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EAST AFRICA

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Car bomb kills at least 13 in Somali capital

A car bomb near a hotel on a busy street in the Somali capital killed at least 13 people on Monday, police and the emergency medical services said, hours after a man was killed by a blast as he tried to ram through a checkpoint. Police said the blast damaged a house on Maka al Mukaram....

reuters 13 Mar 2017

http://www.reuters.com/article/us-somalia-blast-idUSKBN16KOLA?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29

Au moins 5 tués dans deux attentats

Au moins cinq personnes ont été tuées et 12 blessées dans deux attentats à la voiture piégée lundi matin à Mogadiscio, la capitale de la Somalie, a-t-on appris de source policière et auprès de témoins. "Plus de cinq personnes sont confirmées mortes pour l'instant et de nombreuses autres ont été....

slateafrique 13 Mar 2017

<http://www.slateafrique.com/727955/somalie-au-moins-5-tues-dans-deux-attentats->

One Step Closer to Defeating al-Shabaab

In the build up to his election as Somalia's president, Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed announced he would invite al-Shabaab for a "sit down and discussion" (Twitter, January, 28). His rhetoric toward the group since then has been less welcoming.

The new president, known as Farmaajo, appears confident that he could be the one to bring an end to the al-Qaeda affiliate's violent insurgency. Indeed, there is much that is in his favor.

refworld 13 Mar 2017

<http://www.refworld.org/docid/58c6921e4.html>

Al-Shabaab: Why Somalia's al-Qaeda Affiliate Wants Puntland

In contrast to the abundance of forecasts that predicted the weakening and eventual demise of al-Shabaab, the al-Qaeda affiliated group is resurgent in many parts of Somalia. This resurgence is particularly notable in Puntland, a semi-autonomous part of northern Somalia where al-Shabaab has for a long time maintained a limited presence.

refworld 13 Mar 2017

<http://www.refworld.org/docid/58c6930c4.html>

Somali pirates suspected of hijacking ship

The Aris 13 is believed to be carrying eight crew, said John Steed of the aid group Oceans Beyond Piracy. Steed, a former British colonel, has worked on piracy for nearly a decade and is in close contact with naval forces tracking the ship. "The ship reported it was being followed by two skiffs yesterday afternoon.

iol 8:07:00 AM CET

<http://www.iol.co.za/news/africa/somali-pirates-suspected-of-hijacking-ship-8181693>

Somali Army is Capable of Fighting Rebels

The African Union Mission in Somali (Amison), after a decade of presence, has been harping on the most favorable conditions, the Somali National Army (ANS) will fight the insurgent Al Shabaab group.

plenglish 5:53:00 AM CET

<http://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=rn&id=10391&SEO=somali-army-is-capable-of-fighting-rebels>

Al-Shabaab militant behind Somalia bombing sentenced to Death

A Somali military court on Monday sentenced an Al-Shabaab militant to death and two others to 15 years in jail after convicting them of being behind a deadly bomb attack on November 26, 2016. Chairperson of the court in Mogadishu Hassan Ali Nur Shute said the three....

coastweek 8:23:00 AM CET

<http://www.coastweek.com/4010-Al-Shabaab-militant-behind-Somalia-bombing-sentenced-to-death.htm>

South Sudan

Three dead after attack on S. Sudan's Ruweng state

The attackers raided Dany, a village in Tuoch County during which three people were killed. The victims were Monyjok Kuol Atuel, Bith Kuochgoor Koor and Lang Miakol Kiir.

sudantribune 7:46:00 AM CET

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article61881>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Burundi

“No armed groups entered Burundi from Rwanda”, says Burundi Army Spokesperson

Col. Gaspard Baratuza, Burundi Army Spokesperson, says no armed groups have been noticed crossing the border between the two countries. “Burundi Government will never accept that criminals or troublemakers from neighboring countries find refuge in the country”, he says.

iwacu-burundi-en 13 Mar 2017

<http://www.iwacu-burundi.org/englishnews/no-armed-groups-entered-burundi-from-rwanda-says-burundi-armyspokesperson/>

Cameroon

Lutte contre le terrorisme - Gendarmes et policiers mieux outillés

30 personnels du SED et de la DGSN ont reçu vendredi à Yaoundé, leurs parchemins de fin de formation en gestion de scènes post-attentat. Du 6 au 10 mars dernier, 15 gendarmes et 15 policiers ont reçu une formation de haut niveau en police judiciaire post-attentat.

