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### **EAST AFRICA**

#### **Somalia**

##### **American airstrike takes out vehicle filled with explosives headed near Somalian capital**

The U.S. military launched an airstrike against al-Shabaab in Somalia early Tuesday morning and destroyed a vehicle filled with explosives, U.S. Africa Command said. The airstrike was done in coordination with the Somali government and was against an al-Shabaab vehicle-borne improvised explosive device.

*washingtonexaminer 12 Dec 2017*

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/american-airstrike-takes-out-vehicle-filled-with-explosives-headed-near-somalian-capital/article/2643229>

##### **Somali journalist killed in front of children**

A Somali television journalist was killed by a car bomb in front of his children, relatives said, the fifth murder of a journalist in the war-torn country this year. Mohammad Ebrahim Gabow, a journalist working for Kalsan TV, had taken a break from work to spend time with his children.

*gulfnews 12 Dec 2017*

[http://gulfnews.com/news/mena/somalia/somali-journalist-killed-in-front-of-children-1.2139746?utm\\_source=Feeds&utm\\_medium=RSS&utm\\_campaign=Somali](http://gulfnews.com/news/mena/somalia/somali-journalist-killed-in-front-of-children-1.2139746?utm_source=Feeds&utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=Somali)

### **CENTRAL AFRICA**

#### **Central African Republic**

##### **combats dans le centre, un chef de groupe armé tué**

De violents affrontements ont lieu depuis dimanche à Ndassima, dans le centre de la Centrafrique, dans lesquels le chef d'un groupe armé anti-balaka a été tué. De violents affrontements ont lieu depuis dimanche à Ndassima, dans le centre de la Centrafrique, dans lesquels le chef d'un....

*centrafrique 1:15:00 AM CET*

<http://centrafrique-presse.over-blog.com/2017/12/centrafrique-combats-dans-le-centre-un-chef-de-groupe-arme-tue.html>

# **WEST AFRICA**

## **Mali**

### **Nouvelle mobilisation internationale pour le déploiement de la Force G5 Sahel**

Une réunion de haut niveau des chefs d'État des pays du G5 Sahel, du Président français Emmanuel Macron et de la Chancelière allemande Angela Merkel se tiendra ce mercredi à Paris. Objectif : renforcer la mobilisation internationale au profit de la nouvelle force conjointe antijihadiste G5 Sahel, pour accélérer son déploiement.

*mali-web 12 Dec 2017*

<http://mali-web.org/societe/mali-nouvelle-mobilisation-internationale-pour-le-deploiement-de-la-force-g5-sahel>

### **Au Sahel, Paris veut faire monter en ligne les armées africaines**

Pour Paris, l'appui à la «montée en puissance» de la force militaire des cinq pays du Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritanie, Niger, Tchad) contre les groupes terroristes est une priorité de son action extérieure. D'où l'enjeu de la réunion, présidée aujourd'hui par Emmanuel Macron à La Celle-Saint-Cloud et à laquelle doit participer Angela Merkel.

*lefigaro 12 Dec 2017*

<http://www.lefigaro.fr/international/2017/12/12/01003-20171212ARTFIG00274-au-sahel-paris-veut-faire-monter-en-ligne-les-armees-africaines.php>

### **Force du G5 Sahel : trouver sa place dans l'embouteillage sécuritaire**

Dix mois après son lancement, la Force conjointe du G5 Sahel (FC-G5S), initiative commune à cinq pays du Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritanie, Niger et Tchad), prend forme peu à peu. Elle s'appuie désormais sur deux résolutions du Conseil de sécurité des Nations unies, possède son propre quartier....

*afrik 12 Dec 2017*

[http://www.afrik.com/force-du-g5-sahel-trouver-sa-place-dans-l-embouteillage-securitaire?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+afrikfr+%28Afrik+VF%29](http://www.afrik.com/force-du-g5-sahel-trouver-sa-place-dans-l-embouteillage-securitaire?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+afrikfr+%28Afrik+VF%29)

## **Nigeria**

### **2 Teenage Girl Suicide Bombers Kill 4 in Nigeria's North**

A Nigerian official says two teenage girl suicide bombers attacked the town of Gwoza, in the country's north, killing at least four people. Col. Onyema Nwachukwu, spokesman for the Military Command and Control Center in Maiduguri, said Tuesday that the attack was carried out Monday evening.

*voanews 12 Dec 2017*

<https://www.voanews.com/a/two-teenage-girl-suicide-bombers-kill-4-in-nigeria-north/4160517.html>

### **Boko Haram: Nigerian troops exonerated of complicity in abuse of IDPs**

Buratai gave the following reports of sexual abuse of female IDPs. The women had accused some soldiers and members of civilian JTF, a local vigilance group, of demanding sex in exchange for favours. However, GAW said the development made it to initiate further scrutiny of the claims being made by....

