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### EAST AFRICA

#### Kenya

##### **Kenyan police nab 6 terror suspects in coastal town**

Kenya's anti-terrorism police officers are on Saturday holding six terror suspects in the coastal town of Malindi. A contingent of special units raided a house on Friday night and managed to arrest the six suspected of funding the Al-Shabaab terror group.

xinhuanet\_en 11 Mar 2017

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/11/c\\_136121217.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/11/c_136121217.htm)

#### Somalia

##### **Mortars land near Jaalle Siyad military academy**

A number of mortar rounds were fired at Jaalle Siyad military academy, in the Capital Mogadishu on Saturday afternoon, witnesses said. Eyewitness said several mortar shells landed at residential area near Jaalle Siyad military academy, which houses to soldiers serving with African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM).

shabelle 11 Mar 2017

<http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/03/mortars-land-near-jaalle-siyad-military-academy/>

##### **Should new Somali President open talks with al Shabaab terrorists?**

A political settlement between the Federal Government of Somalia and terror group al Shabaab has eluded both parties for years. with the militants. open to talks But he also made it clear that if al Shabaab refused to engage he would take the war to their doorstep.

thestarkenya 10 Mar 2017

[http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/03/10/should-new-somali-president-open-talks-with-al-shabaab-terrorists\\_c1522159](http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/03/10/should-new-somali-president-open-talks-with-al-shabaab-terrorists_c1522159)

##### **Al shabaab attacks an airport in Bardere town**

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start of 2007 and forced more than a million from their homes, triggering a humanitarian crisis that aid workers say is one of the worst -- and most neglected -- in Africa.

*shabelle 09 Mar 2017*

<http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/03/al-shabaab-attacks-an-airport-in-bardere-town/>

### **SNA forces repel Al-shabab in Shalanbod attack**

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<http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/03/somali-forces-repulse-al-shabaab-in-shalanbod-attack/>

### **African Union force in Somalia needs troop surge, chief says**

The head of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) Francisco Caetano Madeira is....

*WashingtonPost 11 Mar 2017*

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/african-union-force-in-somalia-needs-troop-surge-chief-says/2017/03/11/83e948c0-063b-11e7-9d14-9724d48f5666\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/african-union-force-in-somalia-needs-troop-surge-chief-says/2017/03/11/83e948c0-063b-11e7-9d14-9724d48f5666_story.html)

## **CENTRAL AFRICA**

### **Democratic Republic of Congo**

#### **Congolese army rescues 100 children from militia**

The Congolese army has freed about 100 children who had been kept as prisoners by a militia operating in the centre of the country, the UN mission to Congo (MONUSCO) said Wednesday.

*iol 08 Mar 2017*

<http://www.iol.co.za/news/africa/congoese-army-rescues-100-children-from-militia-8103846>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Burkina Faso**

#### **Teachers protest against terrorism in Burkina Faso**

Hundreds of school teachers on Friday held a silent protest in Burkina Faso's capital Ouagadougou against rising terrorism in the country. The march was part of a nationwide demonstration called for by the unions of teachers, after a teacher was killed by....

*xinhuanet\_en 11 Mar 2017*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/11/c\\_136120804.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/11/c_136120804.htm)

#### **Marche en soutien aux enseignants menacés par des terroristes**

Plus d'un millier de personnes ont marché en silence vendredi à Ouagadougou en soutien à des enseignants de la région du nord menacés par des terroristes et en hommage à un directeur d'école tué lors d'une attaque la semaine dernière.

*aib 10 Mar 2017*

<http://www.aib.bf/m-8954-burkina-marche-en-soutien-aux-enseignants-menaces-par-des-terroristes.html>

### **Mali**

#### **Le GSIM revendique l'attaque meurtrière contre l'armée**

L'attaque de Boulikessi, dans le centre du Mali, près de la frontière avec le Burkina Faso, le 5 mars, est la première opération officiellement revendiquée par cette formation, dont la constitution a été annoncée la semaine dernière par les agences privées mauritaniennes ANI (Agence Nouakchott Information) et Al-Akhbar.