allafrica-fr 13 Mar 2017

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201703130453.html>

Democratic Republic of Congo

Two United Nations workers kidnapped in DRC

Two United Nations workers from peacekeeping mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) have been kidnapped by unknown assailants in the central Kasai region. The government of DRC said in a statement one of the victims was Michael Sharp, an American, and the other Zaida Catalan, a Swede. The UN lists Catalan as Chilean, however.

aljazeera-en 13 Mar 2017

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/03/united-nations-workers-kidnapped-drc-170313155946024.html>

Deux experts onusiens disparus au Kasai

Deux experts onusiens sont portés disparus depuis dimanche au Kasai, région du centre de la République démocratique du Congo (RDC) agitée par une rébellion depuis plus de six mois, a-t-on appris lundi de sources concordantes. "Les deux experts sont l'un de nationalité américaine et l'autre suédoise.

romandie 13 Mar 2017

<http://www.romandie.com/news/Violences-en-RDC--deux-experts-onusiens-disparus-au-Kasai/779790.rom>

WEST AFRICA

Burkina Faso

Lutte contre l'extrémisme violent et le terrorisme

L'Union fraternelle des croyants de Dori (UFC-Dori) en collaboration avec l'ambassade des Etats-Unis d'Amérique au Burkina Faso, a organisé un symposium sur la sécurité à Dori, le 9 et 10 mars 2017. Les conclusions des

travaux ont abouti sur des recommandations visant à restaurer la confiance et les Forces de défense et de sécurité (FDS).

aouaga 1:16:00 AM CET

<http://news.aOuaga.com/h/106951.html>

Côte d'Ivoire

Inauguration d'une stèle un an après l'attaque de Grand-Bassam

Des centaines de personnes ont participé lundi à l'inauguration d'une stèle portant le nom des victimes lors de la commémoration de l'attentat islamiste qui a fait 19 morts, il y a un an, le 13 mars 2016 à Grand-Bassam, près d'Abidjan.

romandie 13 Mar 2017

<http://www.romandie.com/news/Cote-dIvoire-inauguration-dune-stele-un-an-apres-lattaque-de-GrandBassam/779775.rom>

Mali

'Jihadists' Kill Civilians, Soldiers in North Mali

Two civilians and two Malian soldiers were killed Monday in an attack blamed on jihadists in the country's restive north. Mali's defense ministry confirmed two soldiers were killed and two injured during the assault by armed men close to the village of Fafa, which lies near the border with Niger.

naharnet-en 13 Mar 2017

<http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/226895-jihadists-kill-civilians-soldiers-in-north-mali>

Ansongo : Quatre morts dans une attaque contre l'armée à Fafa

Hier lundi 13 mars, une position de l'armée malienne a été attaquée dans la région de Gao, plus précisément à Fafa, cercle d'Ansongo. Le bilan provisoire, selon des sources sur place, est de quatre morts : deux militaires et deux civils. Cette nouvelle attaque intervient cinq jours après la....

maliweb 7:38:00 AM CET

http://www.maliweb.net/insecurite/ansongo-quatre-morts-attaque-contre-larmee-a-fafa-2114082.html?doing_wp_cron=1489471946.5640690326690673828125

En patrouille avec le RICM : la NR au cœur de l'Opération Barkhane

De notre envoyé spécial. La France a engagé environ 4.000 soldats dans l'opération Barkhane, au Sahel, sur un territoire grand comme l'Europe. Ils luttent contre les groupes armés terroristes (GAT). Notre journal a suivi une patrouille avec des éléments du RICM à Madama (Niger).

lanouvellerepublique 13 Mar 2017

<http://www.lanouvellerepublique.fr/Vienne/Actualite/24-Heures/n/Contenus/Articles/2017/03/13/En-patrouille-avec-le-RICM-la-NR-au-coeur-de-l-Operation-Barkhane-3031109>

