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#### **CENTRAL AFRICA**

##### **Central African Republic**

##### **Russian trio ‘carrying press cards’ slain in Central African Republic ambush**

Three Russians carrying press cards have been killed in the troubled Central African Republic (CAR), Russia’s foreign ministry said Tuesday. “According to information received on July 30 (Monday), three people were killed not far from the town of Sibut, 300 km (185 miles) north of Bangui,” the ministry said in statement.

*japantimes 3:32:00 AM CEST*

[https://www.japantimes.co.jp/?post\\_type=news&p=1458614&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+japantimes+%28The+Japan+Times%3A+All+Stories%29](https://www.japantimes.co.jp/?post_type=news&p=1458614&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+japantimes+%28The+Japan+Times%3A+All+Stories%29)

##### **Trois Russes porteurs de cartes de presse assassinés en Centrafrique**

Trois Russes porteurs de cartes de presse ont été assassinés dans la nuit de lundi à mardi près de Sibut, dans le centre de la Centrafrique, ont déclaré des sources centrafricaines et les autorités russes. "Selon des informations reçues de la République centrafricaine, le 30 juillet, non loin de la....

*bfmtv 12:48:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.bfmtv.com/international/trois-russes-porteurs-de-cartes-de-presse-assassines-en-centrafrique-1498272.html>

##### **Trois journalistes russes assassinés, leurs corps déposés devant une base de l'ONU**

Le journaliste Orkhan Djemal, le réalisateur Alexandre Rastorgouïev et l’opérateur Kirill Radtchenko sont morts en République centrafricaine alors qu’ils y tournaient un documentaire, informe Dojd, se référant au Centre de direction des enquêtes de Mikhaïl Khodorkovski. 31 juil.

*centrafrique 12:52:00 AM CEST*

<http://centrafrique-presse.over-blog.com/2018/07/centrafrique-trois-journalistes-russes-assassines-leurs-corps-deposes-devant-une-base-de-l-onu.html>

## **Seleka rebels may be behind Russian journalists' killing in CAR**

Russian journalists could have been killed in the Central African Republic by members of the Muslim rebel group Seleka, local radio reported on Wednesday citing sources among the authorities. The Russian Embassy in the Central African Republic said on Tuesday three....

*itartass\_en 9:05:00 AM CEST*

<http://tass.com/world/1015628>

## **Deux casques bleus égyptiens blessés dans l'attaque d'un convoi**

Deux casques bleus du contingent égyptiens ont été blessés lors d'une attaque attribuée à des miliciens anti balakas dans le sud est de la Centrafrique, avons-nous appris. Alors qu'ils escortaient un convoi logistique , deux casques bleus égyptiens ont été....

*centrafrique 2:21:00 AM CEST*

<http://centrafrique-presse.over-blog.com/2018/08/centrafrique-deux-casques-bleus-egyptiens-blesses-dans-l-attaque-d-un-convoi.html>

## **Congo Republic**

### **Republic of Congo lifts arrest warrant against militia head**

A representative for a rebel group says the Republic of Congo has removed arrest warrants for Frederic Bintsamou and two of his lieutenants. Philippe Ane said Tuesday this is an important step toward implementing a cease-fire agreement signed last year between the government and the Ninjas militia.

*siouxcityjournal 31 Jul 2018*

[https://siouxcityjournal.com/news/world/republic-of-congo-lifts-arrest-warrant-against-militia-head/article\\_188ec438-4bd0-589d-acff-59dcfb24cc73.html](https://siouxcityjournal.com/news/world/republic-of-congo-lifts-arrest-warrant-against-militia-head/article_188ec438-4bd0-589d-acff-59dcfb24cc73.html)

### **Le désarmement des miliciens ninjas débute 7 août**

Le désarmement des miliciens Nsiloulou de l'ex chef rebelle, Frédéric Bintsamou (Pasteur Ntumi), va débiter le 7 août 2018 pour prendre fin le 25 du même mois, a annoncé, mardi à Brazzaville, Séraphin Ondélé. Selon le président de la commission ad hoc mixte paritaire qui s'exprimait au cours d'une....