*cridem* 10 Mar 2017  
[http://www.cridem.org/C\\_Info.php?article=695496](http://www.cridem.org/C_Info.php?article=695496)

## **Niger**

### **Niger begins trials of Boko Haram jihadists**

Niger has begun the trials behind closed doors of about 1,000 suspected fighters from the Boko Haram jihadist movement, officials said Friday. Chief prosecutor Chaibou Samna told AFP that the trials, on charges of terrorist links, had begun on March 2.

*enca* 10 Mar 2017

<http://www.enca.com/africa/niger-begins-trials-of-boko-haram-jihadists>

### **Discrets procès d un millier de militants de Boko Haram**

Plusieurs procès à huis clos d'un millier de présumés combattants islamistes de Boko Haram, poursuivis pour "association de malfaiteurs en lien avec une entreprise terroriste", ont lieu depuis début mars dans la plus grande discréetion au Niger, a indiqué vendredi à l'AFP le procureur de la République.

*abamako* 11 Mar 2017

<http://news.abamako.com/h/155072.html>

## **Nigeria**

### **Boko Haram: Nigeria, Cameroon forces conduct joint operation**

In order to clear fleeing Boko Haram terrorists hibernating within remote and border areas, Nigerian and Cameroonian troops have carried out another joint operation to weed out Boko Haram terrorists along Nigeria and Cameroon border. In a release issued by Director of Army Information (DAPR), Brig.-Gen.

*sunnewsonline* 09 Mar 2017

<http://sunnewsonline.com/boko-haram-nigeria-cameroon-forces-conduct-joint-operation/>

### **Prevailing insecurity still a challenge to humanitarian access in Lake Chad Basin**

Regional Highlights More than 4,500 people are displaced by Boko Haram attacks in Nigeria's Chibok locality in Borno state. Military operations displaced almost 15,000 people between 27 January and 10 February in the northeast of Nigeria. WFP is scaling up assistance through cash transfers and....

*reliefWeb* 08 Mar 2017

<http://reliefweb.int/report/nigeria/lake-chad-basin-crisis-update-no-13-7-march-2017>

### **Army raids Gombe hotel for Boko Haram terrorists**

The Army has confirmed that it carried out a raid on Gombe International Hotel on suspicions that Boko Haram terrorists from Chad and Niger were there. Brig.-Gen. Sani Usman made this known in a statement in Abuja on Thursday. "...based on tip-off on the presence of foreign elements of Boko Haram....

*onlinenigeria* 09 Mar 2017

<http://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/606095-army-raids-gombe-hotel-for-boko-haram-terrorists.html>

### **1 soldier dead, 2 missing, 13 injured in military operation at Tula Uduah Forest**

The Army has confirmed that one soldier died, two missing and 13 others are wounded in an ongoing operations to rid remnants of terrorists from their hideouts in Borno and North east generally. Brig.-Gen. Sani Usman made this known in a statement in Abuja on Thursday.

*onlinenigeria* 09 Mar 2017

<http://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/606091-1-soldier-dead-2-missing-13-injured-in-military-operation-at-tula-udah-forest.html>

### **Army gives update on Operation LAFIYA DOLE**

A release issued by Director of Army Public Relations (DAPR), Brig-Gen. Sani Usman, says that the Nigerian troops have intensified clearance operations and patrols in supposed strongholds of the nefarious Boko Haram terrorists. The release read: “In order to sustain the tempo of the clearance....

*sunnewsonline 09 Mar 2017*

<http://sunnewsonline.com/army-gives-update-on-operation-lafiya-dole/>

### **We still hope to find our families – Boko Haram child survivors**

The boy was fleeing a Boko Haram attack on his village in northeast Nigeria with his mother last year when two militants knocked him to the ground, and approached him wielding knives. “I was scared that I would die ... that I would never see my mother again,” said Usman, explaining how he limped to a....

*vanguardngr 7:11:00 AM CET*

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2017/03/still-hope-find-families-boko-haram-child-survivors/>

### **Nigeria, Lake Chad Region Porous Borders Pose Threats to Security, Lives**

The Theatre Commander Operation Lafiya Dole, Maj-Gen. Lucky Irabor has said that the greatest challenge of troops before now is the porosity of borders between the neighbouring countries of Niger, Chad and Cameroon and in Lake Chad region. Irabor raised the alarm yesterday, when a delegation of....

