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EAST AFRICA

Kenya

Two Cuban doctors serving in Kenya are abducted by suspected Islamic extremists

Police in Kenya and Somalia were scrambling Friday to rescue two Cuban doctors abducted that morning in the Kenyan border city of Mandera and taken into Somalia, Kenya police Inspector General Hillary N. Mutyambai confirmed. “Following the morning incident in Mandera County where two Cuban doctors....

kenyastar 1:14:00 AM CEST

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/cuba/article229197209.html>

Cuban doctors in Wajir and Garissa recalled

Cuban doctors who were abducted by suspected Al-shabaab militants. [File, Standard]
A day after two Cuban doctors were abducted in Mandera, their counterparts in Garissa

and Wajir counties were withdrawn. Security was beefed up in Mandera as security personnel....

standardmedia 13 Apr 2019

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001320875/cuban-doctors-in-wajir-and-garissa-recalled>

Tighten security in all parts of country

The national and county governments should review the security of all the Cuban doctors wherever they are deployed; Mandera, other northern counties and parts of the Coast have suffered seriously due to insecurity and especially terror attacks. But importantly, it is a statement of the general state of insecurity.

nation-ke 13 Apr 2019

<https://www.nation.co.ke/oped/editorial/Tighten-security-in-country/440804-5070568-c5hea2z/index.html>

Govt assures of country's security despite Cuban doctors' abduction

The government has assured of the country's security despite yesterday's abduction of two Cuban doctors from Mandera. The National Security Advisory Committee that held a meeting on Saturday assured that government....

capitalfm 13 Apr 2019

<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2019/04/govt-assures-of-countrys-security-despite-cuban-doctors-abduction/>

Kenya rules out ransom to Al Shabaab for release of Cuban doctors

“We would not encourage payment of ransom to criminals as a matter of procedure because that would encourage kidnappings. We'll use methods provided for in law while carrying out our duties,” he told a news conference in lake side city of Kisumu on Saturday, and welcomed an initiative by Somali....

capitalfm 12:08:00 PM CEST

<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2019/04/kenya-rules-out-ransom-to-al-shabaab-for-release-of-cuban-doctors/>

Somalia

At least four people wounded in grenade blast in Kismayo city

At least four people were reported to have been injured in Kismayo after unknown assailants hurled a grenade at a tea shop at Golol junction on Friday evening. Jubbaland

security forces arrived in the scene and launched an investigation into the incident which comes amid tight security in the coastal city, according to the residents.

shabelle 13 Apr 2019

<https://www.radioshabelle.com/at-least-four-people-wounded-in-grenade-blast-in-kismayo-city/>

Somali elders in talks with al-Shaabab over Cuban doctors

Mandera elders are in Somalia to negotiate with their counterparts the release of two Cuban doctors seized by suspected al Shabaab militants on Friday. Elders in the Somali community are highly regarded and have the ability to resolve dangerous and sometimes complex issues. At least 10 of them left for Somalia yesterday to start the talks.

thestarkenya 13 Apr 2019

<https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2019-04-13-somali-elders-in-talks-with-al-shabaab-over-cuban-doctors/>

Une frappe aérienne américaine tue 2 terroristes shebab dans le sud de la Somalie

Vendredi, l'armée américaine a indiqué avoir conduit une frappe aérienne jeudi dans le sud de la Somalie, qui a fait deux morts parmi les terroristes d'al-Shebab et a détruit une motocyclette. Le commandement militaire américain pour l'Afrique (AFRICOM) a dit dans un....

french-news 13 Apr 2019

http://french.xinhuanet.com/2019-04/13/c_137972646.htm

Inside Shabaab's gruesome abduction syndicate

Mrs Tebbutt spent six months in Shabaab captivity before she was released at a reported ransom of \$1.1 million. And in July 2017, Shabaab militants kidnapped Public Works Principal Secretary Marya Mariam El Maawy as she visited families in Boni Forest during an inspection of the Lapsset project.