*journaldebrazza 12:53:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.journaldebrazza.com/congo-le-desarmement-des-miliciens-ninjas-debute-7-aout-officiel/>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Mali**

#### **4 soldats, 8 'jihadists' dead in Mali ambush: sources**

At least four soldiers and eight suspected jihadists were killed Tuesday in Mali when a security patrol was ambushed in the centre of the country, military sources said. The death toll could yet rise as "two Malian army vehicles and their occupants are still not accounted for," a military source said.

*enca 12:40:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.enca.com/africa/4-soldiers-8-jihadists-dead-in-mali-ambush-sources>

#### **Au moins 4 militaires et huit assaillants tués dans le centre**

Au moins quatre militaires maliens et huit jihadistes présumés ont été tués mardi dans le centre du pays où une mission de sécurisation des opérations électorales est tombée dans une embuscade, ont déclaré des sources militaires et administratives. Le bilan pourrait encore s'aggraver car "deux....

*slateafrique 12:38:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.slateafrique.com/879311/mali-au-moins-4-militaires-et-huit-assaillants-tues-dans-le-centre>

#### **Un convoi de l'armée attaqué dans la région de Ségou**

Une mission de sécurisation des opérations électorales maliennes est tombée, hier mardi 31 juillet, dans une embuscade dans la région de Ségou. Au moins quatre militaires maliens ont été tués. C'est une première depuis l'élection présidentielle de dimanche. © REUTERS/Luc Gnago Soldats maliens, juillet 2018, Bamako (illustration).

*msn-fr 7:33:00 AM CEST*

[https://www.msn.com/fr-fr/actualite/monde/mali-un-convoi-de-larm%  
c3%a9e-attaqu%  
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c3%a9gou/ar-  
BBLlaea](https://www.msn.com/fr-fr/actualite/monde/mali-un-convoi-de-larm%c3%a9e-attaqu%c3%a9-dans-la-r%c3%a9gion-de-s%c3%a9gou/ar-BBLlaea)

### **Tombouctou : Enlèvement d'un conseiller au maire d'Inadjatafane**

Les faits se sont produits, hier lundi 30 juillet dernier. Un conseiller du maire d'Inadjatafane, localité relevant administrativement du cercle de Gourma Rharous (Tombouctou) a été enlevé par des individus armés non identifiés.

*31 Jul 2018*

<http://malijet.com/actualite-politique-au-mali/flash-info/214106-tombouctou-enlevement-d'un-conseiller-au-maire-d'inadjatafane.html>

### **Canada launches peacekeeping mission in Mali**

Canadian armed forces officially launched their peacekeeping mission in restive northern Mali Tuesday, marking Ottawa's return to the blue helmets after more than a decade. The contingent of 250 soldiers and six helicopters is expected to conduct medical evacuations in the north....

*capitalfm 10:14:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2018/08/canada-launches-peacekeeping-mission-in-mali/>

### **Atelier du collège sahélien de sécurité pour lutter contre le blanchiment des capitaux**

Un atelier du collège sahélien de sécurité initié par le G5 Sahel avec pour thème : « La délinquance économique et financière : technique de détection, d'enquête et d'instruction », regroupant 25 participants venus des pays membres du G5....

*infosplusgabon 31 Jul 2018*

<http://www.infosplusgabon.com/index.php/actualites/submenu-1/14802-atelier-du-college-sahelien-de-securite-pour-lutter-contre-le-blanchiment-des-capitaux>

### **Niger**

#### **U.S. military boosts troop security after deadly Niger ambush**

The U.S. military in Africa has taken steps to increase the security of troops on the ground, adding armed drones and armored vehicles and taking a harder look at when American forces go out with local troops, the head of the U.S. Africa Command says. Gen. Thomas D. Waldhauser told reporters on Monday the U.

*CBSnews 31 Jul 2018*

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/us-military-boosts-american-troops-security-africa-after-niger-ambush-africom/>

### **Nigeria**

#### **Police confirms gunmen attack in Nigeria's oil-rich state**

Nigerian police have confirmed an attack by gunmen on Sunday in the Iwukem community of oil-rich Akwa Ibom state. State police spokesperson MacDon Achebe told reporters in Uyo, the state capital, Tuesday that the police had restored normalcy in the area.