*allafrika 2:11:00 AM CET*

<http://allafrika.com/stories/201703070024.html>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Algeria**

#### **Deux terroristes éliminés et 2 autres arrêtés à Bordj Bou Arreridj**

Deux (02) terroristes ont été éliminés et deux (02) éléments de soutien aux groupes terroristes ont été arrêtés, samedi, suite à une opération menée dans le centre ville de Bordj Bou Arreridj, indique un communiqué du ministère de la Défense nationale (MDN).

*allafrika-fr 2:02:00 AM CET*

<http://fr.allafrika.com/stories/201703120041.html>

#### **Terrorisme Le quotidien des rescapés du GIA et de l'AIS**

On en parle peu. Presque plus. Les drames encore récents traversés par l'Algérie les ont pourtant projetés au-devant d'une histoire écrite en lettres de feu. Inscrites à jamais dans les annales les plus sombres de l'humanité. Que deviennent les rescapés du GIA, de l'AIS, de tous ces groupes dont la....

*lesoirdalgerie 11 Mar 2017*

<http://www.lesoirdalgerie.com/articles/2017/03/11/article.php?sid=210517&cid=2>

### **Egypt**

#### **Egyptian army colonel killed, 2 soldiers injured in Sinai bombing**

According to a report from Human Rights Watch (HRW), the Egyptian government said that its counterterrorism operations in North Sinai killed at least 3,091 “terrorists” between January and July 2015, with HRW noting that the government did not allow independent observers into the area of fighting....

*maannews-en 09 Mar 2017*

<http://www.maannews.com/Content.aspx?id=775867>

### **Morocco**

## **Arrestation de deux membres présumés de l'État islamique qui projetaient des attentats, selon l'Intérieur**

Les forces de sécurité marocaines ont arrêté jeudi deux membres présumés de l'organisation État islamique (EI), accusés de planifier des attentats dans le pays, a-t-on appris de source officielle.

*11 Mar 2017*

<http://www.jeuneafrique.com/411097/politique/maroc-arrestation-de-deux-membres-presumes-de-letat-islamique-projetaient-attentats-selon-interieur/>

## **Un Français condamné à 4 ans de prison pour soutien au terrorisme**

La justice marocaine reproche à Thomas Gallay sa participation financière à une entreprise terroriste. Son crime: avoir donné 70 euros à un homme qui s'est entre-temps radicalisé.

*11 Mar 2017*

<http://www.lefigaro.fr/international/2017/03/09/01003-20170309ARTFIG00137-maroc-un-francais-condamne-a-4-ans-de-prison-pour-soutien-au-terrorisme.php>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **America**

#### **US**

## **Former Iraqi insurgent entered US as a refugee under a false name**

Congress is investigating how a former Iraqi insurgent who entered America as a refugee under a false name managed to get past the country's vetting system. Early this week the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee's Chairman Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) sent a letter to Attorney....

*ibtimes-uk 09 Mar 2017*

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/former-iraqi-insurgent-entered-us-refugee-under-false-name-1610657>

## **U.S. Congress to Discuss Bill Against Sending Troops to Syria**

The group that arrived to Syrian soil this week without the approval of the Damascus government, is part of the Eleventh Expeditionary Unit of the USMC, transferred this week by air from Djibouti to Kuwait and from there to areas near the city of Raqqa, bastion of the Islamic State (IS), where an offensive is prepared against that extremist group.

*plenglish 10 Mar 2017*

<http://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=rn&id=10280&SEO=u.s.-congress-to-discuss-bill-against-sending-troops-to-syria>

## **U.S. Is Sending 400 More Troops to Syria**

The United States is sending an additional 400 troops to Syria to help prepare for the looming fight for Raqqa, the capital of the Islamic State's self-proclaimed caliphate, American officials said on Thursday. The increase, which includes a team of Army Rangers and a Marine artillery....

