

## CONUS

### 1. [Islamic Scholar's Terror Convictions Reviewed In Virginia](#) [Washington Times]

- A judge is considering tossing out parts of a 10-count conviction against an Islamic scholar serving life in prison for persuading some of his followers to travel overseas after the Sept. 11 attacks and try to join the Taliban.
- The review in the case of Ali Al-Timimi of Fairfax [VA] comes after the Supreme Court on Monday struck down part of a federal law regulating crimes of violence as unconstitutionally vague.
- U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema issued a show cause order Tuesday giving prosecutors 30 days to explain why she shouldn't overturn three of the 10 counts on which Al-Timimi was convicted at his 2005 trial.

### 2. [What We Can Learn From A Young, Grassroots Jihadist In Pittsburgh](#) [Stratfor – USA]

- A recent case involving an attempted terrorist attack on a Pittsburgh church provides a potent illustration of the persistent, low-level threat posed by grassroots jihadists.
- The FBI has done a laudable job identifying grassroots jihadists and establishing communications with them before they can conduct attacks.
- Most grassroots attackers lack sophisticated terrorist tradecraft and are unable to conduct complex attacks against secured targets.
- But soft target locations, such as houses of worship, nonetheless remain in the crosshairs of homegrown jihadists, which is why it's important to remain vigilant for signs of attack planning.

## OCONUS

### 1. [Nicaragua Arrests Four Men Suspected Of Ties To Islamic State](#) [Reuters]

- Four men with suspected ties to the Islamic State militant group were captured on Tuesday by members of the Nicaraguan armed forces after entering the country illegally from Costa Rica, Nicaraguan police said.
- The identities of three of the men matched those of suspects featured in an alert attributed to U.S. HSI warning that three possible terrorists had recently arrived in Central America.
- Nicaraguan police said two of the men were Egyptian nationals and the other two were Iraqi. The four were due to be deported back to Costa Rica.
- The Egyptians were named as Mohamed Ibrahim, 33, and Mahmoud Samy Eissa, 26, while the Iraqis were Ahmed Ghanim Mohamed Al Jubury, 41 and Mustafa Ali Mohamed Yaob, 29.
- The first three men were named in the HSI alert published by Mexican media on Monday, which identified them as possible members of Islamic State headed for the United States.

- This updates [arrests, fourth suspect] June 25 ONN OCONUS 1.

## 2. [\[Brussels\] \[US\] Embassy Attack Was Planned For Monday Or Tuesday](#) [VRT – BEL]

- The [Belgian] Federal Judicial Authorities say that a man detained on Saturday on suspicion that he was planning to carry out an attack on the American Embassy in Brussels was planning to use a car to attack the building.
- The attack was planned for either Monday or Tuesday of this week.
- This updates [attack methodology and timing] June 25 ONN OCONUS 2.

## 3. [Saudi Forces Say They Have Captured Leader Of Yemen Branch Of Islamic State](#) [Reuters]

- Saudi special forces have captured the leader of the Yemeni branch of the Islamic State militant group, the Saudi-led military coalition fighting in Yemen said on Tuesday.
- The leader, Abu Osama al-Muhajer, as well as other members of the organization including its chief financial officer, were captured on June 3 in a raid on a house carried out by Saudi and Yemeni forces, the coalition said in a statement carried on Saudi state news agency SPA.
- Weapons, ammunition and telecommunication devices were also seized during the 10-minute operation.

## 4. [Saudi-Led Coalition Intercepted Houthi Drone Launched Toward Residential Area](#) [Reuters]

- Saudi Arabia's air defenses intercepted a drone launched toward a residential area in the Khamis Mushait by Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis on Tuesday, the spokesman for the Saudi-led coalition said.
- The Houthis' Al Masirah TV said earlier that the group had attacked military positions and aircraft hangars at two nearby airports in southwestern Saudi Arabia.
- Also from Reuters: Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi group attacked military positions and aircraft hangars at Saudi Arabia's Abha and Jizan airports, the group's Al Masirah TV said on Tuesday, citing a military spokesman.
- There was no immediate confirmation from Saudi authorities. [Yemen's Houthis Attack Military Positions At Saudi Abha And Jizan Airports: TV](#)

## 5. [U.S. Air Force Veteran Accused As Mercenary In Libya's Civil War Is Freed](#) [Washington Post]

- An American Air Force veteran who was accused of acting as a mercenary in Libya has been freed after a six-week detention, officials said Tuesday, in a murky episode that highlights the tangled nature of that country's civil war.
- Jamie Sponaule, a 31-year-old Florida man, was piloting an aircraft near the Libyan capital of Tripoli on May 7 when his plane went down.

