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### **EAST AFRICA**

#### **Kenya**

##### **Amisom Holds Peace Resolution Workshop**

AMISOM opened a three-day training Monday to build and strengthen the capacity of Somali stakeholders in conflict negotiation, resolution and management. The workshop in Nairobi is being attended by 21 Somali participants including state ministers, former MPs, government officials, clan elders and representatives of civil society.

*allafrica 3:09:00 AM CET*

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201703080390.html>

##### **Two women arrested for failing to inform police of their friend who left for Somalia**

Two women who failed to inform police of their friend who had traveled to Somalia to join terror group Al-Shabaab have been arrested. Eunice Wanjiku Wachira and Caroline Mwangi are expected to be charged in a Nairobi court Monday, for failing to disclose information relevant in securing the arrest....

*standardmedia 12 Mar 2017*

<http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001232418/two-women-arrested-for-failing-to-inform-police-of-their-friend-who-left-for-somalia>

##### **Seven suspects arrested in Malindi were funding al Shabaab**

The six terror suspects arrested in Malindi on Friday night are believed to have been financing al Shabaab, officers have said. Those arrested were Salim Abdulkarim, his wife Nuru Swaleh, their daughters Fatma Salim, Feiruz Salim and Khadija Namaan and relative Abdulkarim Salim who was nabbed in Majengo.

*thestarkenya 12 Mar 2017*

[http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/03/12/seven-suspects-arrested-in-malindi-were-funding-al-shabaab-police\\_c1523069](http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/03/12/seven-suspects-arrested-in-malindi-were-funding-al-shabaab-police_c1523069)

#### **Somalia**

##### **AMISOM Takes Stock of Its Operations in Somalia**

The AU Special Representative for Somalia and Head of AMISOM Ambassador Francisco Caetano Madeira told a high-level meeting of AU officials, donors and other stakeholders, that the current arrangement that relies on military onslaught against the Al Shabaab militants may not achieve its desired....

*allafrica 12 Mar 2017*

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201703100383.html>

### **Media worker wounded in car bomb blast in capital**

A journalist says a technician with his television station has been wounded in a car bomb blast in Somalia's capital.

*sioixcityjournal 12 Mar 2017*

[http://sioixcityjournal.com/news/world/somalia-media-worker-wounded-in-car-bomb-blast-in-capital/article\\_c0ef7bc1-aba2-5512-ba5d-218ebcc6e874.html](http://sioixcityjournal.com/news/world/somalia-media-worker-wounded-in-car-bomb-blast-in-capital/article_c0ef7bc1-aba2-5512-ba5d-218ebcc6e874.html)

### **Sudan**

#### **Sudan and UNDP launching project against 'Extremism'**

Sudan's National Commission for Counter Terrorism (SNCCT), in cooperation with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), on Thursday launched the project of Partnering Against Violent Extremism (PAVE) in presence of Sudan's First Vice-President and Prime Minister Bakri Hassan Saleh.

*coastweek 12 Mar 2017*

<http://www.coastweek.com/4010-Sudan-and-UNDP-launch-PAVE-project-against-violent-extremism.htm>

### **South Sudan**

#### **South Sudan rebels say they've abducted 2 Indian engineers**

South Sudan's armed opposition says it has abducted two Indian engineers and accused them of working with the government.

*sioixcityjournal 11 Mar 2017*

[http://sioixcityjournal.com/news/world/south-sudan-rebels-say-they-ve-abducted-indian-engineers/article\\_621110af-bed4-5175-a71a-84215c6ab6ac8.html](http://sioixcityjournal.com/news/world/south-sudan-rebels-say-they-ve-abducted-indian-engineers/article_621110af-bed4-5175-a71a-84215c6ab6ac8.html)

### **Uganda**

#### **Inside the Green Berets' Hunt for One of World's Most Brutal Warlords**

But in recent years, the LRA splintered into small groups, its members traversing the long borders between Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and South Sudan to escape their pursuers. Uganda is wearying of the LRA fight. Last year, officials announced they were ready to pull their forces out of the hunt.