*xinhuanet\_en 31 Jul 2018*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-07/31/c\\_137359714.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-07/31/c_137359714.htm)

### **Togo**

#### **Eradiquer le terrorisme par l'éducation**

Les chefs d'Etat d'Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre sont tombés d'accord lundi pour combattre ensemble le terrorisme, un fléau transfrontalier. A l'issue du sommet conjoint, le premier du genre, ils ont affiché une forte détermination. 'Ce sommet conjoint est quelque chose dont on doit se féliciter,....

*republicoftogo 31 Jul 2018*

<http://www.republicoftogo.com/Toutes-les-rubriques/Cooperation/Eradiquer-le-terrorisme-par-l-education>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Algeria**

#### **Sept militaires tués et quatre terroristes abattus à Skikda**

Sept militaires ont été tués, ce lundi 30 juillet, lors d'un violent accrochage à Besi, dans la daïra de Azzaba, située dans la wilaya de Skikda, a appris TSA ce soir de sources sécuritaires sur place. Les corps des sept victimes ont été acheminés à la

*31 Jul 2018*

<https://www.tsa-algerie.com/sept-militaires-tues-et-quatre-terroristes-abattus-a-skikda/>

#### **7 soldiers killed in anti-terror operation in eastern Algeria**

A total of 7 soldiers were killed on Monday during a violent clash with more than 15 terrorists in the upper mountains of the eastern province of Skikda, local media reported Tuesday. Several other soldiers were wounded in the clash that took place in the dense woods of....

*xinhuanet\_en 31 Jul 2018*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-08/01/c\\_137360029.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-08/01/c_137360029.htm)

#### **4 militants killed in counterterrorism operation in Algeria**

Algerian Defense Ministry on Tuesday said its counterterrorism troops killed four militants in an ongoing operation in the northeastern province of Skikda. A two-day wide scale operation was carried out in the dense woods of the locality of Azzaba in the upper mountains of Skikda, 400 km east of Algiers.

*xinhuanet\_en 31 Jul 2018*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-07/31/c\\_137359708.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-07/31/c_137359708.htm)

### **Egypt**

#### **Five suspected militants killed by Egyptian forces**

Egyptian security forces engaged in a shootout in Qalyubiya province; The country's Interior Ministry said that five suspected militants were killed in the attack; The government claims the five suspected militants killed were members of the Hasm group.

*irishsun 9:32:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.irishsun.com/news/257768404/five-suspected-militants-killed-by-egyptian-forces>

## **ASIA**

### **Afghanistan**

#### **Two gunmen killed after taking over government building in eastern Afghan city**

Two gunmen who stormed a government building in Jalalabad on Tuesday have been killed in a shoot-out with Afghan security forces. "Fighting is over and both attackers have been killed," said Attaullah Khogyani, spokesman for the governor of Nangarhar province.

*scmp 31 Jul 2018*

<https://www.scmp.com/news/world/article/2157643/dozens-held-hostage-gunmen-eastern-afghan-city>

## **IS fighters surrender to Afghan forces after Taliban assault**

More than 150 Islamic State fighters have surrendered to government forces in the face of an onslaught by the Taliban in the northern Jawzjan province, according to Afghan officials. Gen. Faqir Mohammad Jawzjani, the provincial police chief, said 152 fighters surrendered Wednesday, including Habib-ul Rahman, their commander.

*annahar 10:36:00 AM CEST*

<https://en.annahar.com/article/839291-is-fighters-surrender-to-afghan-forces-after-taliban-assault>

## **Philippines**

### **Islamic State claims southern Philippine blast that killed 11**

A bomb exploded in a van in the restive southern Philippines on Tuesday, killing 11 people at a military checkpoint in what militant group Islamic State called a suicide attack for which it claimed responsibility. The blast took place on Basilan, the island stronghold of the Abu Syyaf group....