nation-ke 10:16:00 AM CEST

<https://www.nation.co.ke/news/Inside-Shabaab-s-abduction-syndicate/1056-5070650-13uhie9/index.html>

Uganda

Uganda sends 1800 soldiers in new battle group to Somalia

The Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) of the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces (UPDF), Gen David Muhoozi, has flagged off Uganda Battle Group XXVII to Somalia. While addressing the 1,800 troops commanded by Col Kosiya Kuteesa and deputized by Col Rogers Okiror, the CDF counseled the combatants to use the....

shabelle 12 Apr 2019

<https://www.radioshabelle.com/uganda-sends-1800-soldiers-in-new-battle-group-to-somalia/>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Central African Republic

A Obo, les leaders religieux jouent l'apaisement pour éviter les violences

En Centrafrique, de nombreuses villes ont vu éclater de très violents affrontements : Bambari, Alindao, Batangafo. Des violences souvent issues de manipulations poussant les communautés à s'affronter. Obo est sans doute l'une des seules villes épargnées du pays.

rfi-fr 12 Apr 2019

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20190412-rca-obo-leaders-religieux-apaisement-violences>

Chad

Déby préoccupé par «la menace terroriste» dans l'espace sahélo-saharien

Le président du Tchad, Idriss Déby, a déploré, samedi à N'Djaména, l'insécurité rampante « dans bon nombre de pays de l'espace sahélo-saharien » avant d'appeler à une mobilisation pour conjurer cette menace, car, a-t-il souligné, la « prospérité » rime avec « sécurité, paix et stabilité ».

journaldumali 13 Apr 2019

<https://www.journaldumali.com/2019/04/13/deby-preoccupe-par-la-menace-terroriste-dans-lespace-sahelo-saharien/>

Democratic Republic of Congo

Lubumbashi : 2 morts après une incursion des Mai-Mai au quartier Plateau Mukunto

Deux Mai-Mai ont été tués vendredi 12 avril dans une incursion d'une trentaine de ces miliciens matin au quartier Plateau Mukunto dans la commune annexe à Lubumbashi.

Selon le chef du quartier, Léonard Kabondo Lenge, qui livre l'information à Radio Okapi, ces assaillants ont été repoussés par les éléments FARDC envoyés en renfort.

radiookapi 13 Apr 2019

https://www.radiookapi.net/2019/04/13/actualite/securite/lubumbashi-2-morts-apres-une-incursion-des-mai-mai-au-quartier-plateau?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29

WEST AFRICA

Burkina Faso

Abducted Italian, Canadian are alive, says Burkina govt

An Italian missionary abducted last September in Niger meanwhile may since have been briefly held in Burkina Faso, the spokesman added. Burkina Faso's government spokesman Remis Fulgance Dandjinou updated Italy's state television channel Rai on the hostages in an interview broadcast Friday evening.

BangkokPost 3:05:00 AM CEST

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/news/world/1661480/abducted-italian-canadian-are-alive-says-burkina-govt>

Le Burkina assure que l'Italien et la Canadienne disparus sont vivants

L'Italien et la Canadienne disparus en décembre au Burkina Faso ont été enlevés et ne sont pas en danger de mort mais ont vraisemblablement été conduits hors du pays, à annoncé le porte-parole du gouvernement burkinabé à la télévision publique italienne.

lorientlejour 13 Apr 2019

<https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1166317/le-burkina-assure-que-litalien-et-la-canadienne-disparus-sont-vivants.html>

7 soldats tués, une centaine de djihadistes arrêtés lors d'une opération "antiterroriste"

Une centaine de jihadistes ont été interpellés et sept soldats ont été tués depuis le lancement il y a un mois d'une opération "antiterroriste" dans l'Est du Burkina Faso, a indiqué l'armée burkinabè vendredi. L'armée a lancé le 7 mars l'opération "Otapuanu", "pluie de feu" ou "foudre"....

cridem 13 Apr 2019

http://www.cridem.org/C_Info.php?article=722249

Centre-Nord : 5 terroristes neutralisés par la gendarmerie de Namssiguia

Le poste de gendarmerie de Namssiguia dans la province du Bam, région du Centre-Nord a été attaqué dans la soirée de ce jeudi 11 avril 2019 a appris infowakat.net de sources sécuritaires. Selon notre source, c'est aux environs de 18 heures que des hommes armés non identifiés ont ouvert le feu sur le poste de gendarmerie de la petite localité de Namssiguia située sur l'axe Kongoussi-Djibo dans la province du Bam.

