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EAST AFRICA

Somalia

Shabaab head flees Jilib in Lower Jubba as US drops bombs

“In coordination with the Federal Government of Somalia, US forces conducted an airstrike against an al-Shabaab vehicle-borne improvised explosive device in the early morning hours, about 65 kilometres southwest of the capital, Mogadishu,” said Africom in a statement.

nation-ke 13 Dec 2017

<http://www.nation.co.ke/news/Shabaab-head-flees-US-drops-bombs/1056-4227422-elts5c/index.html>

Suicide bomber targets police academy, at least 13 killed in Mogadishu suicide attack

A suicide bomber who had disguised himself as a police officer by wearing proper police uniform detonated himself on Thursday inside the police training camp based in Mogadishu, Somalia’s capital, resulting in the deaths of at least 13 police officers, officials said.

dailytimesPK 7:41:00 AM CET

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/159329/suicide-bomber-kills-least-13-police-academy-attack-somali-capital/>

Italian Navy flagship capture six suspected pirates off Somalia

EU NAVFOR Somalia’s Flagship, the Italian vessel ITS Virginio Fasan , has apprehended six suspected pirates and seized their vessels. Six crew of a motor whaler, acting as mother ship, and a skiff have been detained following attacks on a 52,000 tonne container ship and a fishing vessel.

coastweek 13 Dec 2017

<http://www.coastweek.com/4046-Italian-navy-flagship-captures-six-suspected-pirates-off-Somalia.htm>

Uganda

How Terror Groups Keep Cash Flows Under the Radar

A subscriber carries out transactions on a mobile money platform. By Bernard Busuulwa. Mobile money systems pose the biggest challenge to Ugandan agencies fighting illicit financial flows. Between June 2016 and September 2017 seven suspicious transactions....

allafrica 13 Dec 2017

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201712130030.html>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon

Attentat-suicide dans le nord du Cameroun : un mort

Un membre d'un groupe d'auto-défense a été tué mardi soir dans un attentat-suicide dans l'extrême-nord du Cameroun, où les attaques attribuées aux jihadistes nigériens de Boko Haram sont fréquentes, a appris l'AFP mercredi de sources concordantes.

nna-fr 13 Dec 2017

<http://nna-leb.gov.lb/fr/show-news/85384/Attentat-suicide-dans-le-nord-du-Cameroun-un-mort>

Central African Republic

US sanctions two Africans over ivory, weapons trade

The U.S. Treasury Department on Wednesday blacklisted two people it said supported the outlawed Lord's Resistance Army in Central African Republic through the illegal trade in ivory, weapons and money aimed at fuelling conflict in the region.

channelnewsasia 13 Dec 2017

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/us-sanctions-two-africans-over-ivory--weapons-trade-9497554>

Unified action needed in Central Africa to defuse regional tensions, Security Council told

Despite some positive developments, the overall situation in Central Africa still requires concerted action at all levels to address sociopolitical tensions, economic difficulties and abuses by armed groups, a United Nations envoy for the region said Wednesday.

globalsecurity 4:27:00 AM CET

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2017/12/mil-171213-unnews01.htm>

Armed groups in central Africa using roadblocks as funding source

Roadblocks in war-torn areas of Central African Republic and Democratic Republic of Congo provide armed groups with millions of euros (dollars) in annual income, a report said Wednesday. A year-long study by the International Peace Information Service (IPIS), a Belgian research group, found 1,082....

africatime 13 Dec 2017

http://en.africatime.com/republique_democratique_du_congo/db/armed-groups-central-africa-using-roadblocks-funding-source

Democratic Republic of Congo

DDR/RR

DDRRR signifie désarmement, démobilisation, rapatriement, réintégration et réinstallation des groupes armés étrangers. Cette composante de la Section vise à rapatrier volontairement tous les groupes armés étrangers illégaux et leurs personnes à charge de la République démocratique du Congo à leurs pays d'origine respectifs.

