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EAST AFRICA

Kenya

2 soldiers killed, 5 injured in exchange of fire with Administration Police

Two military soldiers were shot dead by Administration Police officers in Mandera late Wednesday, near the border with Somalia, in what authorities described as ‘friendly fire’.

capitalfm 8:59:00 AM CET

<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2018/02/2-soldiers-killed-5-injured-exchange-fire-administration-police/>

Somalia

Two Kenyan Al-Shabaab fighters executed for spying for KDF

Two Kenyans have been executed by al Shabaab fighters for allegedly spying for Somalia and Kenyan intelligence services in Kunyo Barrow town, Lower Shabelle region. Hassan Yussuf and Mohamed Hassan from Marsabit county were executed by dagger-wielding militants on February 12.

shabelle 12:59:00 AM CET

<http://radioshabelle.com/two-kenyan-al-shabaab-fighters-executed-spying-kdf/>

AU team in Somalia to assess peacekeeping operations

An African Union (AU) team is in Somalia to assess peacekeeping activities as the transfer of responsibilities from AU mission to Somali national security forces gains momentum, officials said on Wednesday. The AU Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) said the ten-men delegation....

xinhuanet_en 14 Feb 2018

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/14/c_136975913.htm

AU says backs free movement of persons across Africa

The African Union supports the free movement of persons in the continent and will continue working with regional economic blocs to achieve the objective, an official said

on Monday. Simon Mulongo, deputy special representative of the chairperson of the AU Commission for Somalia, said the....

newtimes-RW 14 Feb 2018

<http://www.newtimes.co.rw/section/read/229543/>

WEST AFRICA

Mali

French raid in Mali leaves at least 10 jihadists dead

on Wednesday led at least one raid near Tinzaouatene, at the Algerian border, against the terrorists," a local Malian military source told AFP. "There were at least 10 deaths and two vehicles were destroyed." An ex colonel in the Malian army who had defected, who is close to the jihadists' leader,....

france24-en 9:07:00 AM CET

<http://www.france24.com/en/20180215-french-raid-mali-leaves-least-10-jihadists-dead>

قتلى بعملية عسكرية فرنسية استهدفت مجموعة في مالي 10

قُتل 10 أفراد على الأقل الأربعاء، في شمال شرق مالي، خلال عملية جوية وبرية شنتها القوات الفرنسية، واستهدفت إياد أغ غالي، زعيم مجموعة أنصار الدين. وقالت القوات المسلحة المالية إن أحد المقربين من الزعيم.... الجهادي قُتل في هذه العملية. وأوضح مصدر أمني موجود في مالي، لوكالة "فرانس برس"، أن "قاعدة زعيم

albawaba-ar 7:48:00 AM CET

<https://www.albawaba.com/ar/%D8%A3%D8%AE%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%B1/10-%D9%82%D8%AA%D9%84%D9%89-%D8%A8%D8%B9%D9%85%D9%84%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D8%B9%D8%B3%D9%83%D8%B1%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D9%81%D8%B1%D9%86%D8%B3%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D8%B3%D8%AA%D9%87%D8%AF%D9%81%D8%AA-%D9%85%D8%AC%D9%85%D9%88%D8%B9%D8%A9-%D9%81%D9%8A-%D9%85%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%8A-1089108>

L'armée française mène un raid contre le groupe jihadiste Ansar Dine

Au moins dix jihadistes présumés, dont un ancien colonel de l'armée malienne, ont été tués mercredi dans le nord-est du Mali, lors d'une opération aérienne et au sol des forces françaises. Elle visait le chef du groupe Ansar Dine, Iyad Ag Ghaly. Les troupes françaises ont lancé l'assaut dans le nord-est du Mali, mercredi 14 février.

france24 8:08:00 AM CET

<http://www.france24.com/fr/20180215-mali-armee-francaise-raid-contre-groupe-jihadiste-ansar-dine-barkhane>

Nigeria

Soldiers deal heavy blow on Boko Haram, make discoveries (photos)

The Nigerian army detonated explosive set by Boko Haram terrorists. - The terrorists fled when they could not withstand the intense gunfight. - The army vowed to remain resolute in its fight against terrorism. The Nigerian army is unrelenting in its fight against Boko Haram as its latest operation resulted in victory against the terrorists.