5:10:00 PM CEST

<https://infowakat.net/centre-nord-5-terroristes-neutralises-par-la-gendarmerie-de-namssiguia/>

Otapuanu: Notre plus grand regret est de nous battre contre nos propres frères.

La mission est accomplie. Ce jour 12 Avril 2019, dans une tente aménagée à cet effet dans les locaux de la 34ème RIA, le chef d'Etat Major des armés Moïse MINOUNGOU a reçu les hommes de médias pour présenter la situation actuelle de l'opération « otapuanu » en cours depuis le 07 Mars 2019.

5:07:00 PM CEST

<https://gulmu.info/otapuanu-notre-plus-grand-regret-est-de-nous-battre-contre-nos-propres-freres/>

Nigeria

Chibok Girls: There is still hope for their return

Portraits of some of the 200 Chibok schoolgirls abducted by Boko Haram Jihadists five years ago are displayed at Falomo roundabout in Lagos, on April 13, 2019. – Civil societies and rights activists have line up activities across the country to mark the April 14, 2014 abduction of 276 schoolgirls....

nrguardiannews 13 Apr 2019

<https://guardian.ng/news/chibok-girls-there-is-still-hope-for-their-return-buhari/>

Five years after Boko Haram kidnap, 112 Chibok girls still missing

Aisha Musa Maina digs through an old bag looking for memories of her daughter Hauwa, one of the Chibok schoolgirls kidnapped five years ago by Boko Haram jihadists in northeastern Nigeria. All she has left are old papers damaged by dust and humidity, a school diploma and a small photograph.

GulfDailyNews 9:45:00 AM CEST

<http://www.gdnonline.com/Details/534341>

Chibok girls still undereducated, unsafe five years after abductions

It was on April 14, 2014 when 276 pupils at the rural boarding school in Chibok were attacked and kidnapped by Boko Haram militants. Some of the girls were as young as 14. The abductions sparked outrage across Nigeria and around the world as campaigners demanded that officials do more to find and free the girls.

deutschewelle-en 13 Apr 2019

<https://www.dw.com/en/chibok-girls-still-undereducated-unsafe-five-years-after-abductions/a-48314902>

Nigerian military vows to intensify war against terrorism

The Nigerian military will deploy two additional helicopter gunships in an effort to cope with terrorism threats in the country's northwestern region, authorities said Saturday. Air Marshal Sadiq Abubakar, Nigeria's Chief of Air Staff (CAS), told reporters in the restive....

xinhuanet_en 1:13:00 PM CEST

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/14/c_137976439.htm

After escaping Boko Haram, Nigerian IDPs addicted to Tramadol

Aliyu Yusuf hadn't heard of Tramadol until he arrived at an IDP (internally displaced persons) camp in 2016, having escaped an attack by Boko Haram on Gwoza, his hometown near the border with Cameroon. One morning in the camp in Madinatu, where some 5,000 IDPs live on the outskirts of Maiduguri, there was no food to eat.

aljazeera-en 12:45:00 PM CEST

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/escaping-boko-haram-nigerian-idps-addicted-tramadol-190413195130883.html>

Senegal

Accusé de terrorisme, un jeune Sénégalais libéré après quatre ans de détention

Au Sénégal, Saër Kébé a été finalement condamné à trois mois d'emprisonnement avec sursis, mercredi 10 avril. Le jeune homme était en détention préventive depuis quatre ans notamment pour « apologie du terrorisme » à la suite

5:16:00 PM CEST

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20190410-accuse-terrorisme-jeune-senegalais-saer-kebe-libere-quatre-ans-detention>

