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#### AFRICAN UNION

##### **Decision on the report of the Peace and Security Council on its activities and the state of peace and security in Africa**

URGES the Malagasy parties to favour consensus with a view to establishing the conditions for a calm political climate that is conducive to the organisation of free, transparent and credible elections, in strict conformity with the provisions of the Malagasy Constitution.

*reliefWeb 12 Mar 2018*

<https://reliefweb.int/report/world/decision-report-peace-and-security-council-its-activities-and-state-peace-and-security>

#### CENTRAL AFRICA

##### Cameroon

###### **Cameroon Separatists Threaten to Kill Kidnapped Official**

The crisis in Cameroon's Anglophone regions continues to escalate. In a new video, a regional government official kidnapped by armed separatists says he will be executed if the government does not reveal the whereabouts of 47 detained separatist leaders.

*voanews 12 Mar 2018*

<https://www.voanews.com/a/cameroon-separatists-threaten-to-kill-kidnapped-official/4294904.html>

##### Chad

###### **Rex Tillerson ends Africa trip with focus on security**

US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson is ending his Africa trip with a short visit to Chad and Nigeria. During his visit to Chad, Tillerson hinted at the possibility of lifting the travel ban on Chad, which he said was an ally in the fight against terrorism.

*deutschewelle-en 12 Mar 2018*

<http://www.dw.com/en/rex-tillerson-ends-africa-trip-with-focus-on-security/a-42945580>

###### **Chad, a counterterror ally, still smarting over travel ban**

The United States came to central African nation of Chad on Monday seeking to strengthen a key counterterrorism partnership with a country that still can't figure out why the Trump administration seems adamant about keeping its citizens out of the U.S.

*bostonherald 12 Mar 2018*

[http://www.bostonherald.com/news/international/2018/03/chad\\_a\\_counterterror\\_ally\\_still\\_smarting\\_over\\_travel\\_ban](http://www.bostonherald.com/news/international/2018/03/chad_a_counterterror_ally_still_smarting_over_travel_ban)

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Burkina Faso**

#### **Un combattant d'Al-Mourabitoune suspecté d'être le coordonnateur des attentats de Ouaga**

Les services burkinabè ont identifié celui qu'ils considèrent comme le coordonnateur des attentats du vendredi 2 mars : il s'agit d'un combattant d'Al-Mourabitoune, déjà soupçonné d'être impliqué dans l'attaque contre le café Cappuccino, en janvier 2016.

*jeuneafrique 12 Mar 2018*

<http://www.jeuneafrique.com/mag/541100/politique/burkina-un-combattant-dal-mourabitoune-suspecte-detre-le-coordonnateur-des-attentats-de-ouaga/>

### **Mali**

#### **Centre du Mali, autour de Mopti, le nouveau front contre les Djihadistes**

Depuis plusieurs mois, la région de Mopti est le nouveau foyer djihadiste. C'est pourtant pour empêcher une « invasion djihadiste » par Mopti et une extension du conflit du nord....

*abamako 12 Mar 2018*

<http://news.abamako.com/h/184057.html>

#### **Nicolas Normand, ancien Ambassadeur de France au Mali : « Il faut essayer de récupérer les djihadistes qui peuvent l'être »**

Nicolas Normand, un connaisseur du Mali y est revenu lors de la 18ème édition du Forum de Bamako, organisé du 22 au 24 février, par la Fondation Forum de Bamako. Nicolas Normand, a dirigé la diplomatie française au Mali de 2002 à 2006. A l'époque, le Mali a organisé pour la première fois, le 23ème Sommet Afrique-France, présidé par Tiebilé Dramé.

*abamako 8:13:00 AM CET*

<http://news.abamako.com/h/184109.html>

### **Niger**

#### **Military reviews rules for helmet cams after Niger attack**

US military leaders are considering new guidelines for the use of helmet cameras on the battlefield after Islamic State-linked fighters in Niger exploited footage taken by a fallen American soldier to make a propaganda video that highlighted the killing of four US forces.

*egyptindependent 9:50:00 AM CET*

<http://www.egyptindependent.com/military-reviews-rules-helmet-cams-niger-attack/>

### **Nigeria**

#### **Tillerson vows US 'full support' for Nigeria in jihadism fight**

US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson on Monday slammed last month's mass abduction of schoolgirls in northern Nigeria and promised Washington's "full support" in the country's fight against Boko Haram jihadists. "The recent kidnapping of 110 schoolgirls is heartbreaking," Tillerson said on his....