*nbcnews 12 Mar 2017*

[http://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/inside-green-berets-hunt-warlord-joseph-kony-n726076?cid=public-rss\\_20170312](http://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/inside-green-berets-hunt-warlord-joseph-kony-n726076?cid=public-rss_20170312)

### **CENTRAL AFRICA**

#### **Central African Republic**

##### **Un Casque bleu sénégalais tué**

Un Casque bleu sénégalais a été tué à Bangui "par des individus armés non identifiés", a indiqué jeudi la Mission des Nations unies en Centrafrique (Minusca), qui a ouvert une enquête pour "déterminer les circonstances" de sa mort. "L'agression a eu lieu mercredi soir et le Casque bleu est décédé....

*slateafrigue 10 Mar 2017*

<http://www.slateafrigue.com/727004/centrafrique-un-casque-bleu-senegalais-tue->

### **WEST AFRICA**

#### **The culture of cybercrime in West Africa**

As part of its ongoing research into the cybercriminal underground markets of the world, Trend Micro researchers today released a report detailing Cybercrime in West Africa. This report leverages its partnership with Interpol to provide survey data and a deeper understanding of the region's cybercriminal ecosystem.

*tradearabia 12 Mar 2017*

[http://www.tradearabia.com/news/REAL\\_321860.html](http://www.tradearabia.com/news/REAL_321860.html)

## **Burkina Faso**

### **Les attaques terroristes ne pourront jamais faire plier notre peuple**

les attaques terroristes répétées dans la partie sahélienne du Burkina «ne pourront jamais faire plier notre peuple», a affirmé samedi, le président par intérim du Mouvement du peuple pour le progrès (MPP, au pouvoir), Salifou Diallo, à l'ouverture du 2e congrès ordinaire du parti, à Ouagadougou.

*aouaga 12 Mar 2017*

<http://news.aOuaga.com/h/106924.html>

## **Côte d'Ivoire**

### **Un an après l'attentat de Grand-Bassam, où en est l'enquête?**

En Côte d'Ivoire, une cérémonie d'hommage aux 19 victimes de Grand-Bassam va avoir lieu ce lundi matin 13 mars et une minute de silence sera respectée à 12h45.

*rfi-fr 5:13:00 AM CET*

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrigue/20170313-cote-ivoire-an-apres-attentat-grand-bassam-est-enquete>

### **Soirée d'hommage avant une grande cérémonie, un an après l'attaque à Grand Bassam**

Un "Gala de la vie" en hommage aux victimes avait lieu samedi soir à Grand Bassam, à l'avant-veille d'une grande cérémonie du souvenir, un an après l'attaque du 13 mars 2016 qui avait fait 19 morts.

*12 Mar 2017*

<http://www.jeuneafrique.com/412066/politique/cote-divoire-soiree-dhommage-an-apres-lattaque-a-grand-bassam/>

## **Mali**

### **La dynamique de partenariat militaire de contrôle transfrontalier**

La situation sécuritaire au Sahel a été marquée ces dernières semaines par l'embuscade meurtrière contre une patrouille des forces armées nigériennes en mission de reconnaissance dans la région de Tiloa. Ce qui atteste la capacité de nuisance des groupes terroristes en menant des actions indirectes.

*allafrica-fr 12 Mar 2017*

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201703110162.html>

## **Nigeria**

### **Nigeria to validate plan for de-radicalisation and countering Boko Haram**

The Federal Government has in furtherance of its efforts to prevent and counter violent extremism in Nigeria, concluded plans to validate the framework and National Action Plan (NAP) for deradicalisation and countering of extremist groups like Boko Haram terrorists.

*panapress 12 Mar 2017*

<http://dailypost.ng/2017/03/11/boko-haram-nigeria-set-validate-framework-action-plan/>

### **Two female bombers killed in foiled attack in Nigeria**

Civilian vigilantes foiled a suicide attack on the outskirts of Nigeria's flashpoint city of Maiduguri, killing two teenaged female bombers, police said on Sunday. Boko Haram's

Islamist insurgency has frequently used young women and girls to stage suicide bombings. "Two female suicide bombers, about 18 years of age.

nna-en 12 Mar 2017

<http://nna-leb.gov.lb/en/show-news/76497/Two-female-bombers-killed-in-foiled-attack-in-Nigeria>

### **Security Operatives intercepts Pregnant Suicide Bomber, Other in Borno**

Security operatives and members of Civilian JTF volunteer group have intercepted a pregnant suicide bomber and another woman in Borno State. The two female suicide bombers were subdued when they refused to surrender and attempted to attack a security post.