NORTH AFRICA

Libya

Libyan PM denies involvement of "terrorists" in the fight against army

Libya's UN-backed Prime Minister Fayeze al-Serraj on Saturday denied involvement of "terrorists" in fighting with his forces in the capital Tripoli against the eastern-based army. "We call for caution against campaigns of disinformation by some parties, the latest of....

xinhuanet_en 6:23:00 AM CEST

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/14/c_137975760.htm

More than 120 killed as Libya's rivals battle for Tripoli

In clashes between Haftar's forces and those of the UN-backed Government of National Accord (GNA), both sides have proclaimed "advances" but neither appears to have taken a substantial lead on the ground in recent days. With more than 560 people wounded since the fighting started on April 4, WHO....

digitaljournal 3:03:00 PM CEST

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/more-than-120-killed-as-libya-s-rivals-battle-for-tripoli/article/547588>

Au moins 121 morts au sud de la capitale, statu quo sur le front

Au moins 121 personnes ont été tuées en dix jours d'affrontements armés au sud de la capitale libyenne, où un statu quo paraît s'installer entre les forces du maréchal Khalifa Haftar et celles du Gouvernement d'union nationale (GNA). Les combats violents qui opposent les deux camps depuis le 4 avril....

slateafrique 3:03:00 PM CEST

<http://www.slateafrique.com/948831/libye-au-moins-121-morts-au-sud-de-la-capitale-statu-quo-sur-le-front>

'Libyan civil war giving opening for Daesh to rise'

The current Libyan civil war is benefiting the terrorist group Daesh, according to one expert on the region. The sides in the civil war "which were fighting Daesh are now fighting each other," said Tarek Megerisi, a policy fellow with the North Africa and....

aa-en 2:46:00 PM CEST

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/libyan-civil-war-giving-opening-for-daesh-to-rise/1451931>

Morocco

Un ressortissant suisse condamné à dix ans de prison pour « terrorisme »

Un Suisse âgé de 33 ans a été condamné, ce vendredi au Maroc, à dix ans de prison pour « constitution de bande terroriste ». L'homme avait été arrêté le 10 janvier dernier à Temara, près de la capitale Rabat.

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<https://www.ouest-france.fr/terrorisme/maroc-un-ressortissant-suisse-condamne-dix-ans-de-prison-pour-terrorisme-6307196>

Tunisia

Démantèlement d'une cellule terroriste spécialisée

Une cellule terroriste spécialisée dans le détournement de fonds a été démantelée par l'unité nationale d'investigation dans les crimes terroristes et le crime organisé touchant à l'intégrité du territoire national, a indiqué vendredi le ministère de l'Intérieur dans un communiqué. L'unité a également interpellé deux membres de la cellule.

LaPresse 13 Apr 2019

<https://lapresse.tn/2902/demantelement-dune-cellule-terroriste-specialisee/>

Des opérations de ratissage au Mont Ouergha

Les unités sécuritaires et militaires relevant du gouvernorat du Kef continuent ce samedi 13 avril 2019 à effectuer les opérations de ratissage de grande envergure dans les forêts du Mont Ouergha à quelques mètres des frontières tuniso-algériennes, rapporte Shems Fm citant son correspondant dans la région.

5:19:00 PM CEST

<https://www.realites.com.tn/2019/04/terrorisme-des-operations-de-ratissage-au-mont-ouergha/>

ASIA

Afghanistan

Taliban announce spring offensive, angering US amid peace push

The Taliban on Friday announced a new spring offensive, alarming the US negotiator who has been sitting with the militants to seek an end to more than 17 years of war. Operation Fath — meaning “victory” in Arabic — will be conducted across Afghanistan with the aim of “eradicating occupation” and....

egyptindependent 9:26:00 AM CEST

<https://www.egyptindependent.com/taliban-announce-spring-offensive-angering-us-amid-peace-push/>

Taliban announces 'Al-Fath Jihadi Operations' for 2019

The Taliban announced the commencement of its 2019 offensive, which it calls "Al-Fath Jihadi Operations." Unlike in previous years, the Taliban does not prioritize attacks on US and NATO forces, but instead sets its crosshairs on those working for the Afghan government, military, and police. The statement is yet another clear indication that the Taliban will not share power with the Afghan

5:11:00 PM CEST

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2019/04/taliban-announces-al-fath-jihadi-operations-for-2019.php>

Pakistan

20 killed, 48 injured in attack targeting Hazara community in Quetta

At least 20 people were killed and 48 injured in a blast believed to be targeting members of the Hazara community in Quetta's Hazarganji market on Friday morning.

