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### **EAST AFRICA**

#### **Ethiopia**

##### **23 convicted of terror offences in Ethiopia**

The Ethiopian Federal High Court has convicted 23 individuals of terror offences spanning a 10-year period from 2004-2014. According to a report on Wednesday by the pro-government media outlet Radio Fana, the defendants were accused of trying to mobilize the public to....

*xinhuanet\_en 10 May 2017*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-05/10/c\\_136272424.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-05/10/c_136272424.htm)

#### **Kenya**

##### **Uhuru alarms premature AMISOM troops withdrawal**

On the eve of the Third London Conference on Somalia, President Uhuru Kenyatta insists that it would be catastrophic for the African Union Mission in Somalia to exit

before realising the extermination of the Al Shabaab terror group. As the United States, a funder, sets its sights on a full hand-over....

*shabelle 10 May 2017*

<http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/05/uhuru-concerned-by-premature-focus-on-amisom-troops-exit/>

## **Somalia**

### **Somali president promises to defeat al-Shabab in two years**

Somalia President Mohamed Abdullahi "Farmajo" Mohamed has told the BBC that he thinks the Islamist militant group al-Shabab can be defeated within the next two years. Speaking on the eve of a London conference on Somalia, the president said that this goal can be met as long as there is international....

*thestarkenya 6:43:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/05/11/somali-president-promises-to-defeat-al-shabab-in-two-years\\_c1559056](http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/05/11/somali-president-promises-to-defeat-al-shabab-in-two-years_c1559056)

### **Final push for peace in Somalia?**

Despite global efforts to combat terrorism in Somalia, al-Shabaab's attacks continue and the group still controls large parts of the country. The African Union Mission in Somalia (Amisom) has been active in Somalia for 10 years, and while it has raised hopes for peace and security, the country is still not safe.

*dailymaverick 1:01:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2017-05-10-iss-today-final-push-for-peace-in-somalia/>

## **Uganda**

### **EU counters terrorism in Uganda slum**

Muhammed Kisira, a resident and self-described slum ambassador told reporters on Tuesday (9 May) that the youth in Bwaise remain vulnerable to violent extremism. "They are on the edge. They are isolated and that is an opportunity for them to become radicalised," he said.

*euobserver 9:55:00 AM CEST*

<https://euobserver.com/foreign/137856>

## **WEST AFRICA**

## **West Africa Scrambles to Contain Surge in Militant Attacks**

West African nations are preparing to deploy a military force to counter a surge in ambushes and bombings by Islamist militants that more than 15,000 international troops have failed to contain. Militants are targeting not only United Nations peacekeepers in Mali but increasingly carrying out assaults across its borders.

*africatime 10 May 2017*

[http://en.africatime.com/toute\\_lafrique/articles/west-africa-scrambles-contain-surge-militant-attacks](http://en.africatime.com/toute_lafrique/articles/west-africa-scrambles-contain-surge-militant-attacks)

## **Burkina Faso**

### **Sécurité: la formation des unités Anti banditisme et terrorisme lancée**

Le Ministre d'Etat, Ministre de la Sécurité, Simon Compaoré a présidé la cérémonie d'ouverture de la formation des unités Anti-Banditisme et terrorisme, le mardi 09 mai dans une des salles de conférence de l'ABMAQ à Ouagadougou. Cette formation entre dans le cadre du renforcement de la sécurité et....

*aouaga 6:31:00 AM CEST*

<http://news.aOuaga.com/h/108260.html>

## **Mali**

### **L'horizon compromis de la force Barkhane au Mali**

En visite à Gao (Mali) le 13 janvier 2017, tout juste quatre ans après le déclenchement de l'opération Serval, depuis transformée en déploiement Barkhane dans le vaste espace sahélo-saharien, François Hollande déclare aux soldats français sur place : « Nous le savons tous, les terroristes qui....

*abamako 4:02:00 AM CEST*

<http://news.aBamako.com/h/160384.html>

### **Lutte contre le terrorisme : Le Mali premier pays africain visité par Emmanuel Macron ?**

Selon nos confrères de Francesoir.fr relayé par Afrique7, le Mali pourrait être le premier pays africain visité par le président nouvellement élu de la France, M. Emmanuel Macron. L'homme de 39 ans qui vient de l'emporter sur Marine Le Pen au second tour de la présidentielle Française, accorderait....

*maliweb 10 May 2017*

<http://www.maliweb.net/politique/lutte-contre-terrorisme-mali-premier-pays-africain-visite-emmanuel-macron-2235822.html>

## **Nigeria**

### **Chibok Girls: Army assures remaining victims will be released**

Addressing a rally organized by Africa Arise for Change Network in conjunction with FCT Market Women Association to mark the release of the Chibok girls in Abuja, Lt Col Adamu Usman, on behalf of the army at the Army Headquarters Garrison, Abuja, promised that the military will ensure that every....

