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### **EAST AFRICA**

#### **Ethiopia**

##### **Ethiopia set to remove 3 armed groups from terror list**

Ethiopia's cabinet has passed a resolution to remove three armed groups from a terror list as part of sweeping reforms under a new prime minister. The groups, operating mainly from neighboring Eritrea, had opposed the government that ruled Ethiopia for close to three decades.

*startribune 30 Jun 2018*

<http://www.startribune.com/ethiopia-set-to-remove-3-armed-groups-from-terror-list/487020671/>

##### **Grenade attack part of plot to disrupt economy**

A grenade attack at a weekend rally attended by Ethiopia's new Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed was part of a wider plot to disrupt the economy. Ahmed's office said this on Friday, noting the blast coincided with a power outage and telecoms disruption. He had just finished a speech to tens of thousands of....

*thestarkenya 30 Jun 2018*

[https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2018/06/30/grenade-attack-part-of-plot-to-disrupt-economy-ethiopia-says\\_c1780011](https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2018/06/30/grenade-attack-part-of-plot-to-disrupt-economy-ethiopia-says_c1780011)

#### **Kenya**

##### **Terror suspects moved to safer jail to save their lives**

Kenyan anti-terrorism agencies have heightened their alert over information that operatives of Iranian origin have sneaked into the country to try and free two terrorism convicts. It has emerged that the Iranians have been moved to what officials termed as safer places for their safety following the reports of attempts to free them.

*standardmedia 30 Jun 2018*

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001286112/terror-suspects-moved-to-safer-jail-to-save-their-lives>

#### **Sudan**

##### **Security Council extends AU-UN operation in Darfur until July 13**

The UN Security Council on Friday adopted a resolution to extend until July 13 the mandate of the African Union-United Nations operation in Darfur of Sudan. In a unanimous move, the council renewed the mandate of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, or UNAMID.

*xinhuanet\_en 29 Jun 2018*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-06/30/c\\_137290853.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-06/30/c_137290853.htm)

### **Sudanese security storms ISIS hideout in Khartoum**

The Sudanese security on Wednesday freed a female college student from the hands of the Islamic State (ISIS) in Khartoum's twin city of Omdurman. On Tuesday, a family in Omdurman notified the police that their 21-year daughter didn't come back on Monday after she left home....

*sudantribune 29 Jun 2018*

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article65753>

## **CENTRAL AFRICA**

### **Cameroon**

#### **Cameroon says Military Casualties Mounting**

Cameroon's government says the number of soldiers and police killed while fighting armed English-speaking separatists who want to split from the French-speaking regions of the country has increased from 80 to more than 100 in the last two weeks and kidnapping of members of the security forces also continue to rise.

*cameroononline 29 Jun 2018*

<http://www.cameroononline.org/cameroon-says-military-casualties-mounting/>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Réponse collective face au terrorisme**

Les chefs de la police et de la sécurité des pays membres de la Communauté économique des Etats d'Afrique de l'Ouest (Cedeao) ont entamé en début de semaine à Abidjan une réunion destinée à améliorer la coopération en matière de lutte contre le terrorisme.

*prnewswire 19 Jun 2018*

<http://www.republicoftogo.com/Toutes-les-rubriques/Cedeao/Reponse-collective-face-au-terrorisme>

### **Mali**

#### **Sahel anti-terror force vows to fight on after suicide attack on HQ**

Bamako: A five-nation African anti-terror task force vowed Saturday to press on in its battle against jihadists, the day after a suicide attack on the outfit's headquarters in Mali killed two soldiers and a civilian. Friday's attack was carried out by a bomber in a vehicle painted in UN colours who destroyed the building's entrance wall.

*GulfDailyNews 8:37:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.gdnonline.com/Details/369983/Mali-Sahel-anti-terror-force-vows-to-fight-on-after-suicide-attack-on-HQ>

#### **Au moins trois morts dans un attentat-suicide au QG de la force du G5 Sahel, la suite**

Au Mali, le quartier général de la force conjointe du G5 Sahel a été ciblé ce vendredi 29 juin par une attaque, dans le centre du pays à Sévaré. Le bilan fait état d'au moins trois morts. Selon plusieurs sources au sein de la force G5, l'attaque terroriste s'est déroulée au moment de la prière de ce vendredi, apprend Rfi.