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<https://www.dawn.com/news/1475621>

Daesh claims suicide attack in Pakistan's Quetta

The militant group said in a statement on Saturday that one of its members carried out the suicide attack that killed and injured several Shia community members and Pakistani troops, Xinhua reported. There was no official confirmation from the Pakistani side yet.

khaleejtimes 9:57:00 AM CEST

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/international/pakistan/terror-group-claims-suicide-attack-in-pakistans-quetta>

Philippines

Philippines confirms death of Daesh group leader

Philippine officials on Sunday confirmed that a leader of an alliance of pro-Daesh militants was one of four insurgents killed in a clash with the military last month. Defence Secretary Delfin Lorenzana confirmed Abu Dar's death based on the findings of a DNA test. "It is confirmed, it's Abu Dar's remains," he said.

khaleejtimes 4:03:00 PM CEST

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/international/philippines/philippines-confirms-death-of-daesh-group-leader>

DNA test confirms death of Marawi Siege leader Abu Dar

A DNA test has confirmed the death of Abu Dar, a leader of the siege of Marawi City in 2017 who went on to become the supposed emir of the Islamic State in Southeast Asia, Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said Sunday. DNA samples came from one of 2 bodies recovered after an encounter....

abs-cbnnews 10:16:00 AM CEST

<https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/04/14/19/dna-test-confirms-death-of-marawi-siege-leader-abu-dar#>

Syria

ISIS bride Shamima Begum ‘was enforcer in morality police squad and sewed bombers into suicide vests'

ISIS bride Shamima Begum ‘was enforcer in morality police squad and sewed bombers into suicide vests'. Fresh claims about her life in Syria have emerged, with sources alleging the London teenager was a “member of the feared ISIS morality police”.

msn-uk 10:12:00 AM CEST

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/newslondon/isis-bride-shamima-begum-was-enforcer-in-morality-police-squad-and-sewed-bombers-into-suicide-vests/ar-BBVvjFi>

EUROPE

France

A Douai, les soldats se préparent à participer à la mission Barkhane

A Douai (Nord), les militaires se préparent à participer à l'opération Barkhane. (©DR)
Un détachement du 41e régiment de transmissions de Douai (Nord) poursuit sa mise en condition opérationnelle (MCO) en vue de sa participation à la mission Barkhane , en Afrique .

lejournaldelorne 2:42:00 PM CEST

https://actu.fr/hauts-de-france/douai_59178/en-images-douai-soldats-se-preparent-participer-la-mission-barkhane_22917320.html

Un lycéen radicalisé de Seine-Saint-Denis mis en examen

L'adolescent, scolarisé, a été arrêté mercredi par les policiers de la Section antiterroriste (SAT) de la brigade criminelle avant d'être présenté vendredi à un juge qui l'a mis en examen pour "association de malfaiteurs terroriste criminelle", a précisé une source judiciaire confirmant des informations du JDD .

sudouest 3:50:00 PM CEST

<https://www.sudouest.fr/2019/04/14/un-lyceen-radicalise-de-seine-saint-denis-mis-en-examen-5987392-10407.php>

Italy

Italy says military intervention 'cannot be a solution' in Libya

Italy's prime minister has said any foreign military intervention in Libya would not resolve the latest conflict in its former colony, warning that it might trigger a refugee exodus across the Mediterranean. Eastern-based Libyan forces led by Khalifa Haftar are advancing in a push....

egyptindependent 9:26:00 AM CEST

<https://www.egyptindependent.com/italy-says-military-intervention-cannot-be-a-solution-in-libya/>

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