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**Africa:**

At least 70 civilians killed in suspected militant attacks in Niger: Report

Algeria army says 2 extremists, 1 soldier dead in second clash within 24 hours

Al-Qaeda branch claims killings of French soldiers in Mali

Amid Surge in Violence in Congo, UN Experts See No ISIS Link

Rebels capture Central African diamond-mining city of Bangassou

Was a Kenyan Terrorist Plotting Another 9/11?
https://www.hudson.org/research/16589-was-a-kenyan-terrorist-plotting-another-9-11
**Americas:**

Suspect in Queens hoax bomb already under NYPD investigation for far-right stunts

Foreign Terrorist Groups Direct Operatives to Attack US
https://www.njhomelandsecurity.gov/analysis/foreign-terrorist-groups-direct-operatives-to-attack-us

Return From Isis
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US Senate Releases Results of Investigation into World Vision’s Interactions with ISRA, a Sanctioned Foreign Organization tied to Terrorism

QAnon and the storm of the U.S. Capitol: The offline effect of online conspiracy theories

Extremists React to Pro-Trump Siege on Capitol
https://www.adl.org/blog/extremists-react-to-pro-trump-siege-on-capitol

**Europe:**

Man viewed extreme Isis content before Reading knife attack, court hears

‘You have nothing to do with Islam, b*****d’: Muslim man among witnesses who chased down Reading attacker

**South & Central Asia:**

At least 11 coal miners shot dead in Balochistan’s Mach area after being kidnapped
https://www.dawn.com/news/1599441

ISIS using 'Discord', 'Rocket Chat' messenger, security agencies alert govt

Is Terrorism Declining in India?
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India: NIA Special Court Sentences ISIS Foreign Fighter To 7 Years Of Imprisonment In ISIS-Kannur Case

Hybrid Threats & Warfare in South Asia

Southeast Asia:

Video of terrorist training camp unearthed

Indonesia releases radical cleric linked to Bali bombings

Indonesia: Young extremists will still seek Abu Bakar Bashir’s blessing

Armed Papuan group burns down plane, American pilot evacuated

Army says pursuit ops launched over ambush of South Upi mayor’s convoy

Group lists Malaysia’s former PM Dr Mahathir among ‘20 most dangerous extremists’ in world

Singapore: New police watch group to share counter-terror data with tech firms

Oceania:

Terrorism: Some lessons for Australia from the New Zealand Royal Commission

Right-wing:

How Facebook and YouTube Radicalized The Christchurch Shooter
https://www.vice.com/en/article/jggg4g/christchurch-shooter-who-killed-51-was-radicalized-on-youtube-and-facebook
Far-Right Extremists Charged Over Alleged Bomb and Poison Terror Plot in Poland

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The Islamic State 2020: The Year in Review

Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Through Education Initiatives: Assessing the Evidence Base

Trends in Terrorism: What’s on the Horizon in 2021?

Pentagon Moves Undermine Counterterrorism Strategy
https://www.justsecurity.org/74068/pentagon-moves-undermine-counterterrorism-strategy/

Pentagon must continue military support to CIA’s counterterrorism operations

Artificial Intelligence in Counterterrorism and Counterinsurgency, with Retired Gen. Stan McChrystal and Dr. Anshu Roy

How Telegram Disruption Impacts Jihadist Platform Migration
https://crestresearch.ac.uk/resources/how-telegram-disruption-impacts-jihadist-platform-migration/

Strategic Competition & Irregular Warfare:

Better understanding irregular warfare in competition
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