monuc-fr 13 Dec 2017

<https://monusco.unmissions.org/ddrrr>

WEST AFRICA

Burkina Faso

Réunion de soutien au G5 Sahel : des financements majeurs annoncés

Le Président Roch Marc Christian KABORE est arrivé très tôt ce mercredi 13 décembre 2017 à Paris où il participe avec ses pairs du G5 Sahel aux côtés du Président Emmanuel MACRON, à la réunion de soutien au G5 Sahel. La rencontre a commencé peu avant 11 heures TU au château de La Celle Saint-Cloud dans la banlieue parisienne.

aouaga 4:45:00 AM CET

<http://news.aOuaga.com/h/112902.html>

Mali

Situation du Mali : Quand l'extérieur s'inquiète

La désagrégation de l'appareil étatique malien continue de nourrir les inquiétudes des pays voisins et de la communauté internationale. En effet, du conseil de sécurité des Nations-Unies au président du Niger, tous s'inquiètent du délitement et de l'effondrement de l'Etat Malien, depuis la crise de 2012.

maliweb 2:32:00 AM CET

<http://www.maliweb.net/insecurite/situation-mali-lexterieur-sinquiete-2723472.html>

Nigeria

Boko Haram supremacy battle: Shekau loses grounds to Albarnawi faction

Boko Haram leader, Abubakar Shekau, has reportedly lost grounds to Abu Mus'ab Albarnawi after days of clashes between the two terrorists factions in remote areas of Borno State, Daily Trust reliably gathered. Some locals who have already fled the areas described the new development as "battle of supremacy between Shekau and Albarnawi.

dailytrust 2:54:00 AM CET

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/boko-haram-supremacy-battle-shekau-loses-grounds-to-albarnawi-faction.html>

Boko Haram Displaced Get ID Cards in Nigeria

Some 100,000 Nigerians made homeless by Boko Haram received formal identification papers on Wednesday, to help boost security and restore normality in the country's restive northeast. The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) began documenting personal details of the displaced at the....

naharnet-en 13 Dec 2017

<http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/239548-boko-haram-displaced-get-id-cards-in-nigeria>

Documents d'identité pour les déplacés de Boko Haram

Quelque 100.000 personnes déplacées par les violences du groupe jihadiste nigérian Boko Haram ont commencé mercredi à recevoir des papiers d'identité officiels afin de les aider à retrouver une existence normale dans le nord-est du Nigeria. Le Haut Commissariat aux réfugiés (HCR) a commencé à....

izf 13 Dec 2017

<http://www.izf.net/afp/nigeria-documents-didentite-pour-les-deplaces-boko-haram>

Gunmen kill Miyetti Allah official for exposing criminals

Gunmen have killed Yakubu Mama, an official of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) for exposing criminals in Keffi-Karu-Abuja axis to security operatives. The Nasarawa State Chairman of MACBAN, Muhammed Hussaini, told Daily Trust that the gunmen stormed the deceased's....

dailytrust 3:41:00 AM CET

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/gunmen-kill-miyetti-allah-official-for-exposing-criminals.html>

Gunmen Attack Magu's House, Kill Policeman

Some yet to be identified gunmen have attacked the Karshi, Abuja farmhouse of the acting chairman of the Economic and financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Ibrahim Magu and killed a police sergeant. The gunmen, whose motive is still unknown, reportedly broke into the house....

leadership 6:12:00 AM CET

<http://Leadership.ng/2017/12/14/gunmen-attack-magus-house-kill-policeman/>

SAHEL

Appui à la Force conjointe du G5 Sahel: accord technique entre l'ONU et l'UE

Par la résolution 2391 (2017), adoptée à l'unanimité et soumise par la France, le Conseil de sécurité demande au Secrétaire général de prendre les dispositions nécessaires pour conclure dès que possible un « accord technique » entre l'ONU, l'Union européenne et les États du G5 Sahel, en vue de....

mali-web 12:09:00 AM CET

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/appui-a-la-force-conjointe-du-g5-sahel-accord-technique-entre-lonu-et-lue>

UN approuve Sahel counterterrorism force

The UN Security Council on Wednesday unanimously adopted a resolution that greenlights a five-nation West African force to combat jihadis as well as arms, drugs and human traffickers in the Sahel region. The resolution, drafted by France, "welcomes" the force of up to 5,000 military and police but....