*dailypost 10 May 2017*

<http://dailypost.ng/2017/05/10/chibok-girls-army-assures-remaining-victims-will-released/>

### **Nigeria wakes up to its growing vigilante problem**

Sporting a commando-style green knit hat despite the heat, Ali\* boasts that he has found a foolproof way to kill up to 50 suspected Boko Haram members at a time, by roasting them in a pit.

*refworld 10 May 2017*

<http://www.refworld.org/docid/5913178a4.html>

### **Boko Haram: Nigeria winning the battle but losing the war?**

"Prof" Usman Abakyari is instantly likeable. But the impish, slightly dishevelled water engineer turns serious at any mention of Boko Haram, the jihadist insurgency that for seven years has traumatised northeastern Nigeria.

*refworld 10 May 2017*

<http://www.refworld.org/docid/591316d94.html>

### **Le rapport complexe des femmes enlevées par Boko Haram avec leurs ravisseurs**

Après une période aussi longue, il n'est pas étonnant pour les captives de développer le syndrome de Stockholm", explique la chercheuse, qui souligne aussi les "traumatismes dus aux violences", la "confusion religieuse" et la peur des "suspensions" de la communauté comme raison du refus de rentrer.

*camer 10 May 2017*

<http://www.camer.be/60046/1:11/nigeria-le-rapport-complexe-des-femmes-enlevees-par-boko-haram-avec-leurs-ravisseurs-nigeria.html>

## **Les lycéennes de Chibok attendent de retrouver leurs familles**

Les 82 écolières nigérianes qui ont été libérées du groupe jihadiste Boko Haram après plus de trois ans de captivité, devront patienter avant de retrouver leurs familles, a déclaré mercredi à l'AFP un représentant des parents. Yakubu Nkeki, chef du collectif des parents des filles kidnappées de....

*journalducameroun 10 May 2017*

<http://journalducameroun.com/nigeria-les-lyceennes-de-chibok-attendent-de-retrouver-leurs-familles-2/>

## **Les enfants oubliés de Damasak, enlevés par Boko Haram**

Boko Haram a quitté la ville en juillet dernier, chassé par l'armée nigériane.

*france24 10 May 2017*

<http://www.france24.com/fr/20170510-nigeria-damasak-enfants-enlevement-chibok-lyceennes-bringbackourgirls>

## **Boko Haram victims get \$500m U.S support**

U.S. has announced additional \$500 million in humanitarian assistance to support the people affected by the activities of Boko Haram insurgents in Nigeria and neighbouring countries. The other countries are Cameroon, Chad and Niger. Mr. Nathan Holt, the Deputy Director, Office of West African Affairs, Bureau of African Affairs at the U.

*vanguardngr 10 May 2017*

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2017/05/boko-haram-victims-get-500m-u-s-support/>

## **500 million de dollars des USA pour les victimes de Boko Haram**

Les Etats-Unis ont alloué au gouvernement nigérian une enveloppe de 500 millions de dollars destinés aux populations touchées par les activités des extrémistes de Boko Haram. Les victimes de la secte extrémiste sont principalement au Nigeria, au Tchad, au Cameroun et au Niger. L'annonce a été faite par M.

*journalducameroun 10 May 2017*

<http://journalducameroun.com/500-million-de-dollars-des-usa-pour-les-victimes-de-boko-haram/>

## **Enugu police command denies rumours of bomb explosion in state capital**

The Enugu State Police Command on Wednesday advised residents to disregard rumours of bomb explosion in the state and assured citizens to go about their normal

businesses without fear. The Command's spokesman, SP Ebere Amaraizu, gave the advice in a statement on Wednesday in Enugu.

*dailytrust 10 May 2017*

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/news/crime/enugu-police-command-denies-rumours-of-bomb-explosion-in-state-capital/197114.html>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Morocco**

#### **Nouveau démantèlement d'une cellule terroriste**

Le ministère de l'Intérieur a annoncé ce mercredi que le Bureau central des investigations judiciaires (BCIJ) a arrêté, hier et aujourd'hui, six personnes soupçonnées d'appartenir à l'organisation Etat islamique. Ils seraient membres d'une cellule terroriste active dans les villes de Casablanca, Tanger, Tétouan, Marrakech et Safi.

*yabiladi 10 May 2017*

<https://www.yabiladi.com/articles/details/53589/maroc-nouveau-demantelement-d-une-cellule.html>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **America**

#### **US**

#### **Kansas City man accused of 'jihadist activities' on Egypt trip**

Isse Aweis Mohamud, 21, has been accused of passport fraud after his family said he could have flown to Egypt for "jihadist activities." (Missouri.Arrests.org) A Kansas City man has been accused of traveling to Egypt for "jihadist activities" after telling authorities he was going to Canada.

