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### EAST AFRICA

#### Somalia

##### **Gunmen kill Somali Elder involved in Election**

Unknown gunmen have shot and killed an Elder who has involved the electoral process in Mogadishu's Bakaro market on Tuesday. The Elder who was identified only as Khanas was killed by pistol-wielding men inside Bakaro market who fled the scene before the arrival of the Somali security forces.

*shabelle 14 Mar 2017*

<http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/03/an-elder-involved-in-election-shot-dead-in-mogadishu/>

##### **Somali pirates suspected of staging first attack since 2012**

Suspected pirates boarded a Sri Lankan-flagged tanker and forced its crew to change course towards the northeastern Somali coast, an expert on piracy in Somalia said Tuesday. If the hijackers' identity is confirmed, the attack would be the first by Somali pirates on a commercial ship since 2012.

*news-yahoo 14 Mar 2017*

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/somali-pirates-suspected-staging-first-attack-since-2012-103940490.html>

##### **Les pirates somaliens soupçonnés d'une première attaque depuis 2012**

Si l'identité des assaillants était confirmée, il s'agirait du premier détournement d'un navire commercial par des pirates somaliens depuis 2012. Après avoir lancé un message de détresse lundi après-midi, le navire-citerne Aris 13, avec huit membres d'équipage à son bord, a dévié de sa trajectoire....

*lapresse-CA 14 Mar 2017*

<http://www.lapresse.ca/international/afrique/201703/14/01-5078552-les-pirates-somaliens-soupconnes-dune-premiere-attaque-depuis-2012.php>

##### **Maharamia wa Kisomali wateka meli tena**

Meli ya mizigo imetekwa karibu na pwani ya Somalia, taarifa zinasema. Idadi isiyojulikana ya watu wanaodhaniwa kuwa ni maharamia waliingia katika meli hiyo

katika pwani ya kaskazini leo (14/03/2017), wakazi karibu na eneo hilo pamoja na maafisa wamesema.

*raiamwema 14 Mar 2017*

<http://www.raiamwema.co.tz/maharamia-wa-kisomali-wateka-meli-tena/>

### **Somali pirates demand ransom for oil tanker, EU force says**

Armed men are demanding a ransom for the release of an oil tanker they have seized off the coast of Somalia and the crew is being held captive, the European Union anti-piracy operation in the region announced late Tuesday. An EU Naval Force statement said the operation....

*AP 4:36:00 AM CET*

[http://hosted2.ap.org/APDEFAULT/cae69a7523db45408eeb2b3a98c0c9c5/Article\\_2017-03-14-AF--Somalia-Piracy/id-e25249db4a2c4756b2adbeab08b6736f](http://hosted2.ap.org/APDEFAULT/cae69a7523db45408eeb2b3a98c0c9c5/Article_2017-03-14-AF--Somalia-Piracy/id-e25249db4a2c4756b2adbeab08b6736f)

### **Somalia Region Sends Soldiers to Free Hijacked Ship**

Somali forces have been sent to free a hijacked ship, a regional police official said on Tuesday. "We are determined to rescue the ship and its crew. Our forces have set off to Alula. It is our duty to rescue ships hijacked by pirates and we shall rescue it," Abdirahman Mohamud Hassan, director....

*marinelink 3:24:00 AM CET*

<http://www.marinelink.com/news/soldiers-hijacked-somalia423149>

## **Uganda**

### **US army uses mothers to get Kony's men to defect**

American special forces deployed in the Central African Republic (CAR) to support the hunt for Joseph Kony and his LRA rebels have switched from using bullets to blaring recordings from mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles to persuade the militants to defect.

*observer-ug 3:45:00 AM CET*

<http://www.observer.ug/news/headlines/51770-us-army-uses-mothers-to-get-kony-s-men-to-defect.html>

## **CENTRAL AFRICA**

### **Cameroon**

#### **5000 otages libérés du groupe Boko Haram**

Plus de 5000 personnes, dont des femmes et des enfants, ont été libérées des mains du groupe Boko Haram et au moins 60 militants extrémistes ont été tués par des soldats camerounais et nigérians dans des opérations militaires menées depuis la fin du mois de janvier, a annoncé mardi le ministre des Communications du Cameroun.