deutschewelle-en 13 Dec 2017

<http://www.dw.com/en/un-approves-sahel-counterterrorism-force/a-39357527>

Les Nations unies s'inquiètent du trafic de tramadol, drogue des jihadistes au Sahel

Un opioïde de synthèse, connu pour ses vertus antidouleurs, nommé le tramadol, fait des ravages en Afrique de l'ouest. Les Nations unies s'alarment de la montée en puissance du trafic de cette drogue très souvent utilisée par les jihadistes au Sahel. L'office des Nations unies contre la drogue et....

bfmtv 13 Dec 2017

<http://www.bfmtv.com/international/les-nations-unies-s-inquietent-du-traffic-de-tramadol-drogue-des-jihadistes-au-sahel-1326408.html>

Afrique de l'Ouest : La Force conjointe du G5 Sahel devrait donner la priorité aux droits humains

L'État de droit et la bonne gouvernance sont cruciaux pour une stratégie de lutte contre le terrorisme. (Banjul) – La force militaire du G5 Sahel créée pour combattre les groupes armés islamistes dans la région du Sahel en Afrique devrait respecter pleinement les droits humains internationaux et le....

reliefWeb 3:55:00 AM CET

<https://reliefweb.int/report/mali/afrique-de-l-ouest-la-force-conjointe-du-g5-sahel-devrait-donner-la-priorite-aux-droits>

“Les terroristes ont enregistré des victoires militaires et symboliques” ces derniers mois, selon Macron

Au lendemain du sommet sur le climat, la France a réuni hier mercredi une vingtaine de dirigeants pour accélérer la mise en œuvre de la nouvelle Force conjointe G5-Sahel en raison de “l'urgence” sécuritaire sur le terrain car, selon Macron, “les terroristes ont enregistré des victoires militaires et symboliques” ces derniers mois.

maliweb 2:32:00 AM CET

<http://www.maliweb.net/insecurite/sahel-terroristes-ont-enregistre-victoires-militaires-symboliques-derniers-mois-selon-macron-2723762.html>

Ending Vicious Cycle of Sahel Terrorism, Crisis Hinges on Mobilizing Joint Action, Resources, Deputy Secretary-General Tells Peacebuilding Commission

Following are UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed's remarks to the Peacebuilding Commission meeting on the Sahel, in New York today: The Sahel region continues to face increasing challenges. Violent terrorism, armed conflict, extreme poverty and...

reliefWeb 1:54:00 AM CET

<https://reliefweb.int/report/mali/ending-vicious-cycle-sahel-terrorism-crisis-hinges-mobilizing-joint-action-resources>

French president urges multi-national force in Sahel to start operations within weeks

Speaking in Mali after a summit of presidents from Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Burkina Faso and Niger - the G5 Sahel bloc - French President Emmanuel Macron pledged combat support and money for the West African force. Regional leaders admitted full funding has not yet been fully secured.

deutschewelle-en 13 Dec 2017

<http://www.dw.com/en/french-president-urges-multi-national-force-in-sahel-to-start-operations-within-weeks/a-39512295>

Sahel coalition wants victories against Islamist militants by middle of 2018

A French-backed West African military force to tackle Islamist militants must secure its first victories by the middle of 2018 to prove its worth and ensure more concrete support from the United Nations, the French and Malian leaders said on Wednesday.

thedailyherald 3:19:00 AM CET

<https://www.thedailyherald.sx/international/71841-sahel-coalition-wants-victories-against-islamist-militants-by-middle-of-2018>

Contre-terrorisme : les forces spéciales françaises dans l'immensité sahéenne **Catégorie**

Depuis quatre ans, les forces spéciales françaises sont chargées de traquer les jihadistes dans le Sahel, dans le cadre de l'opération Sabre. France 24 a pu exceptionnellement les rencontrer pendant leur entraînement. Reportage exclusif. Depuis plus de quatre ans, l'opération Sabre est menée par les....

mali-web 12:09:00 AM CET

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/contre-terrorisme-les-forces-speciales-francaises-dans-limmensite-sahelienne-categorie>

L'Arabie saoudite va participer au financement de la force anti-djihadiste dans le Sahel

Le président français Emmanuel Macron a accueilli au château de la Celle-Saint-Cloud le 13 décembre, près de Paris, 5 dirigeants africains. le président malien, Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta, le président mauritanien Mohamed Ould Abdelaziz, le président nigérien Mahamadou Issoufou, le président burkinabé....