L'ex chef de la police islamique du MUJAO risque la Cour d'assises

Arrêté fin novembre 2013 aux environs de la ville de Gao par les Forces Armées Maliennes, l'ex commissaire islamique du groupe terroriste MUJAO, Aliou Mahamane Touré est incarcéré à la Maison Centrale d'Arrêt de Bamako, depuis janvier 2014. Il a été présenté le mardi 7 mars 2017 à la Cour d'appel de....

abamako 13 Mar 2017

<http://news.aBamako.com/h/155262.html>

Nigeria

Prisoners of Boko Haram, then prisoners of fame

The next time international do-gooders decide to lend their hashtag support to a cause in Africa, it would be wise to remember the fallout of the Bring Back Our Girls campaign. In April 2014, the Islamist militant group Boko Haram abducted more than 270 schoolgirls from their dorm in Chibok, in north-east Nigeria.

gulfnews 7:04:00 AM CET

http://gulfnews.com/opinion/thinkers/prisoners-of-boko-haram-then-prisoners-of-fame-1.1993279?localLinksEnabled=false&utm_source=Feeds&utm_medium=RSS&utm_term=Most+viewed+RSS+&utm_content=1.1993279&utm_campaign=Prisoners+of+Boko+Haram%2C+then+prisoners+of+fame

NORTH AFRICA

Antiterrorisme : ce qu'il faut savoir des mesures en Afrique de l'Ouest

Il est acquis dans les esprits que les terroristes sont partis pour frapper partout et à tout moment. La diversité des sites attaqués l'illustre bien. D'abord le bar La Terrasse et l'hôtel Radisson Blu à Bamako le 20 novembre 2015, puis l'hôtel Splendid à Ouagadougou, le 15 janvier 2016, idem à Arlit et à Agadez au Niger.

maliweb 13 Mar 2017

<http://www.maliweb.net/insecurite/antiterrorisme-quil-faut-savoir-mesures-afrique-de-louest-2112782.html>

Tunisia

Arrestation du quatrième extrémiste impliqué dans l'attaque de Kébili

Le ministère tunisien de l'Intérieur a annoncé dans la soirée de dimanche l'arrestation du quatrième extrémiste djihadiste ayant participé à l'attaque contre une patrouille sécuritaire samedi soir dans la province de Kébili (sud-ouest).

cctv-fr 13 Mar 2017

<http://fr.cctv.com/2017/03/13/ARTit11sqghx07z9NT1MJnle170313.shtml>

INTERNATIONAL

America

US

Trump gives CIA power to carry out drone attacks

US President Donald Trump has given the CIA the authority to conduct drone strikes against suspected terrorists, a role previously assigned exclusively to the Pentagon, a media report said. Trump's decision is a change from the policy implemented by former President Barack Obama, who limited the...

khaleejtimes 5:28:00 AM CET

<http://www.khaleejtimes.com/trump-gives-cia-power-to-carry-out-drone-attacks>

Asia

Afghanistan

Blast Targets Bus in Downtown Kabul during Rush Hour

A powerful explosion struck a bus in downtown Kabul during rush hour Monday, officials said, sending smoke rising in the sky just days after a deadly insurgent assault on Afghanistan's biggest military hospital. No group has so far claimed responsibility for the blast, but it comes as the Taliban....

almanar-en 13 Mar 2017

<http://english.almanar.com.lb/211627>

Kaboul: au moins un mort et 19 blessés dans une explosion contre un bus

Une explosion déclenchée au passage d'un bus a fait au moins un mort, une femme, et 19 blessés lundi en fin de journée dans le centre de Kaboul, dernier attentat en date dans la capitale afghane. Sur Twitter, le porte-parole du ministère de l'Intérieur Sediq Sediqqi a fait état "d'une femme tuée et....

rtl-BE 13 Mar 2017

http://www.rtl.be/info/monde/international/au-moins-un-mort-dans-une-explosion-contre-un-bus-a-kaboul--899227.aspx?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Rtlinfos-ALaUne+%28RTL.be+-+La+une+de+l%27actualit%C3%A9%29

Bangladesh

Sufi Muslim leader killed in Bangladesh amid surge in attacks

Unknown gunmen killed a Sufi minority spiritual leader and his house help in northern Bangladesh on Monday, police said, amid a surge in attacks on liberal activists, minority sects and other religious groups in the Sunni Muslim-majority country.

thestar-my 8:26:00 AM CET

<http://www.thestar.com.my/news/world/2017/03/14/sufi-muslim-leader-killed-in-bangladesh-amid-surge-in-attacks/>

