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AFRICAN UNION

UPDF Awarded for Good Work in Somalia

UPDF battle group 22 which has been serving under African Union Mission in Somalia commonly known as AMISOM commanded by Col Bernard Tuhamé has been awarded medals of honor by the mission. The troops that recently completed their tour of duty were honored in a ceremony held in Mogadishu and attended....

allafrica 12:40:00 AM CET

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201712110714.html>

Déradicalisation, Task force voulue par la France en Libye, circulation des armes et traite humaine en Afrique : Les éclairages de Smail Chergui

Lors d'une rencontre improvisée avec la presse en marge du séminaire de haut niveau sur le thème « Réponses efficaces et durables contre le terrorisme : Approche régionale » le commissaire pour la paix et sécurité de l'Union africaine, Smaïl Chergui est revenu sur les principales questions abordées et examinées.

elmoudjahid 11 Dec 2017

<http://www.elmoudjahid.com/fr/actualites/117755>

EAST AFRICA

Kenya

Kenya disputes UN claim that KDF killed 40 Somali civilians

A UN reports says Al-Shabaab has been responsible for 2,723 civilian casualties in the last 22 months, while Amisom is responsible for 4,585 civilian casualties.

nation-ke 11 Dec 2017

<http://www.nation.co.ke/news/Kenya-disputes-UN-claim-that-KDF-killed-40-civilians-in-Somalia/1056-4224054-3bgtjuz/index.html>

Somalia

Six Al-Shabaab Fighters Surrender to Somali Govt

Six Al-Shabab fighters surrendered to Somali government forces in Dinsor town on Thursday along with their weapons, Radio Dalsan reports. The militants came along with the improvised "technical" vehicle South West State officials told Radio Dalsan reporter in Baidoa. The surrender followed days of negotiations through elders.

allafrica 12:40:00 AM CET

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201712080280.html>

Somali Forces Drive Al-Shabaab Out of Fresh Areas in Gedo

Somalia security forces have captured several rural areas in Somalia's southwestern Gedo region from Al-Shabaab, an official said Monday. "The government troops retook locations between Garbaharey and Bardere and are now in full control," Abdi Ali Mohamed, a Somali military official in the region, told Radio Shabelle.

allafrica 12:40:00 AM CET

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201712110796.html>

Car bomb kills journalist in Somalia capital, says witness

A Somali journalist has been killed by a car bomb in the capital late Monday, says a fellow journalist. Mohamed Ibrahim, a news presenter for Kalsan TV, died at a hospital after being injured by a bomb concealed in his car in Mogadishu's Wadajir district, said Ahmed Mohamed, who works for the same broadcaster.

nzherald 11 Dec 2017

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=11957858&ref=rss

Two People Including Govt Soldiers Shot Dead in Mogadishu

At least two people, among them a Somali government soldier was shot dead in separate incidents in Mogadishu on Saturday night. A witness said gunmen thought to be Al Shabaab assassins have executed the soldier in an area located around former US embassy in Mogadishu's Wadajir district.

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<http://allafrica.com/stories/201712110637.html>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon

Small Army Post Supports Counterterrorism Fight in Africa

At an Army outpost in a sun-scorched area of northern Cameroon, there's a small task force with larger implications than its size may suggest. With about 200 soldiers, airmen and contractors, the unit supports....

globalsecurity 6:03:00 AM CET

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2017/12/mil-171211-afps03.htm>

Two dead in suicide bombing in Cameroon mosque

Two people were killed on Monday when a suicide bomber attacked a mosque in far northern Cameroon, a region that has been shaken by attacks blamed on Nigeria's Boko Haram jihadists, sources said. "A suicide bomber blew himself up this morning in a mosque in Kerawa," on the border with Nigeria, a regional security official reached by AFP said.

punchng 11 Dec 2017

<http://punchng.com/two-dead-in-suicide-bombing-in-cameroon-mosque/>

Deux morts dans un attentat dans une mosquée

Deux civils ont été tués lundi dans un attentat-suicide dans une mosquée de l'extrême-nord du Cameroun, où les attaques imputées aux jihadistes nigériens de Boko Haram

sont fréquentes, a-t-on appris de sources concordantes. "Un kamikaze s'est fait exploser ce matin (lundi) dans une mosquée de....

lorientlejour 11 Dec 2017

<https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1089008/cameroun-deux-morts-dans-un-attentat-dans-une-mosquee.html>

Central African Republic

Clashes in northern C. African Republic threaten security plan

Central African Republic's beleaguered government to reassert control in the north of the country were in difficulties on Monday after clashes marred the return of the state's top representative to a key city. Colonel Augustin Tombou was formally installed on....

digitaljournal 8:46:00 AM CET

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/clashes-in-northern-c-african-republic-threaten-security-plan/article/509722>