dailytrust 12 Mar 2017

<http://www.dailytrust.com.ng/news/general/security-operatives-intercepts-pregnant-suicide-bomber-other-in-borno/188862.html>

### **Nigerian gov't forces rescue 211 hostages from Boko Haram**

Nigerian government forces in the northeastern state of Borno have rescued 211 civilians from the Boko Haram group, the army authorities said Sunday. Troops of 22 Brigade Garrison, Operation Lafiya Dole, rescued the victims during an operation in Cingal Murye and Maja....

xinhuanet\_en 12 Mar 2017

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/12/c\\_136123003.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/12/c_136123003.htm)

### **Attentat suicide déjoué au Nigeria, deux femmes tuées**

Des membres de comités d'auto-défense ont déjoué un attentat suicide à Maiduguri, le berceau du groupe islamiste Boko Haram dans le nord-est du Nigeria, tuant deux jeunes femmes qui voulaient se faire exploser, a déclaré dimanche la police. "Deux femmes kamikazes âgées d'environ 18 ans ont....

romandie 12 Mar 2017

<http://www.romandie.com/news/Attentat-suicide-dejoue-au-Nigeria-deux-femmes-tuees/779528.rom>

### **Senegal**

### **Des élus locaux africains plaident pour un programme de prévention locale de l'extrémisme violent (Xinhua)**

Les élus locaux des villes et des communautés d'Afrique de l'Ouest, du Sahel et de la Grande Corne de l'Afrique ont plaidé jeudi à Dakar pour la mise sur pied d'un programme de prévention locale de l'extrémisme violent. Ces élus locaux, membres du Réseau des Villes fortes ou "Strong city network"....

aouaga 11 Mar 2017

<http://news.aOuaga.com/h/106911.html>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Tunisia**

### **Policeman killed in checkpoint attack in southern Tunisia**

Islamist militants attacked a checkpoint in a town in southwest Tunisia early on Sunday, killing a policeman and wounding three others, security officials said. Two militants were also killed in an exchange of fire during the attack in Kebili, which lies on the edge of Tunisia's....

reuters-af 12 Mar 2017

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFKBN16J0EE-OZATP>

### **Attaque terroriste dans le Sud, un policier et deux assaillants tués**

Un groupe armé a attaqué dans la nuit de samedi à dimanche un poste de contrôle de sécurité dans le sud de la Tunisie. Un policier et deux terroristes ont été tués. Un groupe armé a attaqué un checkpoint à Kebili, dans....

*france24 12 Mar 2017*

<http://www.france24.com/fr/20170312-tunisie-attaque-terroriste-sud-policier-assaillants-tues>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Asia**

#### **Afghanistan**

##### **Complicités internes dans l'hôpital attaqué**

Les récits des rescapés confirment des complicités internes, notamment médicales, dans l'attaque de l'hôpital militaire pourtant hautement sécurisé mercredi à Kaboul: un sérieux revers pour les services de sécurité et de renseignements afghans. Par ailleurs, plusieurs témoignages recueillis par....

*leparisien 12 Mar 2017*

<http://www.leparisien.fr/flash-actualite-monde/afghanistan-complices-internes-dans-l-hopital-attaque-12-03-2017-6755862.php#xtor=RSS-1481423633>

#### **Bangladesh**

##### **Police boss refutes IS existence**

Pulling reference to the latest claim of Islamic State existence in Bangladesh, the country's police boss maintained a refusal to accept the presence of the Islamist terrorist outfit here.

*thedadlystarBD 8:23:00 AM CET*

<http://www.thedadlystar.net/city/police-boss-refutes-existence-1375225>

#### **China**

##### **Officials warn of global religious extremism threat to China**

Chinese officials are issuing new warnings about the specter of global religious extremism seeping into the country, following reports of fighters from China's Muslim minority fighting alongside militants in Syria and Iraq. Sharhat Ahan, a top political and legal affairs party official in Xinjiang ...

*cnbc 8:20:00 AM CET*

<http://www.cnbc.com/2017/03/13/officials-warn-of-global-religious-extremism-threat-to-china.html>

#### **India**

##### **Maoist Rebels Ambush and Kill 11 Police Officers in India**

Maoist rebels killed 11 Indian police officers and seized their automatic weapons and ammunition after ambushing a foot patrol on Saturday morning in the eastern state of Chattisgarh, according to a police official. The rebels first set off explosives and then unleashed a barrage of....