LeMonde 2:07:00 AM CET

http://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/video/2017/12/13/l-arabie-saoudite-va-participer-au-financement-de-la-force-anti-jihadiste-dans-le-sahel_5229265_3212.html

130 millions de dollars de Ryad et d'Abu Dhabi pour la force du G5-Sahel

La réunion internationale sur la force commune du G5 Sahel convoquée ce mercredi à Paris par le président Emmanuel Macron a pris fin sur l'engagement, d'après le chef de l'Etat français, de l'Arabie Saoudite et des Emirats arabes unis d'octroyer respectivement à la dite force 100 et 30 millions de dollars.

journalducameroun 13 Dec 2017

<https://www.journalducameroun.com/130-millions-de-dollars-de-ryad-et-dabu-dhabi-pour-la-force-du-g5-sahel/>

\$130 million Gulf donation boosts anti-terror Sahel force

Saudi Arabia and the UAE put forward \$130 million Wednesday toward fighting terrorists in West Africa's Sahel region, as France's Emmanuel Macron hosted leaders to an effort to boost a fledgling five-nation military force. The force brings together troops from Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali,....

arabnews 1:41:00 AM CET

<http://www.arabnews.com/node/1208481/saudi-arabia>

NORTH AFRICA

Algeria

RÔLE DE LA FEMME ALGÉRIENNE DANS LA LUTTE ANTITERRORISTE

Pour le ministre, la femme algérienne s'est armée de courage et détermination aussi bien pour le retour de la paix, mais sociale aussi. Qualifiant l'évènement relatif à la tenue de la seconde assemblée générale du Réseau panafricain des femmes médiatrices à Constantine, le ministre des Affaires....

lexpressiondz 3:39:00 AM CET

<http://www.lexpressiondz.com/actualite/281950-1-hommage-appuye-de-messahel.html>

Libya

Terrorist sniper kills 2 army soldiers in Libya's Benghazi

Two of Libya's eastern-based army soldiers were killed on Wednesday by a terrorist sniper in the eastern city of Benghazi, a military official said. "A terrorist sniper in Ekhrebish area (in central Benghazi) killed assistant commander of the police and protection unit....

xinhuanet_en 3:32:00 AM CET

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/14/c_136824160.htm

INTERNATIONAL

America

US

US commander orders new probe into Somalia raid

The head of U.S. Africa Command has asked for an additional investigation into whether civilians were killed during a deadly August raid in Somalia involving American and Somali forces. Army Col. Mark Cheadle, a spokesman for Africa Command, said Wednesday that Marine Gen.

siouxcityjournal 12:43:00 AM CET

http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/national/govt-and-politics/us-commander-orders-new-probe-into-somalia-raid/article_3f0f92a2-f696-5779-9f2a-770e2644a61c.html

US men charged in terror plot to kill Muslims want Trump voters on jury

Three Kansas men accused of plotting to massacre Somali-Muslim immigrants have asked a judge to make sure that jurors from parts of the state that voted overwhelmingly for US President Donald Trump are included in their upcoming trial. In court papers filed last week, attorneys for the men argued....

Stuff 13 Dec 2017

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/world/americas/99839380/US-men-charged-in-terror-plot-to-kill-Muslims-want-Trump-voters-on-jury>

Accused NY bomber's family says attack 'our worst nightmare'

Zulifikar Haider hoped his daughter would live the American dream when she married a fellow Bangladeshi living in the United States, but that dream turned into a nightmare when the family saw pictures of her husband wounded after allegedly trying to set off a bomb in a crowded New York commuter hub.

thedailystarBD 6:51:00 AM CET

<http://www.thedailystar.net/new-york-blast/accused-new-york-bomber-akaved-ullah-family-says-attack-our-worst-nightmare-1504864>

Asia

Afghanistan

Afghan air force kills 20 militants in restive province

At least 20 militants have been killed following airstrikes in Afghanistan 's southern province of Helmand, the country's defense ministry said on Thursday. The Afghan National Army (ANA) Air Force launched airstrikes in Marja, Gereshk and Naway-i-Barakzai districts,....

xinhuanet_en 7:18:00 AM CET

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/14/c_136825636.htm

Security forces defeat Taliban in Takhar

Afghan security forces killed eight Taliban and wounded 10 more during operations in the Dasht Kala and Khwaja Bahauddin districts of Takhar province, they claimed Wednesday. The Taliban entered several areas of the two districts two days ago but the Afghan commandos and....