*nation-ke 6:39:00 AM CET*

<https://www.nation.co.ke/news/africa/US-help-Nigeria-fight-Boko-Haram/1066-4339126-uw2xhgz/index.html>

### **What Tillerson said after meeting with Buhari**

US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson says his country will assist Nigeria with latest security equipment and intelligence sharing in its efforts towards the safe return of abducted Dapchi schoolgirls as well as the ongoing fight against Boko Haram. Tillerson stated this when he briefed newsmen....

*dailypost 7:37:00 AM CET*

<http://dailypost.ng/2018/03/13/tillerson-said-meeting-buhari/>

### **Buhari to Tillerson: Why we can't use force in search of Dapchi, Chibok girls**

President Muhammadu Buhari has said that his government did not apply military force to secure the release of the adopted Chibok and Dapchi secondary schools girls by the Boko Haram insurgents in order to rescue them alive.

*peoplesdaily-online 7:16:00 AM CET*

<http://www.peopledailyng.com/buhari-to-tillerson-why-we-cant-use-force-in-search-of-dapchi-chibok-girls/>

### **Nigeria plans to negotiate for release of 110 abducted Dapchi girls**

Nigeria's president says negotiation better than force; 110 girls abducted in Feb by suspected Boko Haram militants; Highest-profile mass abduction since 2014 Chibok kidnapping (Adds details, quotes, bullet points, alters headline) ABUJA, March 12 (Reuters) - Nigeria's presidency said on Monday it....

*reliefWeb 9:39:00 AM CET*

<https://reliefweb.int/report/nigeria/nigeria-plans-negotiate-release-110-abducted-dapchi-girls>

### **Chibok delegation to comfort parents of missing Dapchi schoolgirls**

A delegation from Chibok town is set to share experiences with parents of the 110 Dapchi schoolgirls. - A north east human rights activist known as Mama Boko Haram, Aisha Waki, discloses what the government should do to end insurgency in the northeast Nigeria.

*onlinenigeria 12 Mar 2018*

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/711319-chibok-delegation-to-comfort-parents-of-missing-dapchi-schoolgirls.html>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Algeria**

#### **Alger, capitale de la lutte contre le financement du terrorisme en avril**

Les 9 et 10 avril se tiendra à Alger une «réunion de haut niveau» des pays africains. Cette rencontre sera essentiellement consacrée au problème des sources de financement du terrorisme, a annoncé le ministre algérien des affaires Étrangères Abdelkader Messahel.

*almanar-fr 12 Mar 2018*

<http://french.almanar.com.lb/810702>

### **Asia**

### **Yemen**

### **Suicide bombing claimed by IS kills six in Yemen's Aden**

A suicide bombing claimed by the Islamic State group hit UAE-trained Yemeni troops in the government bastion of Aden on Tuesday, killing six people — including a child

— and wounding dozens. The attack in the north of the port city hit an army mess hall serving the so-called Security Belt brigade,....

*ngrguardiannews 12:03:00 PM CET*

<http://guardian.ng/news/suicide-bombing-claimed-by-is-kills-six-in-yemens-aden/>

## **Afghanistan**

### **Pakistan**

#### **Imam-e-Kaaba endorses Pakistan's fatwa against suicide attacks**

President Mamnoon Hussain being presented a copy of Holy Quran by Imam of Masjid Al-Haram H.E. Saleh Bin Muhammad Al Talib at Aiwan-e-Sadr. Imam-e-Kaaba Dr Saleh Bin Mohammad Al Talib on Monday endorsed the fatwa, or a religious decree, issued by more than 1,800 Pakistani....

*tribune 12 Mar 2018*

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1658089/1-imam-e-kaaba-endorses-pakistans-fatwa-suicide-attacks/>

## **Syria**

#### **US envoy warns Syria against chemical attacks**

Nikki Haley said that since the Security Council adopted a resolution 15 days ago demanding a cease-fire throughout Syria without delay there have been three allegations of chlorine gas attacks during a stepped up military campaign against rebels. "This is no cease-fire," she told the council on Monday.

*washtimes 12 Mar 2018*

[https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/mar/12/the-latest-us-envoy-warns-syria-against-chemical-a/?utm\\_source=RSS\\_Feed&utm\\_medium=RSS](https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/mar/12/the-latest-us-envoy-warns-syria-against-chemical-a/?utm_source=RSS_Feed&utm_medium=RSS)

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