*nytimes 12 Mar 2017*

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/12/world/asia/maoist-rebels-ambush-and-kill-11-police-officers-in-india.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

#### **Iraq**

## **Iraqi forces capture over half of western Mosul**

More than half of territories in western Mosul from the Daesh terrorist group, according to a military spokesman. "Our forces have seized control of 65 percent of western Mosul," Brigadier-General Yahya Rasoul, spokesman for Iraq's joint operations command, told Anadolu Agency on Sunday.

*albawaba-en 12 Mar 2017*

<http://www.albawaba.com/news/iraqi-forces-capture-over-half-western-mosul-948826>

## **Tunnels under ancient Mosul mosque show how Islamic State saved some artefacts from destruction**

Extensive excavations by Islamic State militants under Mosul's ancient Mosque of Jonah show they took care to preserve artefacts for loot, a local archaeologist said, in sharp contrast to their public desecration of antiquities. The ultra-hardline Islamists seized the mosque when they stormed....

*scmp 8:27:00 AM CET*

<http://www.scmp.com/news/world/middle-east/article/2078372/tunnels-under-ancient-mosul-mosque-show-how-islamic-state>

## **Pakistan**

### **Insurgency, Counter-insurgency and Terrorism in Pakistan**

In Pakistan, there are three distinct categories of militants: the Afghan-centric Pashtun militants; the Kashmir-centric Punjabi militants; and the transnational terrorists, like al-Qaeda. Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), which is mainly comprised of Pashtun militants, carries out bombings against Pakistan's state apparatus.

*globalresearch 1:29:00 AM CET*

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/insurgency-counter-insurgency-and-terrorism-in-pakistan/5579291>

## **Philippine**

### **Duterte: If I declare martial law, I'll make sure terrorism will end**

President Rodrigo Duterte on Sunday said he will make sure to put an end to terrorism if ever he declares martial law in Mindanao. Speaking at the 35th anniversary of ruling PDP-Laban party, Duterte warned terrorists and drug addicts in Mindanao not to force him to declare martial law.

*abs-cbnnews 12 Mar 2017*

<http://news.abs-cbn.com/news/03/12/17/duterte-if-i-declare-martial-law-ill-make-sure-terrorism-will-end>

## **Saudi Arabia**

### **Saudi police kill another fugitive in raid on terrorists' shelters**

The Saudi Interior Ministry announced on Sunday that police forces killed another fugitive during a raid on hideouts of terrorists in the eastern Province of Al Awamiah. The ministry said in its statement that the raid targeted old, deserted houses in the area which terrorists were using as shelters.

*xinhuanet\_en 12 Mar 2017*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/12/c\\_136123151.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/12/c_136123151.htm)

## **Syria**

### **Death toll in Damascus bombings jumps to 74**

The toll from twin bombings targeting Shiite pilgrims in the centre of Damascus has risen to 74 dead, a monitor said on Sunday. Among the victims of Saturday's blasts were 43 Iraqi pilgrims who had come to the Syrian capital to visit Shiite shrines in Damascus's famed Old City, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

*gulfnews 12 Mar 2017*

[http://gulfnews.com/news/mena/syria/death-toll-in-damascus-bombings-jumps-to-74-1.1992668?localLinksEnabled=false&utm\\_source=Feeds&utm\\_medium=RSS&utm\\_term=News+RSS+feed&utm\\_content=1.1992668&utm\\_campaign=Death+toll+in+Damascus+bombings+jumps+to+74](http://gulfnews.com/news/mena/syria/death-toll-in-damascus-bombings-jumps-to-74-1.1992668?localLinksEnabled=false&utm_source=Feeds&utm_medium=RSS&utm_term=News+RSS+feed&utm_content=1.1992668&utm_campaign=Death+toll+in+Damascus+bombings+jumps+to+74)

### **Syrian alliance of Islamist factions says responsible for twin Damascus bombings**

Syrian alliance of Islamist factions says responsible for twin Damascus bombings. A Syrian alliance of Islamist jihadist groups known Tahrir al Sham said on Sunday it was responsible for two suicide attacks in the capital Damascus that killed and injured dozens of Shi'ite visitors.