Centrafrique: sept morts à Bangui dans une altercation entre groupes d'autodéfense

Une altercation entre deux groupes d'"autodéfense" a fait sept morts ce lundi dans le quartier du PK5 à Bangui, qui est le quartier musulman de la capitale centrafricaine. Un membre d'un groupe armé a été tué lundi matin, entraînant des représailles faisant trois autres victimes, a indiqué un responsable des services de sécurité.

rtl-BE 11 Dec 2017

http://www.rtl.be/info/monde/international/centrafrique-sept-morts-a-bangui-dans-une-altercation-entre-groupes-d-autodefense-978295.aspx?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+RTLInternational+%28RTL+info+%3E++Monde%29

Democratic Republic of Congo

UN peacekeepers honour 14 troops killed in DR Congo

The UN force in Democratic Republic of Congo on Monday paid tribute to troops who were killed last week, in the peacekeepers' biggest single loss in nearly a quarter of a century. Tanzanian and Nepalese troops formed a guard for 14 coffins, draped with the Tanzanian flag, in a ceremony near Beni, in North Kivu province.

digitaljournal 11 Dec 2017

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/un-peacekeepers-honour-14-troops-killed-in-dr-congo/article/509719>

WEST AFRICA

Burkina Faso

La torture, les violences commises par des milices et les mariages précoces dominant les inquiétudes en matière de droits humains à l'approche de l'examen de l'ONU

Les autorités du Burkina Faso doivent trouver une solution aux violences commises par des groupes d'autodéfense, ouvrir une enquête sur des actes de torture présumés commis par la police et protéger les femmes et les filles exposées à des risques de mariage précoce, a déclaré Amnesty International....

reliefWeb 2:30:00 AM CET

<https://reliefweb.int/report/burkina-faso/burkina-faso-la-torture-les-violences-commises-par-des-milices-et-les-mariages>

Mali

Le Conseil de sécurité des Nations unies a donné son feu vert vendredi soir aux Casques bleus déployés au Mali afin...

Le Conseil de sécurité des Nations unies a donné son feu vert vendredi soir aux Casques bleus déployés au Mali afin qu'ils apportent un soutien logistique et opérationnel à la force antiterroriste mise en place par cinq pays du Sahel.

cridem 11 Dec 2017

http://www.cridem.org/C_Info.php?article=705577

Nord du Mali : Iyad Ag Ghaly menace à nouveau

Le terroriste Iyad Ag Ghaly fait encore parler de lui à nouveau. Il écarte toute négociation et veut en découdre avec le Mali. La montée en puissance de l'armée malienne et l'opérationnalisation de la Force conjointe du G5 Sahel n'ont rien changé dans la volonté des groupes armés dans le Nord et le Centre du pays.

maliweb 3:27:00 AM CET

<http://www.maliweb.net/la-situation-politique-et-securitaire-au-nord/nord-mali-iyad-ag-ghaly-menace-a-nouveau-2719302.html>

Prévention et lutte contre l'extrémisme violent : Le REJEFPO renforce ses membres

La Maison des Jeunes de Bamako abrite du 11 au 14 décembre 2017, l'atelier de renforcement des capacités des jeunes femmes leaders des organisations membres du réseau des jeunes femmes leaders des partis politiques et des organisation de la société civile (REJEFPO).

maliweb 3:27:00 AM CET

<http://www.maliweb.net/societe/prevention-lutte-contre-lextrémisme-violent-rejefpo-renforce-membres-2718972.html>

Nigeria

Three Villagers Reportedly Killed, 10 Others Abducted in Niger Villages

Three villagers were reported to have been killed and 10 others abducted in some villages in the Munya Local Government Area of Niger State. A report from the area also had it that several villages in the local government area had been taken over by unknown persons.

allafrica 12:40:00 AM CET

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201712110077.html>

Six Nigerian soldiers killed in Boko Haram ambushes

At least six soldiers died in two separate Boko Haram ambushes in northeast Nigeria, military and civilian militia sources said on Monday. Four troops were killed and 12 injured on Sunday when their convoy was attacked near Damboa, 90 kilometres (56 miles) from Maiduguri, the capital of Borno state.

nrguardiannews 11 Dec 2017

<http://guardian.ng/news/six-nigerian-soldiers-killed-in-boko-haram-ambushes/>

Fresh strategies to curb Boko Haram underway

The newly deployed Theater Commander for Operation Lafiya Dole, Major Gen Rogers Nicholas has vowed to unveil fresh counter-insurgency mechanisms to curb the lingering suicide bombings being waged by the Boko Haram elements in Borno state. Major Gen.

peoplesdaily-online 11 Dec 2017

<http://www.peoplesdailynigeria.com/fresh-strategies-to-curb-boko-haram-underway-nicholas/>