- The Libyan National Army said it shot down the aircraft, which it said was a Mirage F1 combat jet piloted by a man The Washington Post is now identifying as Sponaugle, as it conducted bombing raids against LNA forces in the area.
- The Post withheld publication of Sponaugle's detention at the request of U.S. officials who were working to secure his release.
- This updates [pilot identity] May 10 ONN OCONUS 3

6. [Morocco Dismantles Four-Member Pro-ISIS Terror Cell](#) [Maghreb Arab Press – MOR]

- The [Moroccan] Central Bureau for Judicial Investigations (BCIJ) dismantled on Tuesday a pro-ISIS terror cell of four people, aged between 25 and 40, who were operating in the region of El Haouz, near Marrakech.

7. [Pompeo Hopes For Afghan Peace Deal Before September](#) [VOA]

- U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Tuesday during a visit to Afghanistan that the Trump administration is aiming for a peace deal in the war-ravaged country by September.
- His visit came as American and Taliban negotiators are scheduled to meet in Qatar later this week (June 29) for the next round of talks in their months-long dialogue aimed at finding a political settlement to the Afghan war.

8. [Three Suicide Bombers Killed As Security Forces Foil Terror Attack In Loralai](#) [Pakistan] [Express Tribune – PAK]

- Three suicide bombers were shot dead and a policeman martyred as security forces successfully repulsed an attack in the Police Lines area in Loralai on Wednesday morning.
- Two more policemen and three civilians were also injured in the attack, which took place while exams for the police force were being conducted.
- See also ABC via AP: [Taliban Storm Town Police Station In Pakistan, Kill Officer](#)

9. [Driver, 40, Arrested After Ramming Rental Car Packed With Explosive Gas Canisters Into US Embassy Gate In South Korea Days Before Trump's Scheduled Visit](#) [Daily Mail – UK]

- A vehicle carrying over two dozen disposable gas canisters rammed into the US embassy in central Seoul on Tuesday just days before US President Donald Trump's scheduled visit.
- The driver, named in local media as Park Mo, reportedly made a sudden right turn before ploughing into the embassy's main gate, partially damaging it.
- The 40-year-old driver was arrested on the scene at around 6pm local time, Seoul police said.
- They declined to say whether the crash was being treated as an attempted terrorist incident.

- Update: Noted on OS Social Media [Twitter] at 0250 EDT: [South Korean] Police say [the] suspect in vehicle crashes into gates of US Embassy in Seoul, South Korea, claiming to be a prosecutor, is known drug user; police to run drug tests on suspect tomorrow.

**10. [Bombing Damages Colombia's Cano Limon Pipeline](#) [Reuters]**

- A bomb attack caused crude oil from Colombia's Cano Limon pipeline to leak onto the ground and into a nearby ravine in rural Arauca province, state-run oil company Ecopetrol said on Tuesday.
- It was the 19th attack so far this year on the 485-mile (780-km) Cano Limon, which was offline for most of 2018 because of more than 80 bombings.
- A military source attributed [the attack] to the leftist National Liberation Army (ELN) rebel group, considered a terrorist organization by the United States and the European Union.

**11. [Revolution Chemnitz: Right-Wing Group \[In Germany\] Charged With Terrorism](#) [Deutsche Welle – DEU]**

- Members of the group had allegedly planned to orchestrate a civil-war-like rebellion in Berlin on October 2, 2018. Prosecutors based their charges partly on the use of chat logs found on the defendants' mobile phones.
- Eight alleged members are being held in pre-trial custody and known to police as leaders in the right-wing extremist scene in the eastern city of Chemnitz, which was the scene of anti-immigrant protests last year.

**12. [Iraq, U.N. In Talks Over Prosecution Of Islamic State Prisoners In SDF Detention](#) [Reuters]**

- Iraq is in talks with the UN over whether it can prosecute foreign Islamic State fighters currently held in Syria who did not commit crimes in Iraq, Prime Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi said on Tuesday.
- Asked whether Iraq would consider prosecuting them, Abdul Mahdi told reporters at his weekly news conference that his government was exploring the idea and had submitted some of its findings to the UN.

**13. [Egypt Officials Say Militants Kill 6 Police In North Sinai](#) [ABC via AP]**

- Militants attacked three police checkpoints in the restive northern Sinai Peninsula late Tuesday, killing at least six policemen and wounding eight other officers, security officials said.
- The officials said at least four militants were killed, including a suicide bomber who set off his explosives at one of the checkpoints attacked in the coastal city of al-Arish late Tuesday.
- No group claimed responsibility for the attacks, although they bore the hallmarks of the Islamic State group.

**14. [Egypt Detains 8 For Alleged Muslim Brotherhood Plot To ‘Overthrow State’](#) [Times of Israel via AFP]**

- Amnesty says ‘chilling’ arrest of journalists, businessmen and political figures for purported links to outlawed Islamist group are politically motivated.