*mali-web 30 Jun 2018*

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/mali-au-moins-trois-morts-dans-un-attentat-suicide-au-qq-de-la-force-du-g5-sahel-la-suite>

## **Six dead as Mali HQ of Sahel anti-terror force is attacked**

Debris was scattered in front of the headquarters after the attack. The Malian headquarters of an international anti-terror task force, the G5 Sahel, were attacked on Friday in a car bomb blast, killing six people and leaving many injured, according to a provisional toll.

*standardmedia* 29 Jun 2018

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001286080/six-dead-as-mali-hq-of-sahel-anti-terror-force-is-attacked>

## **Four Mali soldiers killed by landmine**

Bamako. Four Malian soldiers were killed on Saturday when their vehicle drove over a landmine in the central Mopti region, the local governor said, in the troubled desert region., reported AFP Governor Sidi Alassane Toure said the Malian army vehicle drove over the landmine near the border of the....

*focus-news-en* 12:37:00 AM CEST

<http://www.focus-fen.net/.news/2018/07/01/431973/afp-four-mali-soldiers-killed-by-landmine.html>

## **Quatre soldats maliens tués dans l'explosion d'une mine**

Le centre du Mali est toujours la cible des groupes terroristes. Samedi, quatre soldats maliens ont été tués par l'explosion d'une mine. Quatre soldats maliens ont été tués samedi par l'explosion d'une mine au passage de leur véhicule dans la région de Mopti, dans le centre du pays, a indiqué à l'AFP le gouverneur local.

*journaldumali* 2:42:00 AM CEST

<https://www.journaldumali.com/2018/06/30/mali-quatre-soldats-maliens-tues-explosion-dune/>

## **Nigeria**

### **Boko Haram opens fire in IDP camp, kills four**

Boko Haram jihadists killed four people during a raid on a camp for civilians displaced by the Islamist group's violent insurgency in Nigeria's troubled northeast, security sources said Saturday. A picture taken on February 17, 2015 shows Cameroonian soldiers patrolling in the Cameroonian town of....

*onlinenigeria* 8:35:00 AM CEST

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/747058-boko-haram-opens-fire-in-idp-camp-kills-four.html>

### **Boko Haram's leader Abubakar Shekau critically ill**

Abubakar Shekau, the leader of the terror group Boko Haram, is said to be weakened by ill health, prompting questions about his ability to lead the militants. The sources said Shekau has a range of conditions that have left him "too weak to be in charge" of the jihadists, whose insurgency has killed....

*onlinenigeria* 30 Jun 2018

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/746807-revealed-boko-haram%E2%80%99s-leader-abubakar-shekau-critically-ill.html>

### **Herdsmen, Boko Haram threaten Nigeria's future**

The debate came on the heels of the massacre of more than 100 persons in three local government areas of Plateau State last weekend. Before the Plateau incident, killings in some states in the country, including but not limited to Benue, Adamawa and Taraba had been linked to herdsmen.

*onlinenigeria* 8:35:00 AM CEST

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/747061-nigeria-killings-echo-abroad-herdsmen%E2%80%99s-leader-abubakar-shekau-critically-ill.html>

### **Collaborate to end security challenges**

Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) Boss Mustapha has called on the armed forces and other security agencies to collaborate and tackle the security challenges in the country. Mustapha made the call during the second edition of the Armed Forces and Security Agencies Half Marathon Championship on Saturday in Abuja.

*punchng 30 Jun 2018*

<http://punchng.com/collaborate-to-end-security-challenges-sgf-tells-security-agencies/>

### **Curfew imposed by govt not working**

Reactions have continued to trail the curfew imposed by the Plateau State Government as a result of the killing of over 200 persons in some villages of the State, as the Plateau State Women for Women and He for She (W4W and He4She) on Saturday said the curfew imposed is not working.