*camer 5:17:00 AM CET*

<http://www.camer.be/58792/1:11/cameroun-5000-otages-liberes-du-groupe-boko-haram-cameroun.html>

#### **5,000 people freed from Boko Haram since January**

Cameroon says its soldiers have freed more than 5,000 people held by Boko Haram and have killed at least 60 Islamic extremists in operations since the end of January. Communications Minister Issa Tchiroma Bakary said Tuesday that thousands of Cameroonian soldiers, supported....

*nzherald 14 Mar 2017*

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=2&objectid=11818636&ref=rss](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=11818636&ref=rss)

### **Paul Biya solidaire des victimes de Boko Haram**

Au total, 15 veuves, 82 orphelins et 92 membres des comités de vigilance du département du Mayo- Tsanaga, ont le baume au cur grâce au geste du président de la

République, toujours préoccupé de leur peine. En plus des 20 millions de Fcfa, l'appui qui leur a été remis par le gouverneur de la région....

crtv 14 Mar 2017

<http://crtv.cm/fr/nouvelles/societe-10/-paul-biya-solidaire-des-victimes-de-boko-haram-18870.htm>

## **Central African Republic**

### **Affrontement signalé entre Anti-Balaka et Séléka à Kaga-Bandoro**

Un combat est signalé entre les Anti-Balaka et les éléments Séléka à Kaga-Bandoro au centre nord du pays et a occasionné plusieurs déplacés de la localité vers la base de la Minusca. L'information a été confirmée au RJDH par des sources locales. Cet affrontement entre les deux factions ennemis....

jurnaldebangui 14 Mar 2017

<http://www.jurnaldebangui.com/article.php?aid=11888>

## **Chad**

### **Regional Task Force Battles Boko Haram**

In Boko Haram-affected areas in Niger, Cameroon, Chad and Nigeria, a force of more than 10,000 African troops is working to degrade and destroy the terrorist group. Boko Haram is responsible for the deaths of more than 20,000 people since its fighters began their insurgency in 2009 in northeastern Nigeria.

voanews 14 Mar 2017

<http://www.voanews.com/a/regional-task-force-battles-boko--haram/3765775.html>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Côte d'Ivoire**

#### **Strengthened security 1 year after Ivory Coast beach attack**

One year after Islamic extremists attacked an Ivory Coast beach resort and made clear their reach was growing in West Africa, this nation has tightened its security but still feels some economic pain. Police patrols continue along the Grand Bassam beach where 19 were....

nzherald 14 Mar 2017

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=2&objectid=11818273&ref=rss](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=11818273&ref=rss)

#### **Depuis un an, nous avons réussi à protéger notre territoire d'un autre attentat (Ministre de l'intérieur)**

Les actions des éléments sous sa direction ont permis notamment, de démanteler les réseaux dormants des personnes impliquées dans l'attentat de Grand-Bassam présents en Côte d'Ivoire et notamment, au Mali, Sénégal et au Burkina Faso. Le ministre d'état, ministre de l'intérieur et de la sécurité,....

rti 14 Mar 2017

<http://www.rti.ci/actualite-18387-cnite-d-a-ivoire-depuis-un-an-nous-avons-reussi-no-protn-ger-notre-territoire-d-a-un-autre-attentat-ministre-de-l-a-intn-rieur.html>

### **Nigeria**

#### **Purported Boko Haram video shows execution of alleged Nigerian spies**

Nigeria Islamist militant sect Boko Haram on Tuesday published a video purporting to show the execution of three men the group accused of being Nigerian military spies. The seven-minute clip, the first online video of an execution said to be by Boko Haram to be posted in two years, showed three men wearing orange jumpsuits.

reuters 14 Mar 2017

[http://www.reuters.com/article/us-nigeria-security-idUSKBNJ6L23X?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29](http://www.reuters.com/article/us-nigeria-security-idUSKBNJ6L23X?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29)

## **Boko Haram diffuse une vidéo d'exécution sur le modèle de l'EI**

Le groupe islamiste Boko Haram a publié lundi soir sur internet une vidéo mettant en scène une exécution dans le nord-est du Nigeria sur le modèle de la propagande propre à l'organisation Etat islamique (EI). C'est la première vidéo de ce type jamais publiée par le groupe nigérian Boko Haram, dont....