onlinenigeria 8:24:00 AM CET

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/703764-soldiers-deal-heavy-blow-on-boko-haram-make-discoveries-photos.html>

First person convicted in relation to Nigeria's Boko Haram schoolgirl kidnap

Nigeria has convicted the first person to be brought to justice for the Chibok girls kidnapping, a crime that made Islamist militant group Boko Haram notorious around the world, the justice ministry said. As part of a mass trial of suspected members of the group, 35-year-old Haruna Yahaya....

japantimes 8:14:00 AM CET

https://www.japantimes.co.jp/?post_type=news&p=1358563&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+japantimes+%28The+Japan+Times%3A+All+Stories%29

Military rescues 3,475 civilians, arrests 34 terrorists

Troops of Operation Lafiya Dole have rescued 3,475 civilians and arrested 34 Boko Haram terrorists in Borno and Yobe states. The Theatre Commander of the troops, Maj-Gen Rogers Nicholas, disclosed this in Maiduguri. Briefing journalists at the Theatre's Command Centre, he said the operations were carried out in coordinated military attacks.

nrguardiannews 6:35:00 AM CET

<http://guardian.ng/news/military-rescues-3475-civilians-arrests-34-terrorists/>

As Nigeria's Regional Task Force Strengthens, Pressure Mounts on Boko Haram

On February 2, more than two dozen Boko Haram fighters emerged from a hideout in Sambisa Forest and surrendered to authorities. Their defections were a key victory for Nigerian forces and regional allies in their battle against the diminished, but still deadly, terrorist group.

globalsecurity 5:01:00 AM CET

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2018/02/mil-180214-voa02.htm>

NORTH AFRICA

Egypt

وتدشين كاتدرائية شهداء الإيمان .. وزير الخارجية يلقي كلمة عن الإرهاب في ميونخ -اليوم

-مصر

يشارك وزير الخارجية سامح شكري في مؤتمر السياسة والأمن الدولي بميونخ على رأس وفد :ميونخ (أ.ش.أ) فبرا 18 رفيع المستوى، يحضره السفير بدر عبد العاطي سفير مصر لدى ألمانيا الاتحادية، ويستمر المؤتمر حتى ير الجاري؛ ومن المقرر أن يشارك شكري كمتحدث رئيسي في الجلسة الخاصة بمكافحة الإرهاب في المؤتمر "الجهاد فيما بعد الخلافة" تحت عنوان

masrawy 7:29:00 AM CET

http://www.masrawy.com/news/news_egypt/details/2018/2/15/1263784/%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%88%D9%85-%D9%88%D8%B2%D9%8A%D8%BI-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AE%D8%A7%D8%BI%D8%AC%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D9%8A%D9%84%D9%82%D9%8A-%D9%83%D9%84%D9%85%D8%A9-%D8%B9%D9%86-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A5%D8%BI%D9%87%D8%A7%D8%A8-%D9%81%D9%8A-%D9%85%D9%8A%D9%88%D9%86%D8%AE-%D9%88%D8%AA%D8%AF%D8%B4%D9%8A%D9%86-%D9%83%D8%A7%D8%AA%D8%AF%D8%BI%D8%A7%D8%A6%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D8%B4%D9%87%D8%AF%D8%A7%D8%A1-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A5%D9%8A%D9%85%D8%A7%D9%86

جميع التنظيمات الإرهابية تندرج تحت جبهة واحدة :باحث

قال أحمد عطاء، الخبير في الحركات الإسلامية، إن العلاقة بين تنظيم داعش وقيادات التنظيمات: محمد نصار -كتب ت التكفيرية المسلحة سواء كانت جبهة النصرة، تنظيم القاعدة، أنصار الشريعة، وغيرها علاقات تحت ما يعرف بالجبهات المتوحدة في إطار مشروع دولة الخلافة، ليس في الشرق الأوسط ولكن على مستوى منطقة اليورو وأمريكا.