*nydailynews 1:05:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/man-charged-egypt-jihadist-activities-article-1.3153481?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+NydnRss+%28Top+Stories++NY+Daily+News%29](http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/man-charged-egypt-jihadist-activities-article-1.3153481?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+NydnRss+%28Top+Stories++NY+Daily+News%29)

#### **US offers \$10 million reward for Syria rebel leader**

The Trump administration is offering a reward of up to \$10 million for information about the whereabouts of the military leader of Syria's al-Qaida affiliated Nusra Front. The State Department says the reward will be paid for information "leading to the identification or location" of Abu Mohammed al-Golani.

*timesdaily 10 May 2017*

[http://www.timesdaily.com/news/nation/us-offers-million-reward-for-syria-rebel-leader/article\\_88bfdc25-8692-58f2-ac2a-aede02761480.html](http://www.timesdaily.com/news/nation/us-offers-million-reward-for-syria-rebel-leader/article_88bfdc25-8692-58f2-ac2a-aede02761480.html)

## **Washington offre 10 millions de dollars pour localiser le leader de Fateh al-Cham en Syrie**

Washington offre 10 millions de dollars pour localiser le leader de Fateh al-Cham en Syrie. Le gouvernement américain offre jusqu'à 10 millions de dollars pour des informations permettant de localiser Mohammad al-Jolani, le chef de Fateh al-Cham, ex-branche d'el-Qaëda en Syrie, a annoncé mercredi le département d'Etat dans un communiqué.

*lorientlejour 10 May 2017*

<http://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1051075/washington-offre-10-millions-de-dollars-pour-localiser-le-leader-de-fateh-al-cham-en-syrie.html>

## **Asia**

### **Afghanistan**

## **Taliban Poised For Stunning Victory As Trump Considers More Troops To Afghanistan**

Taliban militants are poised to launch an operation on the major Afghan city of Kunduz as President Donald Trump considers sending thousands more U.S. troops to Afghanistan.

*dailycaller 10 May 2017*

<http://dailycaller.com/2017/05/10/taliban-poised-for-stunning-victory-as-trump-considers-more-troops-to-afghanistan/>

## **Iraq**

### **Thousands of Families Pour Out of Mosul as Fighting Intensifies**

Thousands more people are fleeing Mosul every day since Iraqi troops began their push into the last ISIS-held areas of the city last week, with food and water running out and the fighting killing increasing numbers of civilians, Reuters reported.

aawsat 9:50:00 AM CEST

<http://english.aawsat.com/theaawsat/news-middle-east/thousands-families-pour-mosul-fighting-intensifies>

## **Pakistan**

### **Pakistan executes 4 militants convicted by military courts**

Pakistan on Wednesday hanged four more Taliban terrorists convicted of "heinous" terrorism-related offences by controversial military courts, taking the number to over 160 since the Peshawar terror attack in 2014. The terrorists, who were involved in the killing of innocent civilians and...

timesofoman 10 May 2017

<http://timesofoman.com/article/108786/World/Pakistan/Pakistan-executes-four-Taliban-militants-convicted-by-military-courts-at-undisclosed-jail>

## **Syria**

### **US-backed Syrian militias capture territory in push toward Raqqa**

U.S.-backed Syrian militias said they fully seized the....

france24-en 9:34:00 AM CEST

<http://www.france24.com/en/20170511-us-backed-syrian-militias-capture-territory-push-toward-raqqa>

## **Thailand**

### **Voiture piégée en Thaïlande: la police recherche quatre suspects**

L'armée thaïlandaise a dit être à la recherche de quatre suspects après que plus de 60 personnes, dont des enfants, ont été blessées mardi dans l'explosion d'une voiture piégée devant un supermarché dans le sud du pays.

msn-fr 10 May 2017

<http://www.msn.com/fr-fr/actualite/other/voiture-pi%c3%a9g%c3%a9e-en-tha%c3%aflande-la-police-recherche-quatre-suspects/vi-BBAYQ9L>

## **Turkey**

### **Istanbul New Year Attack Suspect Faces 40 Life Sentences**

The General Prosecution in Turkey's Istanbul city completed the indictment against the perpetrator of the attack against a nightclub in the city of New Year's Eve that left 39



people dead and 69 wounded. Prosecutors have demanded 40 life sentences and 2,397 days in jail against Uzbekistan....

*aawsat 10 May 2017*

<http://english.aawsat.com/saeed-abdelrazek/news-middle-east/istanbul-new-year-attack-suspect-faces-40-life-sentences>

## **Europe**

### **Austria**

#### **Ex-Syrian fighter found guilty on 20 murder counts**

An Austrian court has found a former fighter for a Syrian rebel group guilty of 20 counts of murder and sentenced him to life in prison. The court reached the verdict Wednesday after hearing testimony that the man shot and killed at least 20 wounded and defenseless Syrian government soldiers while a member of the Free Syrian Army.