*thestar-my 12 Mar 2017*

<http://www.thestar.com.my/news/world/2017/03/12/syrian-alliance-of-islamist-factions-says-responsible-for-twin-damascus-bombings/>

### **L'ex-branche d'Al-Qaïda revendique le double attentat qui a tué 74 personnes à Damas**

Des bus gravement endommagés témoignent de la puissance du double attentat meurtrier qui s'est produit ce samedi dans la capitale syrienne.

*leparisien 12 Mar 2017*

<http://www.leparisien.fr/international/syrie-l-ex-branche-d-al-qaida-revendique-le-double-attentat-qui-a-tue-74-personnes-a-damas-12-03-2017-6755799.php#xtor=RSS-1481423633>

### **Assad: Wrong European Policies towards Syria Led to Spread of Terrorism**

Syrian President Bashar Assad slammed policies adopted by European states towards Syria, stressing that such policies led to the spread of terrorism across the region and the world as well. As he received on Sunday a European parliamentary delegation, President Assad pointed out to the scale of the....

*almanar-en 8:29:00 AM CET*

<http://english.almanar.com.lb/211110>

## **Yemen**

### **Yemeni army closing in on Sana'a**

The Yemeni army is nearing the Arhab district and the capital, Sana'a, Brigadier General Abdou Abdullah Bamajalli, Spokesman of the Armed Forces and Consultant at the General Staff of Yemen, said Sunday. Bamajalli told the Yemen News Agency that battles are continuing in an effort to liberate the Nehim district just outside of Sana'a.

*gulfnews 12 Mar 2017*

[http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/yemen/yemeni-army-closing-in-on-sana-a-1.1992568?localLinksEnabled=false&utm\\_source=Feeds&utm\\_medium=RSS&utm\\_term=News+RSS+feed&utm\\_content=1.1992568&utm\\_campaign=Yemeni+army+closing+in+on+Sana%20%99a](http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/yemen/yemeni-army-closing-in-on-sana-a-1.1992568?localLinksEnabled=false&utm_source=Feeds&utm_medium=RSS&utm_term=News+RSS+feed&utm_content=1.1992568&utm_campaign=Yemeni+army+closing+in+on+Sana%20%99a)

## **Europe**

### **Belgium**

### **L'œuvre en mémoire des victimes des attentats en route vers Bruxelles**

L'œuvre d'art dédiée à la mémoire des victimes des attentats de Bruxelles, le 22 mars 2016, a été présentée à la presse dimanche aux ateliers Bouvy à Sainte-Cécile (province de Luxembourg). Un semi-remorque acheminera lundi une double structure monumentale pesant plus de 2 tonnes.

*lameuse 12 Mar 2017*

<http://www.lameuse.be/1806123/article/2017-03-12/l-oeuvre-en-memoire-des-victimes-des-attentats-en-route-vers-bruxelles>

## **France**

### **'Carlos The Jackal' Faces Paris Trial For 1974 Shop Bombing**

Ilyich Ramirez Sanchez, better known as "Carlos the Jackal," goes on trial in France for the 1974 terror bombing of a Paris shop that killed two people and injured 34. Three judges on March 13 will hear the trial of Carlos for the September 15, 1974, grenade attack on a drugstore in Paris's Saint-Germain-des-Pres section.

*rferl 12 Mar 2017*

<http://www.rferl.org/a/carlos-jackal-trial-1974-paris-bombing/28364678.html>

## **Germany**

### **Germany hunts possible contacts of mall attack plotter**

German police were searching Sunday for possible contacts of an IS fighter believed to be behind a terror plot against a major shopping mall. Authorities had ordered the Limbecker Platz mall in the central city of Essen shut on Saturday over "concrete information regarding a possible attack".

*GulfDailyNews 8:20:00 AM CET*

<http://www.gdnonline.com/Details/194214/Germany-hunts-possible-contacts-of-mall-attack-plotter>

### **German Police Rule Out Terrorism In Train Station Attack**

German police claim the ax-wielding attacker who injured 10 people at a Düsseldorf train station Thursday has "paranoid schizophrenia" and have ruled out "religious or political motives" for the assault. The 36-year-old Kosovo man living in Wuppertal, who remains unidentified, is suspected of starting his rampage at about 8:50 p.

*news-yahoo 12 Mar 2017*

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/german-police-rule-terrorism-train-163719719.html>

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