*dailypost 30 Jun 2018*

<http://dailypost.ng/2018/06/30/plateau-killings-curfew-imposed-govt-not-working-women-group/>

## **SOUTHERN AFRICA**

### **South Africa**

#### **Terror, cyber crime hot topics for BRICS**

Cyber crimes, terrorism, counter-terrorism, money laundering, human trafficking and transnational organised crimes were major talking points on Friday before BRICS security ministers went into a closed meeting. The ministers from Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa met at Durban's....

*iol 30 Jun 2018*

<https://www.iol.co.za/news/politics/terror-cyber-crime-hot-topics-for-brics-15761373>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Algeria**

#### **15 TERRORISTES ONT RENDU LES ARMES DEPUIS SAMEDI DERNIER**

Des troubles ayant induit la mise en place, par l'état-major de l'ANP, d'un exceptionnel plan de sécurisation des frontières tel que l'illustre la mobilisation d'un personnel militaire que l'ambassadeur d'Italie en Algérie, selon ce qui a été rapporté par des titres de la presse nationale, a tout....

*lesoirdalgerie 30 Jun 2018*

<https://www.lesoirdalgerie.com/actualites/les-frontieres-sud-au-rythme-des-redditions-7384>

#### **L'Algérie appelle à consolider la stratégie antiterroriste mondiale**

L'Algérie a souligné, à New York, l'importance des efforts visant à consolider la stratégie antiterroriste mondiale, par le renforcement de la coopération, l'échange des meilleures pratiques et l'expertise dans la lutte contre l'extrémisme violent. Intervenant, lors de l'adoption de la résolution....

*elmoudjahid 29 Jun 2018*

<http://www.elmoudjahid.com/fr/actualites/125187>

### **Mauritania**

#### **Sommet à Nouakchott: Corruption, terrorisme et radicalisation au menu de l'UA**

Le Premier ministre, Ahmed Ouyahia, devait se rendre hier à Nouakchott où il représentera le président de la République, Abdelaziz Bouteflika, au 31ème sommet des

Chefs d'Etat et Gouvernement de l'Union africaine, prévu dimanche et lundi, a indiqué hier un communiqué des services du Premier ministre.

*lequotidien-oran 7:53:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.lequotidien-oran.com/index.php?news=5263387>

## **La force antijihadiste du G5 Sahel va “s’améliorer”, promet le chef de la diplomatie mauritanienne**

L’attaque, qui a fait trois morts, dont deux militaires de la force du G5 Sahel, ne traduit “aucune faiblesse de notre part. Ce genre d’évènement va continuer à arriver”, a déclaré M. Ould Cheikh à la presse à l’issue d’une réunion de l’ONU sur le Sahel.

*mali-web 30 Jun 2018*

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/la-force-antijihadiste-du-g5-sahel-va-sameliorer-promet-le-chef-de-la-diplomatie-mauritanienne>

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## **Asia**

### **Irak**

#### **Suicide bombing wounds 19 at Iraq ballot warehouse**

A suicide bombing Sunday targeting a warehouse in Kirkuk where ballot boxes from Iraq's May elections were stored wounded 19 people, days before a vote recount, a security source said. "Nine policemen, six members of a counter-terrorist unit and four civilians were....

*digitaljournal 11:16:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/suicide-bombing-wounds-19-at-iraq-ballot-warehouse/article/526027>

### **Syria**

#### **Violence in southern Syria amid negotiations for a deal**

Syrian government forces pressed their offensive in the country's south on Saturday under the cover of airstrikes as rebels said Syrian ally Russia has put forward conditions to end the violence that are hard to accept. Syrian state media said more areas in Daraa province were captured and....

*annahar 30 Jun 2018*

<https://en.annahar.com/article/825307-violence-in-southern-syria-amid-negotiations-for-a-deal>

#### **Syrian army seizes more towns in southwest, rebels talk peace terms with Russia**

The Syrian army seized more towns in the southwest on Saturday, as air strikes pounded others that still held out against the rapid offensive and rebels said they had begun negotiating peace terms through the government's ally Russia. State television broadcast from the town of Dael, northwest of....