*dailypost 12 Dec 2017*

<http://dailypost.ng/2017/12/12/boko-haram-nigerian-troops-exonerated-complicity-abuse-idps/>

### **Army denies suicide bomb attack in IDPs camp, ambush on soldiers in Borno**

The Nigerian Army on Tuesday dismissed as 'misleading', reports of a suicide bomb attack at an Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camp in Pulka community of Gwoza Local Government Area of Borno. The military also described as 'fictitious', the

purported killing of six soldiers by Boko Haram insurgents in an ambush on Damboa Road.

*vanguardngr 12 Dec 2017*

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2017/12/army-denies-suicide-bomb-attack-idps-camp-ambush-soldiers-borno/>

### **Boko Haram: NGO, WFP, FAO train 108 disabled persons in Borno**

A Borno-based NGO, Damnaish Human Capacity Building Initiative (DHCBI), said it had trained 108 disabled persons affected by the Boko Haram insurgency on various trades in the state. The Coordinator of the NGO, Ms Aisha Kidah, made the disclosure in an interview with newsmen on Tuesday in Maiduguri.

*vanguardngr 12 Dec 2017*

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2017/12/boko-haram-ngo-wfp-fao-train-108-disabled-persons-borno/>

### **Boko Haram kills 6 soldiers in Borno**

At least six soldiers died in two separate Boko Haram ambushes in Borno State, 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.

*peoplesdaily-online 12 Dec 2017*

<http://www.peoplesdailyng.com/boko-haram-kills-6-soldiers-in-borno/>

### **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 12 Dec 2017*

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

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Algeria**

#### **L’Afrique face aux défis des conflits armés, du terrorisme et du trafic des migrants**

Pour les participants, dont l’Algérie, qui aura à partager son expérience dans le domaine, il est question de trouver des réponses effectives et durables pour lutter contre le phénomène du terrorisme auquel sont confrontés de nombreux pays africains, déjà lourdement affectés par les phénomènes de....

*elwatan 10 Dec 2017*

[http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/l-afrique-face-aux-defis-des-conflits-armes-du-terrorisme-et-du-traffic-des-migrants-10-12-2017-358304\\_109.php](http://www.elwatan.com/actualite/l-afrique-face-aux-defis-des-conflits-armes-du-terrorisme-et-du-traffic-des-migrants-10-12-2017-358304_109.php)

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Asia**

#### **Bangladesh**

#### **New York bomber had no criminal record in Bangladesh: police**

The Bangladeshi ISIS sympathiser who detonated a homemade pipe bomb in New York City’s subway had no criminal record back home, a police official said today, even as Dhaka vowed “zero tolerance” against terrorism. Akayed Ullah, 27, set off the crude bomb strapped to his body in the crowded subway....

*expressindia 12 Dec 2017*

<http://indianexpress.com/article/world/new-york-bomber-had-no-criminal-record-in-bangladesh-police-4979440/>

## **Bangladesh questions family of man accused of NYC attack**

Bangladesh counterterrorism officers are questioning the wife and other relatives of a man accused of carrying out a bomb attack in New York City's subway system, officials said Tuesday. Bangladesh's government condemned the attack, saying it opposes all forms of terrorism and violent extremism.

WashingtonPost 12 Dec 2017

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the\\_americas/bangladesh-condemns-us-attack-in-which-citizen-is-suspect/2017/12/11/02f2de7e-deef-11e7-b2e9-8c636f076c76\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/bangladesh-condemns-us-attack-in-which-citizen-is-suspect/2017/12/11/02f2de7e-deef-11e7-b2e9-8c636f076c76_story.html)

## **Europe**

### **France**

## **Les enjeux de la réunion du G5 Sahel à La Celle Saint-Cloud, près de Paris**

Les cinq chefs d'Etat du Sahel ont rendez-vous près de Paris, à La Celle Saint-Cloud, ce mercredi 13 décembre. A l'invitation d'Emmanuel Macron, les présidents du Mali, de Mauritanie, du Burkina Faso du Tchad et du Niger se retrouveront autour de la chancelière allemande Angela Merkel, du président....

abamako 7:57:00 AM CET

<http://news.abamako.com/h/176328.html>

## **International Organisations**

**EU: Streamline databases to fight terror** The proposed service would allow border guards and police to simultaneously search multiple systems across the EU to verify identity documents. EU officials hope part of the system will become operational next year.

The European Commission on Tuesday revealed plans to link together its border, visa and fingerprint databases to close information gaps and better combat terrorism and international crime. In particular, the Commission hopes it will reduce the chances that a terrorist with multiple identities might....

deutschewelle-en 12 Dec 2017

<http://www.dw.com/en/eu-proposes-to-streamline-databases-across-bloc-to-reduce-terror-attacks/a-41763978>

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