Boko Haram: NAF re-strategizes with new commanders, fighter jets

The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) has announced the appointment of new Air Task Force Commander for "Lafia Dole" in the ongoing country insurgency operations in the north east. Similarly, the NAF has appointed three Divisional Air Liaison Officers (DALO) for the 3,....

sunnewsonline 11 Dec 2017

<http://sunnewsonline.com/boko-haram-naf-re-strategizes-with-new-commanders-fighter-jets/>

Boko Haram: UN allocates \$13.4 million for North East

The United Nations, through the Nigeria Humanitarian Fund, has allocated \$13.4 million to help thousands of children, women and men in need of urgent humanitarian assistance in crisis-hit north-east Nigeria. A statement from the UN said, the humanitarian emergency in northeastern Nigeria is one of the most severe in the world today, with 8.

dailypost 11 Dec 2017

<http://dailypost.ng/2017/12/11/boko-haram-un-allocates-13-4-million-north-east/>

PMB and the anti- terrorism coalition

The negative consequences for Nigeria of the exploits of the Boko Haram terrorists rankled many a Nigerian, no less President Muhammadu Buhari. For this reason, during the campaign that brought him to office, Buhari or PMB as he has come to be known prioritized national security and the fight against terrorism i.

peoplesdaily-online 3:27:00 AM CET

<http://www.peoplesdailyng.com/pmb-and-the-anti-terrorism-coalition/>

How We Eliminated Five Boko Haram Commanders

The immediate past Theatre Commander, Operation Lafiya Dole, Ibrahim Attahiru, has said that the army operations in the troubled North-east under his leadership eliminated five top Boko Haram leaders alongside 70 other terrorists in several confrontations.

saharareporters 8:43:00 AM CET

<http://saharareporters.com/2017/12/11/how-we-eliminated-five-boko-haram-commanders-%E2%80%93-general>

NORTH AFRICA

Egypt

New terror groups may increase Egyptian insecurity

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<https://dailybrief.oxan.com/Analysis/DB227389>

Freed prisoner witnessed radicalization in Egyptian jails

An Irish citizen recently acquitted after four years of being imprisoned in Egypt says he saw dozens of cellmates become radicalized and adopt views of the Islamic State group during his brutal captivity in overcrowded jails. Ibrahim Halawa, 21, was arrested after security forces broke....

nzherald 8:37:00 AM CET

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=11958386&ref=rss

Tunisia

Un soldat tunisien tué et six autres blessés dans le mont Chaâmbi, annonce le ministère de la Défense

Un soldat tunisien a été tué et six autres blessés dans l'explosion d'une mine coïncidant avec des échanges de tirs avec un groupe "terroriste" au niveau des massifs montagneux de Chaâmbi, au centre-ouest de Tunisie, près de la frontière avec l'Algérie, a annoncé lundi le....

panapress 10:48:00 AM CET

<http://www.panapress.com/pana-2-lang1-SOC-index.html>

INTERNATIONAL

Islamist terror groups in Africa and Middle East

The Sunni terrorist organization IS has significantly expanded its power base in a short space of time, bringing entire regions under its control. The ideological goal of ISIS is cemented in its name: "Islamic State in Iraq and Syria." Their objective is to create a large-scale theocracy made up....

deutschewelle-en 11 Dec 2017

<http://www.dw.com/en/islamist-terror-groups-in-africa-and-middle-east/a-17739751>

America

US

Terrorist attack: 27-year-old suspect arrested over Manhattan subway explosion

A 27-year-old man, Akayed Ullah, has been arrested for allegedly detonating a pipe bomb in a New York City subway station. It was gathered that the suspect had "an improvised low-tech explosive device attached to his body" with Velcro and zip ties made of Christmas lights, sugar and match heads in NYC subway tunnel.

dailypost 8:54:00 AM CET

<http://dailypost.ng/2017/12/12/terrorist-attack-27-year-old-suspect-arrested-manhattan-subway-explosion/>

Akayed's family lives in Dhaka, locals say

Arrested Akayed Ullah, who went to the US from Bangladesh in 2011 on a visa available to certain relatives of US citizens, was born and raised in Dhaka, villagers say. "His father Sanaullah left Sandwip at the age of 22 and came to Dhaka. He got married here and his son Akayed Ulla was born in....

thedailystarBD 8:51:00 AM CET

<http://www.thedailystar.net/country/new-york-suspect-bomber-akayed-ullah-family-lives-dhaka-bangladesh-locals-say-1503892>

ISIS targeted NYC weeks before Port Authority Bus Terminal blast

A pipe bomb explosion near the Port Authority Bus Terminal comes amid ISIS calls to attack Times Square during the Christmas season. Akayed Ullah, 27, reportedly was inspired by the terror cell. The bomb partially went off Monday as he walked through a subway passage near the bus terminal, authorities said.

nydailynews 11 Dec 2017

http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/manhattan/isis-targeted-nyc-weeks-port-authority-bus-terminal-blast-article-1.3691247?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+NydnRss+%28Top+Stories+-+NY+Daily+News%29

Boston steps up patrols after NYC bombing

The Latest on the explosion in Manhattan in an underground passageway (all times local): 1:10 p.m. Law enforcement is stepping up patrols at Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority train stations after a pipe bomb went off in a crowded subway corridor in New York City.