*nytimes 09 Mar 2017*

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/09/world/middleeast/us-troops-syria.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

### **Asia**

#### **Syria**

## **Twin bombings kill 44 in Damascus Old City**

"There are also dozens of people wounded, some of them in a serious condition," Observatory chief Rami Abdel Rahman told AFP. The director general of the capital's Al-Mujtahed hospital told AFP earlier there were at least 28 people dead and 45 wounded.

afp-english 11 Mar 2017

<https://www.afp.com/en/news/23/twin-bombings-kill-44-damascus-old-city>

### **Des dizaines de morts dans un double attentat à Damas**

Ce samedi, un double attentat a fait au moins 44 morts, dont des pèlerins chiites irakiens, dans la Vieille ville de Damas, selon l'Observatoire syrien des droits de l'homme (OSDH). Il s'agit de l'une des attaques les plus sanglantes au coeur de la capitale syrienne ces dernières années.

rfi-fr 11 Mar 2017

<http://www.rfi.fr/moyen-orient/20170311-dizaines-morts-double-attentat-damas>

## **Europe**

### **France**

### **Hollande rend hommage aux victimes de Mohamed Merah**

«C'est toute la France qui a été agressée», a affirmé le président, samedi. Cinq ans après les attentats de Toulouse et Montauban, des commémorations auront lieu jusqu'au 19 mars, en hommage aux sept personnes abattues par le «tueur au scooter». Ces attaques avaient fait basculer le pays dans une nouvelle forme de terrorisme.

lefigaro 11 Mar 2017

<http://www.lefigaro.fr/actualite-france/2017/03/11/01016-20170311ARTFIG00006-cinq-ans-apres-les-attentats-de-mohamed-merah-la-france-se-souvient.php>

### **Cinq ans après l'affaire Merah : "Pas le droit de baisser les bras", dit la mère de l'une des victimes**

Cela fait cinq ans, samedi 11 mars, que le sergent chef Imad Ibn-Ziaten a été tué par Mohamed Merah à Toulouse . Il était la toute première victime du tueur au scooter, qui a, au total, abattu sept personnes, dont trois enfants. Pour Latifa Ibn-Ziaten , la mère d'Imad, cette commémoration est "très....

francetvinfo 11 Mar 2017

[http://www.francetvinfo.fr/faits-divers/terrorisme/attaques-du-13-novembre-a-paris/victimes-des-attentats-a-paris/cinq-ans-de-l-affaire-merah-pas-le-droit-de-baisser-les-bras-dit-la-mere-d-une-des-victimes\\_2091813.html#xtor=RSS-3-%5bletitres%5d](http://www.francetvinfo.fr/faits-divers/terrorisme/attaques-du-13-novembre-a-paris/victimes-des-attentats-a-paris/cinq-ans-de-l-affaire-merah-pas-le-droit-de-baisser-les-bras-dit-la-mere-d-une-des-victimes_2091813.html#xtor=RSS-3-%5bletitres%5d)

## **Germany**

### **Police close German shopping centre after tip-off about imminent attack**

Police ordered a shopping centre in western Germany not to open on Saturday after receiving credible tips of an imminent attack. The mall and adjacent car park in the city of Essen stayed closed as about 100 officers - many armed with machine pistols and bullet-proof vests - positioned themselves around the complex to prevent anyone from entering.

breakingnews-ie 11 Mar 2017

<http://www.breakingnews.ie/world/police-close-german-shopping-centre-after-tip-off-about-imminent-attack-781155.html>

### **Un centre commercial fermé par crainte d'un attentat**

La police poursuivait samedi midi son intervention dans un centre commercial de la ville d'Essen, dans l'ouest de l'Allemagne, fermé depuis le matin en raison d'une menace

d'attentat, a indiqué la police locale dans un communiqué. "De nombreux effectifs sont toujours déployés sur le site, il s'agit....

*ladepeche 11 Mar 2017*

<http://www.ladepeche.fr/article/2017/03/11/2534026-allemagne-un-centre-commercial-ferme-par-crainte-d-un-attentat.html>

## **UK**

### **Who are the 10 most famous international white extremists?**

New data has revealed that a record number of white suspects were arrested in the UK on suspicion of terrorism after a rise in far-right extremism. Official statistics from the Home Office published on Thursday (9 March) reveal that 91 out of a total 260 people held on suspicion of terrorism offences in 2016 were white.

*ibtimes-uk 11 Mar 2017*

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/white-terrorism-who-are-10-most-famous-international-white-extremists-1611055>

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