*WashingtonPost 9:56:00 AM CEST*

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/austria-ex-syrian-fighter-found-guilty-on-20-murder-counts/2017/05/11/65077e02-361c-11e7-ab03-aa29f656f13e\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/austria-ex-syrian-fighter-found-guilty-on-20-murder-counts/2017/05/11/65077e02-361c-11e7-ab03-aa29f656f13e_story.html)

### **Belgium**

#### **Le gouvernement prépare des amendements au statut des victimes d'attentat**

Le gouvernement prépare une série d'amendements à son projet de statut de solidarité nationale pour les victimes - belges ou résidant en Belgique - d'actes terroristes perpétrés en Belgique qu'il souhaite créer. Il vaut ainsi tenir compte des recommandations de la commission d'enquête de la Chambre sur les attentats du 22 mars 2016 à Bruxelles.

*laprovince 10 May 2017*

<http://www.laprovince.be/1841741/article/2017-05-10/le-gouvernement-prepare-des-amendements-au-statut-des-victimes-d-attentat>

### **France**

#### **L'ex-otage Thierry Frezier, enlevé au Tchad, est arrivé en France**

Thierry Frezier, ex-otage français enlevé en mars au Tchad et libéré le 6 mai au Soudan voisin, est arrivé en France mercredi matin, a appris l'AFP de source aéroportuaire. Son

avion en provenance de la capitale tchadienne N'Djamena s'est posé peu avant 6H00 locales à l'aéroport parisien de Roissy-Charles de Gaulle.

*izf 10 May 2017*

<http://www.izf.net/afp/lex-otage-thierry-frezier-enleve-au-tchad-est-arrive-en-france>

## **Projet d'attentat contre la base aérienne d'Evreux : l'ex-soldat radicalisé avait écrit à l'AFP**

L'homme qui prévoyait d'attaquer tout seul la base aérienne d'Evreux le 5 mai avait pris soin d'envoyer un courrier à l'AFP. Dans un style confus et mal orthographié, l'ancien militaire y explique avoir agi avec l'aide d'Allah.

*9:54:00 AM CEST*

<https://francais.rt.com/france/38225-base-aerienne-evreux-militaire-radicalise-lettre-afp>

## **Italy**

### **Italy police link Somali human trafficking ring to militants**

Italian police say they have found indirect links between Islamic militants and a Somali-run migrant trafficking and money transfer ring that was busted in overnight raids in southern Italy, according to the Associated Press. Police said the leader of a Bari-based ring in the south of Italy had been....

*MaltaToday 10 May 2017*

<http://www.maltatoday.com.mt/news/world/77046/italy-police-link-somali-human-trafficking-ring-to-militants>

## **Netherlands**

### **Un laboratoire produisant la «drogue du takfirisme» démantelé aux Pays-Bas**

La police néerlandaise a démantelé un laboratoire clandestin qui produisait des drogues psychostimulantes prisées par les takfiristes au Proche-Orient. Un laboratoire fabriquant des stupéfiants capables d'atténuer la douleur et d'accroître l'agressivité a été démantelé dans la province néerlandaise de Limbourg (sud).

*almanar-fr 9:53:00 AM CEST*

<http://french.almanar.com.lb/395452>

## **UK**

## **Man arrested near UK Parliament in court on terror charges**

A 27-year-old man who was arrested while carrying knives near the U.K. Parliament nearly two weeks ago has been charged with three offenses.

*ABCnews 10 May 2017*

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/man-arrested-uk-parliament-court-terror-charges-47319851>

## **Three London women charged with terrorism offences**

Three women from London, including a mother and daughter, were charged on Wednesday with preparation of a terrorist act and conspiracy to murder, police said. Khawla Barghouthi, 20, of northwest London, Rizlaine Boular, 21, of central London, and her mother Mina Dich, 43, of southwest London,....

*nna-en 10:03:00 AM CEST*

<http://nna-leb.gov.lb/en/show-news/79092/Three-London-women-charged-with-terrorism-offences-police>

## **Oceania**

### **Australia**

## **Man ordered to stand trial on terrorism charges relating to Curtis Cheng shooting**

A man accused of supplying the gun used to kill New South Wales Police employee Curtis Cheng in a terrorist-inspired shooting has been committed to stand trial. Magistrate Clare Farnan said the evidence against Talal Alameddine was capable of convicting him of aiding and abetting preparation for a terrorist attack and several other charges.

*abc-au 9:48:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-05-11/man-ordered-to-stand-trial-on-terrorism-charges/8518222>

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