**15. [Tunisia: ISIS Fighters Handed 38 Years In Prison In Multiple Sentences](#) [North Africa Post – MOR via Asharq al-Awsat – UK]]**

- A Tunis court has handed several prison sentences to numerous Islamic State Group (ISIS) fighters for joining the terror group.
- A first verdict by the Court of First Instance pressed two years in jail against a local construction contractor for joining the terror group in 2013. After he spent two years with the organization in Syria, he returned home.
- Five other convicts, all of them Tunisians, were tried in absentia and sentenced to 36 years in prison.
- In a separate report, the media says the army destroyed five hideouts used by terrorists in the mountains of El Kef province in northwest Tunisia.

**16. [18 ISIS-Greater Sahel Terrorists Killed By Joint US-French-Niger Troops](#) [SIS – KEN]**

- At least 18 members of the Islamic State in the Greater Sahel have been killed in a joint operation by US, French and Niger troops near Niger’s border with Mali.
- Five other terrorists were arrested in the operation and are said to be helping the soldiers in the operations that are aimed at clearing the Sahel region of radical terrorists.
- In a statement issued by the Malian defense ministry, the operation took 10 days and occurred in the northern border region of Tongo Tongo targeting an active cell of Daesh terrorists implicated in an ambush on May 14, in which 28 Nigerien soldiers were killed.

**17. [IS' Central African Province Claims Killing 9 In Engagement With Congolese Soldiers In Totolito \(DRC\)](#) [SITE Intelligence Group]**

- The Islamic State's Central Africa Province (ISCAP) claiming killing nine in an engagement with Congolese soldiers in the town of Totolito, in North Kivu in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).
- According to a communique published on June 25, 2019, one-day prior, fighters attacked barracks in the town, then clashed with Congolese soldiers, inflicting at least nine casualties and causing the enemy to withdraw.

**18. [U.S. Airstrike Targets Al-Shabaab In Support Of The Federal Government Of Somalia](#) [DOD]**

- In coordination with the Federal Government of Somalia, U.S. Africa Command conducted one airstrike targeting al-Shabaab militants in the vicinity of Jilib, Somalia, June 24, 2019.
- At this time, it is assessed the airstrike killed one (1) militant.

#### 19. [\[Maldives\] Authorities Silent Over Luthufee Capture](#) [Maldives Independent]

- The authorities are refusing to disclose to the media information about the capture of wanted fugitive Abdullah Luthufee, 69, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Luthufee, who was serving a commuted death sentence for an armed coup attempt in 1988, escaped while on a medical visit to India in 2010.
- The armed coup attempt of 1988 saw 19 Maldivians murdered, as mercenaries from a terrorist organisation in Sri Lanka attempted to take over the government.
- According to local media, Luthufee had voluntarily walked into the Maldives embassy because he was concerned about being arrested by the Sri Lankan authorities, who had stepped up visa checks on foreigners following the Easter Sunday attacks.

#### 20. [US Military Says 2 Service Personnel Killed In Afghanistan](#) [Washington Times via AP]

- The U.S. military said two service members were killed Wednesday in Afghanistan, but did not offer any details surrounding the circumstances of their deaths.
- Analyst comment: Noted on OS [Twitter] media at 0149 EDT: The Taliban have claimed responsibility.

#### 21. [Three Terrorists Nabbed From Khushab, Bahawalnagar](#) [Pakistan] [The News – PAK]

- The team arrested two terrorists belonging to a banned organisation JeM, from Khushab. The arrested terrorists were identified as Muhammad Kabeer and Muhammad Latif.
- A terrorist was arrested from Basti Khalilabad, Haroonabad Road, Bahawalnagar. He was identified as Umar Khurshid Khan, belonging to the TTP.

#### 22. [Kashmir Separatists Ready For Talks, Indian Government Says](#) [Reuters]

- The leader of disputed Kashmir's largest separatist group said it was ready for talks with India's government on Monday, after the state governor said he was optimistic about dialogue.
- Rhetoric from both sides, as well as Kashmiri separatists, some of whom want to join Pakistan, has been highly charged since a February suicide car bomb attack by a Pakistan-based militant group killed more than 40 Indian police in the part of the region it controls.
- Any talks to resolve the conflict would be hugely difficult.

**23. [Singaporean Man Detained Under ISA For Wanting To Join ISIS; 2 Others, Including 62-Year-Old Woman, On Restriction Orders](#) [Straits Times – SGP]**

- A 40-year old Singaporean man [Imran Mahmood], who wanted to travel to Syria to join terrorist group Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS), was detained under the Internal Security Act.
- The other two include a 62-year-old woman [Rasidah Mazlan], and a 39-year-old man [Mohamad Fairuz Junaidi], who have both been placed under restriction orders, which require them to undergo counselling and seek government approval before changing jobs or address, or going abroad, among other things.

**24. [Father, Son Found Dead Near IS-Linked Militants' Escape Route In C. Sulawesi \[Indonesia\]](#) [Jakarta Post – IDN]**

- The police are investigating the case but many locals suspect the two had been killed by MIT militants. It is known that the MIT has pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group.
- It is presumed that there are 13 MIT militants roaming in Poso and Parigi Moutong forests.