ABCnews 11 Dec 2017

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/latest-pipe-bomb-explodes-underground-passageway-51717174>

What to Know About the Attack in New York City Today

Authorities said a 27-year-old man set off an explosive device that was strapped to his body at New York City's Port Authority on Monday in a "terror-related" attack that

minimally injured three bystanders and seriously wounded the suspect. The suspect, who authorities identified as Akayed Ullah,....

news-yahoo 11 Dec 2017

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/know-attack-york-city-today-142101380.html>

6 Reasons Why Stopping Worldwide Terrorism Is So Challenging

A January 2017 Pew survey showed that Americans rate terrorism as the top priority for the Trump administration and Congress. They put the issue ahead of the economy, education, jobs and health care costs. For the past 12 years as Director of the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and....

ibtimes 11 Dec 2017

<http://www.ibtimes.com/6-reasons-why-stopping-worldwide-terrorism-so-challenging-2627067>

Asia

Pakistan

Militants attack patrol, killing 2 soldiers

Pakistan's army says militants opened fire on an army vehicle on patrol in the country's mountainous northwestern region near the Afghan border, killing two soldiers. Tuesday's statement says the military vehicle came under attack in the North Waziristan tribal region.

kansascity 8:52:00 AM CET

<http://www.kansascity.com/news/nation-world/article189283999.html#storylink=rss>

Syria

Fierce dispute between the Headquarters for the Liberation of Al-Sham and Al-Qaeda

Overview Recently, harsh words have been exchanged between Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri and the Headquarters for the Liberation of Al-Sham (formerly the Al-Nusra Front), indicating a widening rift between the two organizations . In the ITIC's assessment, the core of the dispute is the question....

terrorism-info 10 Dec 2017

<http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/en/fierce-dispute-headquarters-liberation-al-sham-al-qaeda/>

Russia begins troop withdrawal from Syria

Russia has begun a partial withdrawal of its troops in Syria under the order of President Vladimir Putin, local media reported on Tuesday. Putin announced the withdrawal during an unannounced visit to the Hmeymim military airfield in Syria on Monday.

xinhuanet_en 8:46:00 AM CET

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/12/c_136820023.htm

UAE

Religious leaders call UAE an example of tolerance

Top global religious leaders urged countries around the world to look at the UAE as an example of a nation that seeks religious and cultural tolerance, while helping combat

racism and hatred. During the fourth Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies, themed 'Global Peace and Islamophobia,' held....

khaleejtimes 11 Dec 2017

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/nation/abu-dhabi-religious-leaders-call-uae-an-example-of-tolerance-peace-forum>

Europe

France

Afrique de l'Ouest: Défense et sécurité - Un colloque consacré au G5 Sahel

L'Assemblée nationale française abritera, le 12 décembre, une rencontre intitulée "G5 Sahel : une initiative régionale pour une nouvelle architecture de paix?". La réunion a été initiée par la députée des Français établis hors de France, Amal Amelia Lakrafi, l'institut Themis et le....

allafrica-fr 11 Dec 2017

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201712111034.html>

L'ÉLYSÉE VEUT SA PARTICIPATION AU G5 SAHEL

Paris a assuré que «l'Algérie est associée et doit être associée au G5 Sahel». On assiste exactement au même scénario que celui de la fin de l'année 2012, quand la France et les États-Unis voulaient à tout prix convaincre Alger du bien-fondé d'une intervention militaire dans le nord du Mali. Bis repetita la fin de cette année 2017.

lexpressiondz 12:34:00 AM CET

<http://www.lexpressiondz.com/actualite/281748-fortes-pressions-sur-l-algerie.html>

Le G5 Sahel ou comment la France espère se désengager du Mali

Le président de la République, Emmanuel Macron, réunira mercredi au Château de La Celle-Saint-Cloud (78), une vingtaine de chefs de délégation en soutien au G5 Sahel. Angela Merkel participera à cette réunion, ainsi que des délégations saoudienne et émiratie.

lopinion-fr 6:46:00 AM CET

<https://www.lopinion.fr/edition/international/g5-sahel-comment-france-espere-se-desengager-mali-139681>

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