TheFrontierPost-en 5:11:00 AM CET

<http://thefrontierpost.com/security-forces-defeat-taliban-takhar-officials/>

Iraq

Iraq Needs to Move Beyond Sectarian Politics in Order to Succeed

United Nations It will take many years for Iraq to fully recover from the deep wounds left by [ISIS], the self-proclaimed “caliphate” whose fighters swept through the country in 2014 wreaking havoc and occupying more than one-third of its territory at one point.

albawaba-en 7:18:00 AM CET

<https://www.albawaba.com/news/opinion-iraq-needs-move-beyond-sectarian-politics-order-succeed-1061036>

Syria

US-led air strikes kill 23 civilians in Syria

Air strikes by a US-led coalition killed 23 civilians Wednesday in a village held by the Islamic State group in Syria's eastern Deir Ezzor province, a monitor said. "At least 23 civilians, among them eight children and six women, were killed Wednesday before dawn by air....

digitaljournal 7:18:00 AM CET

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/us-led-air-strikes-kill-23-civilians-in-syria-monitor/article/509958>

Western, Gulf Weapons Supplied to Syria Rebels Leaked to Islamic State

A significant quantity of weapons supplied by Western and Gulf states to opposition factions battling the regime of President Bashar al-Assad in the Syrian conflict were transferred to the Islamic State, according to a study funded by the European Union and Germany's foreign ministry.

voanews 2:08:00 AM CET

<https://www.voanews.com/a/western-gulf-weapons-supplied-to-syria-rebels-leaked-to-islamic-state/4163148.html>

Europe

Denmark

Danish man loses passport for fighting for Isis

The man, Anis Laraba, has Algerian heritage and was born and raised in Denmark. He was an 18-year-old upper secondary school student when he travelled to Syria in 2013 and joined the armed group. He travelled to the Middle Eastern country with a second Danish citizen, Enes Cifti, who has been convicted of similar offences.

thelocal-dk 13 Dec 2017

<https://www.thelocal.dk/20171213/danish-man-loses-passport-for-fighting-for-isis>

France

Pour le frère de Salah Abdeslam: "Tout s'est décidé très vite"

C'est le frère, Mohamed Abdeslam qui parle : "J'ai accepté malgré mes réticences à parler à la presse pour clarifier la situation." "Tout s'est finalement décidé lors de la dernière visite à Salah il y a quelques jours. Il a fini par se laisser convaincre par la famille de prendre un avocat" et....

rtbf 6:18:00 AM CET

https://www.rtf.be/info/societe/detail_pour-le-frere-de-salah-abdeslam-tout-s-est-decide-tres-vite?id=9788855

200 gendarmes en exercice anti-terroriste au collège de La Voulte-sur-Rhône

Cinq terroristes qui font irruption au collège des Trois vallées de La Voulte-sur-Rhône. Plus de 130 gendarmes ardéchois mobilisés, venus des quatre coins du département. C'est le scénario d'un entraînement simulant une "tuerie de masse", qui a été organisé ce mercredi après-midi par la gendarmerie de l'Ardèche.

ledauphine 6:10:00 AM CET

<http://www.ledauphine.com/ardeche/2017/12/14/200-gendarmes-en-exercice-anti-terroriste-au-college-de-la-voulte-sur-rhone>

Oceania

Australia

CBA accused of allowing 'suspected terror financing' in fresh court claims

The Commonwealth Bank's ongoing woes around alleged systematic money laundering operations by criminal gangs and terrorists have deepened, with fresh claims the contraventions are continuing. Key points: AUSTRAC alleges CBA is continuing to contravene money laundering and terrorism funding....

abc-au 6:55:00 AM CET

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-12-14/money-laundering-things-just-got-a-lot-worse-for-cba/9259034>

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