*slateafrique 14 Mar 2017*

<http://www.slateafrique.com/728336/boko-haram-diffuse-une-video-dexecution-sur-le-modele-de-lei>

## **Boko Haram executes 3 men in new video**

The video, which was made public on Tuesday morning, showed the militants beheading one man and shooting two others to death with AK-47 rifles. Speaking in Hausa, the terrorists briefly interviewed their victims before their execution. The men were asked to identify themselves and those who sent....

*sunnewsonline 2:44:00 AM CET*

<http://sunnewsonline.com/boko-haram-executes-3-men-in-new-video/>

## **Boko Haram splinter group leader charged with murder**

A Nigerian court on Tuesday charged the leader of a Boko Haram splinter group with the murder of several foreigners. Nigerian High Court documents obtained by The Associated Press say Khalid al-Barnawi and six others face charges that include hostage-taking and conspiracy to commit terrorism.

*WashingtonPost 14 Mar 2017*

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/boko-haram-splinter-group-leader-charged-with-murder/2017/03/14/2f3aa14a-08c8-11e7-bd19-fd3afa0f7e2a\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/boko-haram-splinter-group-leader-charged-with-murder/2017/03/14/2f3aa14a-08c8-11e7-bd19-fd3afa0f7e2a_story.html)

## **Un chef dissident de Boko Haram inculpé d'enlèvements et meurtres d'étrangers**

Le leader du groupe islamiste Ansaru, faction dissidente de Boko Haram, a comparu mardi devant un tribunal de la capitale nigériane Abuja où il a été formellement inculpé pour l'enlèvement et l'assassinat de 10 étrangers. Khalid Al-Barnawi, considéré comme un terroriste et sur la liste noire....

*romandie 14 Mar 2017*

<http://www.romandie.com/news/Nigeria-un-chef-dissident-de-Boko-Haram-inculpe-denlevelements-et-meurtres-detrangers/780066.rom>

## **FG to arraign six Boko Haram leaders today**

Six suspected Boko Haram leaders, who were allegedly involved in the kidnap and murder of 11 expatriates between 2011 and 2013 in the North, will be arraigned today. A nine-count charge has been filed against them by the Ministry of Justice. They will be arraigned before Justice John Tsoho of the Federal High Court, Abuja.

*onlinenigeria 14 Mar 2017*

<http://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/607236-fg-to-arraign-six-boko-haram-leaders-today.html>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Algeria**

#### **Le Président Bouteflika désigné par ses pairs africains Coordonnateur de l'Afrique pour la lutte contre le terrorisme**

Le président de la République, Abdelaziz Bouteflika, a été désigné par ses pairs africains, Coordonnateur de l'Afrique pour la lutte contre le terrorisme, mardi à Addis-

Abeba à l'occasion de la cérémonie de passation de témoin entre les Commissions sortante et entrante de l'Union Africaine (UA).

11:20:00 AM CET

<http://www.aps.dz/algerie/54708-le-pr%C3%A9sident-bouteflika-d%C3%A9sign%C3%A9-par-ses-pairs-africains-coordonnateur-de-l-afrique-pour-la-lutte-contre-le-terrorisme>

## **ASSÉCHÉS EN ARMES, SANS RÉSEAUX DE SOUTIEN, LES MAQUIS TERRORISTES AUX ABOIS**

La chaîne d'approvisionnement en armes cassée, les réseaux de soutien détricotés et le socle idéologique extirpé de sa couverture politique. En 2017, il n'y a plus que des desperados qui croient encore au djihad. Les derniers bilans chiffrés fournis par le ministère de la Défense nationale dans le....