*dnaindia 30 Jun 2018*

<http://www.dnaindia.com/world/report-syrian-army-seizes-more-towns-in-southwest-rebels-talk-peace-terms-with-russia-2631378>

#### **People celebrate as Syrian army purges more towns of terrorists**

The so-called Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR) said on Saturday that government forces had managed to retake more than half of Dara'a, which borders Jordan and the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, presstv.ir wrote. A string of militant-held towns and villages accepted government rule as terrorist lines collapsed.

*iran-daily 9:17:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.iran-daily.com/News/217544.html>

## **L'armée libère la localité de Ghariya Gharbiya et poursuit ses opérations contre les rassemblements des terroristes du «Front Nosra»**

Une source militaire a affirmé que l'armée arabe syrienne avait repris le contrôle de la localité de Ghariya Ghrbiya dans la banlieue de Daraa, après y avoir éradiqué les terroristes. Dans une déclaration à SANA, la source a fait savoir que des unités de l'armée avaient repris le contrôle de....

*Sana-fr 30 Jun 2018*

<https://sana.sy/fr/?p=123945>

## **A child martyred, five injured in terrorist attacks with shells in Daraa**

A child was martyred, five others were injured due to a rocket shell fired by Jabhat al-Nusra terrorists on the neighborhoods of Shamal al-Khatt and al-Kashef. SANA reporter said that Jabhat al-Nusra terrorists in Daraa al-Balad neighborhood and al-Noeima town on Saturday targeted with....

*Sana-en 30 Jun 2018*

<https://sana.sy/en/?p=141278>

## **Turkey**

### **Foreign students detained over FETÖ links in Turkey's south**

Foreign students detained over FETÖ links in Turkey's south KIRIKKALE Some 16 foreign students -- 10 from Somalia, three from Djibouti, two from Guinea and one from Syria -- were rounded up for their alleged links to the Fethullahist Terror Organization ( ) in the southern Mersin province,....

*hurriyetdailynews 30 Jun 2018*

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/foreign-students-detained-over-feto-links-in-turkeys-south-133996>

## **Yemen**

### **Yemeni army fires ballistic missile against Saudi-led forces in Hudaydah province**

Yemeni army forces, supported by allied fighters from the Houthi Ansarullah movement, have fired a domestically designed and developed ballistic missile at a gathering of the Saudi-led coalition's mercenaries in Yemen's flashpoint province of Hudaydah.

*globalsecurity 3:21:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2018/06/mil-180630-presstv01.htm>

### **Suspension de l'offensive contre les rebelles houthis à Hodeida**

Nous saluons les efforts de l'envoyé spécial des Nations unies, Martin Griffiths, pour parvenir à un retrait inconditionnel des Houthis de la ville et du port de Hodeida. Nous avons décidé d'observer une pause afin de laisser suffisamment de temps pour que cette option soit pleinement explorée , a....

*rfi-fr 11:16:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.rfi.fr/moyen-orient/20180701-yemen-suspension-offensive-contre-rebelles-houthis-hodeida-onu>

## **Europe**

### **Belgium**

## **Véhicule suspect Woluwe-St-Pierre: une affaire de terrorisme, mais pas de voiture piégée**

Un important déploiement policier s'est mis en place ce samedi de 13h30 à 21h dans le quartier Stockel à Woluwe-Saint-Pierre et les riverains ont été appelés par la police à rester confinés chez eux. Ces opérations ont été ordonnées dans le cadre de perquisitions menées pour les besoins d'un dossier....

*rtbf 11:14:00 AM CEST*

[https://www.rtf.be/info/belgique/detail\\_vehicule-suspect-woluwe-st-pierre-une-affaire-de-terrorisme-mais-pas-de-voiture-piegee?id=9960838](https://www.rtf.be/info/belgique/detail_vehicule-suspect-woluwe-st-pierre-une-affaire-de-terrorisme-mais-pas-de-voiture-piegee?id=9960838)

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