Iraq

Isil leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi has abandoned Mosul fight, US and Iraqi sources say

U S and Iraqi officials believe the leader of Islamic State, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, has left operational commanders behind with diehard followers to fight the battle of Mosul, and is now hiding out in the desert , focussing mainly on his own survival. It is impossible to confirm the whereabouts of....

telegraph 13 Mar 2017

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/03/09/isil-leader-abu-bakr-al-baghdadi-has-abandoned-mosul-fight-us/>

In Mosul, a heavy but not crushing blow to Islamic State

Iraqi troops have surrounded western Mosul and military leaders vow it's only a matter of time until they crush the last major stand of the Islamic State group in Iraq. But the militants are positioning themselves to defend the remains of its so-called "caliphate" in Syria and wage an insurgent campaign in Iraq.

omaha 8:15:00 AM CET

http://www.omaha.com/news/world/in-mosul-a-heavy-but-not-crushing-blow-to-islamic/article_8c7508ea-c98e-5e16-b3d5-856b185e613d.html

Iraqi forces free 2 neighborhoods from IS in western Mosul

Iraqi forces on Monday liberated two neighborhoods from the Islamic State (IS) militants in the western side of Mosul, while the troops continued fighting fierce urban warfare in the old city center, the Iraqi military said.

xinhuanet_en 13 Mar 2017

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/13/c_136125862.htm

Europe

Denmark

Intelligence agency warns of maritime cyber threats

The threat from cyber crime and cyber espionage is "very high" in the maritime sector, according to a threat assessment from the Danish Defence Intelligence Service's Centre for Cyber Security (CFCS). Read the report's main conclusions here. The shipping business has been particularly noted for creating massive family fortunes around the world.

shippingwatch-en 13 Mar 2017

http://shippingwatch.com/secure/carriers/article9428148.ece?utm_source=Feed&utm_medium=latest

France

Carlos, le terroriste sanguinaire qui a perdu de sa superbe

1994 : L'incroyable capture du "Chacal" Par Serge Raffy. Carlos lors de son arrestation, à Khartoum, en 1994. Il a toujours sa fine moustache de danseur de tango. Ses sourcils épais et ombrageux. Et pourtant, on le reconnaît à peine. Ilich n'est plus le même homme. Il a pris de la bedaine, sa démarche s'est alourdie.

nouvelobs 13 Mar 2017

<http://tempsreel.nouvelobs.com/justice/20170312.OBS6470/carlos-le-terroriste-sanguinaire-qui-a-perdu-de-sa-superbe.html?xtor=RSS-25>

Germany

German to deport alleged attacker to Tunisia

A Tunisian man, who allegedly was involved in an attack on the Bardo National Museum that killed more than 20 people in Tunis in 2015, can be deported from

Germany. German public broadcaster ARD reported Sunday that German Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere confirmed Tunisia had sent the documents needed to deport him.

WashingtonPost 12 Mar 2017

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/german-to-deport-alleged-attacker-to-tunisia/2017/03/12/0ba32ed0-073a-11e7-bd19-fd3afa0f7e2a_story.html

Berlin va extraditer en Tunisie un suspect dans l'attentat du Bardo

Les autorités allemandes ont annoncé dimanche qu'elles allaient extraditer vers la Tunisie un ressortissant tunisien soupçonné d'être impliqué dans l'attentat de mars 2015 contre le musée du Bardo à Tunis. Vingt et un touristes étrangers ont été tués par un commando islamiste dans cette attaque revendiquée par l'organisation Etat islamique (EI).

lorientlejour 12 Mar 2017

<https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1040143/berlin-va-extraditer-en-tunisie-un-suspect-dans-lattentat-du-bardo.html>

Italy

Italy deports terror suspect linked to Berlin attacker

Italy's Interior Minister announced on Sunday evening that a Tunisian citizen had been deported "for national security reasons". The 37-year-old was identified during investigations into last December's attack on a Berlin Christmas market, carried out by Tunisian Anis Amri, who had previously spent four years in Italy.

thelocal-it 13 Mar 2017

<https://www.thelocal.it/20170313/italy-deports-terror-suspect-who-was-in-contact-with-berlin-attacker>

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