Government, Derides Title of "Islamic Republic"](#)
[SITE Intelligence Group]**

- In Episode 3, AQIS condemns the Pakistani government for repudiating Islamic law in permitting usury, belittling Shariah punishments, providing assistance to a non-Muslim country, e.g. the United States in its war on terror, and handing over a Muslim citizen to a non-Muslim country, in this case, Aafia Siddique to the U.S.
- AQIS named its former deputy, Ustadh Ahmad Farooq; a member of its Shariah Council, Maulana Mufti Ishtiaq Azami; and the founding editor of Nawa-i-Afghan Jihad magazine, Hafiz Tayyab Nawaz.