*GulfDailyNews 31 Jul 2018*

<http://www.gdnonline.com/Details/384580/Islamic-State-claims-southern-Philippine-blast-that-killed-11>

### **Dix morts dans un attentat dans le sud des Philippines revendiqué par l'EI**

Dix personnes, parmi lesquelles des militaires et des civils, ont péri mardi dans l'explosion d'une camionnette à un point de contrôle de l'armée dans le sud des Philippines où opèrent des groupes islamistes, ont annoncé les autorités. L'attentat a été revendiqué par le groupe djihadiste Etat....

*rtbf 31 Jul 2018*

[https://www.rtf.be/info/monde/detail\\_dix-morts-dans-un-attentat-dans-le-sud-des-philippines-revendique-par-l-ei?id=9985024](https://www.rtf.be/info/monde/detail_dix-morts-dans-un-attentat-dans-le-sud-des-philippines-revendique-par-l-ei?id=9985024)

## **Syria**

### **UN Condemns Civilian Hostage Taking by Islamic State in Syria**

The U.N. human rights office is condemning multiple attacks by Islamic State militants against civilians last week, which reportedly killed and injured more than 200 people in the city of Sweida in southwest Syria. The U.N. agency reports scores of Islamic State militants went on a rampage,....

*voanews 31 Jul 2018*

<https://www.voanews.com/a/un-condemns-civilian-hostage-taking-by-islamic-state-in-southwest-syria/4507304.html>

### **IS jihadists cornered in pocket of south Syria**

Dozens of Islamic State group fighters were cornered in a pocket of Syria's Daraa on Tuesday after losing all other territory there to a Russian-backed regime assault, a monitor said. To get themselves out, IS was using the release of 30 Druze women and children it....

*digitaljournal 31 Jul 2018*

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/is-jihadists-cornered-in-pocket-of-south-syria-monitor/article/528374>

## **Tajikistan**

### **Islamic State issues video of purported Tajik attackers**

Islamic State sought to bolster its claim of responsibility for an attack which killed four Western tourists in Tajikistan, releasing a video on Tuesday purportedly showing attackers pledging allegiance to the militant group. Its claim runs counter to a statement by the Tajik government....

*jpost 31 Jul 2018*

<https://www.jpost.com/Breaking-News/Islamic-State-issues-video-of-purported-Tajik-attackers-563849>

## **Turkey**

## **Woman, child killed in bomb attack in southeast Turkey**

Turkey's state-run news agency says Kurdish rebels have detonated an improvised explosive device on a road in southeast Turkey, killing a woman and her infant child. Anadolu Agency said the attack occurred late Tuesday on a road near the town of Yuksekova, in Hakkari province, which borders Iran and Iraq.

*seattletimes 10:22:00 AM CEST*

[https://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/woman-child-killed-in-bomb-attack-in-southeast-turkey/?utm\\_source=RSS&utm\\_medium=Referral&utm\\_campaign=RSS\\_all](https://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/woman-child-killed-in-bomb-attack-in-southeast-turkey/?utm_source=RSS&utm_medium=Referral&utm_campaign=RSS_all)

## **Yemen**

### **Bombing in Aden wounds politician, 3 others**

A side bombing in the southern city of Aden has wounded a prominent politician, his son and two other people, according to Yemeni officials. The officials have said the attack took place on Tuesday and targeted Aref Ahmed Ali of the Islah party, which is Yemen's branch of the Muslim Brotherhood, in the district of Maala.

*annahar 31 Jul 2018*

<https://en.annahar.com/article/838877-yemen-officials-bombing-in-aden-wounds-politician-3-others>

## **EUROPE**

### **UK**

### **Attentat à Manchester: l'auteur des faits avait été évacué de Libye par la marine britannique**

L'auteur de l'attentat suicide de Manchester qui avait fait 22 morts en mai 2017 avait été évacué de Libye trois ans auparavant par la marine britannique, a révélé mardi le quotidien Daily Mail, citant une source gouvernementale. Salman Abedi, un Britannique d'origine libyenne, faisait partie des....

*lavenir 31 Jul 2018*

[https://www.lavenir.net/cnt/dmf20180731\\_01204646](https://www.lavenir.net/cnt/dmf20180731_01204646)

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