masrawy 14 Feb 2018

http://www.masrawy.com/news/news_egypt/details/2018/2/14/1263420/%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%AD%D8%AB-%D8%AC%D9%85%D9%8A%D8%B9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AA%D9%86%D8%B8%D9%8A%D9%85%D8%A7%D8%AA-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A5%D8%BI%D9%87%D8%A7%D8%A8%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D8%AA%D9%86%D8%AF%D8%BI%D8%AC-%D8%AA%D8%AD%D8%AA-%D8%AC%D8%A8%D9%87%D8%A9-%D9%88%D8%A7%D8%AD%D8%AF%D8%A9

Video of Muslim Brotherhood leader's son with Daesh affiliate not a new revelation of MB links to terrorism

A video released earlier this week by Egypt's deadliest terrorist group Ansar Beit Al-Maqdis has drawn widespread attention in the country after revealing that the son of Muslim Brotherhood leader Ibrahim El-Deeb, Omar, had joined the group's ranks in Sinai before he was killed by police last year.

ahram-EN 14 Feb 2018

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/1/64/290996/Egypt/Politics-/Video-of-Muslim-Brotherhood-leader%e2%80%99s-son-with-Daes.aspx>

Libya

When the Islamic State Came to Libya

One of the Libyans he recruited is a young man I'll call Ahmed who I met in 2016. In many ways, Ahmed's path to jihad paralleled his country's dissolution after the fall of dictator Muammar Qaddafi. And, when compared with the career of another jihadist 20 years his elder, it also underscored the....

carnegie-us-en 14 Feb 2018

<http://carnegieendowment.org/publications/?fa=75541>

Morocco

Promotion de l'islam modéré au Mali : 300 imams formés au Maroc à

Koulouba

Les trois premiers contingents d'imams maliens ont été reçus au palais présidentiel, hier mardi, par le chef de l'Etat, SEM Ibrahim Boubacar KEITA, qui avait à ses côtés le ministre des Affaires religieuses et du Culte, M. Thierno Amadou Omar Hass DIALLO, dont le leadership a été salué en la matière.

mali-web 2:51:00 AM CET

<http://mali-web.org/politique/cooperation/promotion-de-lislam-moderne-au-mali-300-imams-formes-au-maroc-a-koulouba>

Tunisia

قوات الأمن التونسية توقف عنصرين إرهابيين /سياسي

م واس أوقفت قوات الأمن بمحافظة المنستير شر 2018 فبراير 14 هـ الموافق 1439 جمادى الأولى 28 تونس وأوضح بيان لوزارة الداخلية ق تونس عنصراً إرهابياً ثبت تخايره مع أحد العناصر الإرهابية الموجودة في سوريا ية التونسية اليوم، أن عناصرها بمحافظة سيدي بوزيد غرب البلاد، أوقفت عنصراً إرهابياً وحجزت لديه وثائق... تروج

spa 1:04:00 AM CET

<http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewstory.php?newsid=1720963>

INTERNATIONAL

America

United States of American

A top al-Qaeda operative is about to be sentenced for killing U.S. troops 15 years ago in Afghanistan

A senior al-Qaeda member is set to be sentenced Friday in a Brooklyn court for conspiring to kill two American service members 15 years ago in Afghanistan and later plotting to bomb the U.S. Embassy in Nigeria. Ibrahim Suleiman Adnan Adam Harun, or Spin Ghul as he was known to fellow militants, faces life in prison.

WashingtonPost 2:18:00 AM CET

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/a-top-al-qaeda-operative-is-about-to-be-sentenced-for-killing-us-troops-15-years-ago-in-afghanistan/2018/02/14/e7a3a400-ec04-11e7-9f92-10a2203f6c8d_story.html

Government says American detainee worked for IS in Syria

The government's justification for holding the detainee without charge, contained in more than 150 pages filed late Wednesday, is loaded with details about the still-identified man, who is married and has a 3-year-old daughter. Yet it raises more questions about why he was in Syria. He has told U.S.

startribune 9:10:00 AM CET

<http://www.startribune.com/government-says-american-detainee-worked-for-is-in-syria/474134703/>

American who surrendered in Syria last year worked for Islamic State group, US says

In this July 17, 2017 file photo, smoke rises from a coalition airstrike which attacked an Islamic State militant position, on the front line on the western side of Raqqa, northeast Syria. (By Associated Press WASHINGTON -- An American detained by U.S.

oregonlive 9:09:00 AM CET

http://www.oregonlive.com/today/index.ssf/2018/02/american_who_surrendered_in_sy.html

Expert comments on terrorist threats in Caribbean

Fraser-Rahim noted that, last Thursday, the US Southern Command, which oversees US military operations in the Caribbean, “aided and advised state security forces in Trinidad to apprehend four extremists who sought to carry out an imminent terrorist attack during carnival”.

jamaicaobserver 8:12:00 AM CET

http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/expert-comments-on-terrorist-threats-in-caribbean_125303?profile=1470

Pentagon chief urges Turkey to stay focused on fighting Islamic State

U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis urged Turkey to remain focused on fighting Islamic State militants in Syria, a Pentagon statement on Thursday said. Relations between the United States and Turkey, allies within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, have become frayed by their diverging interests in the Syrian civil war.

reuters 9:15:00 AM CET

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-turkey-usa/pentagon-chief-urges-turkey-to-stay-focused-on-fighting-islamic-state-idUSKCN1FZ0LN?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29

Asia

Indonesia

Indonesian court indicts cleric accused of masterminding attacks

An Indonesian court indicted radical Islamic cleric Aman Abdurrahman on Thursday over allegations he masterminded from his jail cell a series of attacks in the Muslim-majority nation, including a deadly 2016 gun and suicide bomb assault in Jakarta.

reuters 9:15:00 AM CET

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-indonesia-militant/indonesian-court-indicts-cleric-accused-of-masterminding-attacks-idUSKCN1FZ0GI?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29

Cleric behind bombing in Indonesian capital goes on trial

A key ideologue for Islamic State militants in Indonesia went on trial Thursday for ordering acts of terror including a 2016 suicide bombing and gun attack in Jakarta that killed eight people including four attackers. The radical cleric, Oman Rohman, popularly known as Aman....

thepeninsulaqatar 8:33:00 AM CET

<https://www.thepeninsulaqatar.com/article/15/02/2018/Cleric-behind-bombing-in-Indonesian-capital-goes-on-trial>

Pakistan

Pakistan Bans Charities Linked To Mumbai Terrorist Suspect

Pakistan has banned two charities linked to Islamist leader Hafiz Saeed, a spokesperson for the ruling Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz-PMLN) told RFE/RL's Radio Mashaal on February 14. The bans on Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) and Falah-e-Insaniat Foundation (FIF) come amid calls from the United States and....

rferl 8:58:00 AM CET

<https://www.rferl.org/a/pakistan-bans-charities-linked-saeed-terrorist-un-designation-suspected-behind-2008-mumbai-attacks/29040736.html>

Syria

Syria's war has never been more international The Atlantic 49 mins ago

If the coming defeat of ISIS and rebel forces in Syria was supposed to bring an end to the seven-year conflict there, no one told Iran, Israel, Turkey, Russia, or the United States. Consider the stunning events that have occurred in the last three weeks alone:

Last month,....

msn-uk 9:33:00 AM CET

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/syrias-war-has-never-been-more-international/ar-BBJ9Hak>

Europe

Countering terror doesn't need to cost the Earth

While the risks of terrorism should not be downplayed, the extensive nature of climate change risks should not be downplayed either. Often times, the impacts are less visible but more significant, argues Janani Vivekananda. Janani Vivekananda is a senior project manager at the international think....

euractiv-en 8:09:00 AM CET

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/climate-environment/opinion/countering-terror-need-not-cost-the-earth/>

France

French court acquits man accused of harboring terrorists, convicts pair

A French court on Wednesday acquitted a man charged with harboring Islamic extremists after they carried out the 2015 Paris attacks, bringing a surprising end to the first criminal trial linked to the country's deadliest extremist violence since World War II.

japantimes 1:35:00 AM CET

https://www.japantimes.co.jp/?post_type=news&p=1358394&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+japantimes+%28The+Japan+Times%3A+All+Stories%29

United Kingdom

UK unveils new technology to fight extremist content online

The British government is unveiling new technology designed to remove extremist material from social media, amid mounting pressure on companies like Facebook and Twitter to do more to remove such content from their platforms. The software, developed by ASI Data Science with funding from....

sunstar 14 Feb 2018

<http://www.sunstar.com.ph/network/news/2018/02/14/uk-unveils-new-technology-fight-extremist-content-online-588922>

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