*lexpressiondz 14 Mar 2017*

<http://www.lexpressiondz.com/actualite/262516-les-dernieres-cartouches.html>

## **L'expérience algérienne dans la lutte contre le terrorisme une référence aux Nations unies**

Alger Le ministre des Affaires maghrébines, de l'Union africaine (UA) et de la Ligue des Etats arabes, Abdelkader Messahel, a affirmé que l'expérience algérienne dans la lutte contre le terrorisme et l'extrémisme est désormais une "référence" au niveau de l'Organisation des Nations unies.

*allafrica-fr 14 Mar 2017*

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201703140238.html>

## **Libya**

### **Khalifa Haftar launches offensive on key oil ports**

Troops commanded by Libyan renegade general Khalifa Haftar have launched an offensive to seize back control of two of the country's key eastern oil terminals, according to a spokesman. "Ground, sea and air forces launched joint attacks to liberate Ras Lanuf from terrorist groups," Khalifa al-Abidi....

*aljazeera-en 14 Mar 2017*

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/03/khalifa-haftar-launches-offensive-key-oil-ports-170314105038191.html>

### **Haftar lance l'opération «éclair écrasant» pour les champs pétroliers**

L'armée libyenne annonce le lancement ce mardi 14 mars au matin d'une opération pour reprendre les deux champs pétroliers qui sont aux mains de la milice extrémiste les brigades de défense de Benghazi, depuis le 4 mars dernier.

*rfi-fr 14 Mar 2017*

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrigue/20170314-libye-haftar-operation-eclair-ecrasant-champs-petroliers-ras-lanouf>

## **Tripoli, théâtre d'affrontements armés violents entre milices**

Les combats ont commencé lundi soir dans les quartiers résidentiels et commerciaux de Hay al-Andalous et Gargaresh. Des tirs et des explosions étaient toujours entendus mardi en début d'après-midi dans ces deux quartiers situés à deux kilomètres à l'ouest du centre de Tripoli, des témoins faisant état de "combats de rues" et de tirs de chars.

*lematindz 14 Mar 2017*

<http://www.lematindz.net/news/23716-tripoli-theatre-d'affrontements-armes-violents-entre-milices.html>

## **Tunisia**

### **Mobilisation de la Francophonie dans la lutte contre le terrorisme**

La Secrétaire générale de la Francophonie, Madame Michaëlle Jean, condamne fermement l'attaque terroriste qui s'est produite dimanche 12 mars 2017 à Kebili (sud

du pays) contre une patrouille, au cours de laquelle un policier a été tué et un autre blessé.

*allafrica-fr 14 Mar 2017*  
<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201703140212.html>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

**Asia**  
**Iraq**

### **IS Mosul commander killed, government forces battle for bridge**

Iraqi government forces killed the Islamic State commander of Mosul's Old City on Tuesday as the battle for the militants' last stronghold in Iraq focused on a bridge crossing the Tigris river. As fighting intensified on Tuesday after the previous day's heavy rains, civilians streamed out of....

*channelnewsasia 14 Mar 2017*  
<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/is-mosul-commander-killed-government-forces-battle-for-bridge/3594194.html>

### **Iraq Forces Retake Mosul Train Station**

Iraqi forces said Tuesday that they recaptured Mosul's train station, which has not been operational since 'jihadists' seized the city but was once one of the country's main rail hubs. Iraqi forces launched a major push to retake west Mosul from the ISIL group last month, advancing in to the....

*nna-en 14 Mar 2017*  
<http://nna-leb.gov.lb/en/show-news/76592/Iraq-Forces-Retake-Mosul-Train-Station>

### **Mosul battle reaching final stages**

Baghdad Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said the government offensive to recapture the city of Mosul from Islamic State militants was in its final stages. Speaking at a news conference on Tuesday night, he warned the insurgents that they must surrender or be killed.

*reuters 8:01:00 AM CET*  
[http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-iraq-abadi-idUSKBN16M0M6?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FtopNews%28News%2F+US%2F+Top+News%29](http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-iraq-abadi-idUSKBN16M0M6?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FtopNews%28News%2F+US%2F+Top+News%29)

### **La bataille de Mossoul entre dans sa dernière phase, dit Al Abadi**

L'offensive conduite par les forces gouvernementales pour reprendre la ville de Mossoul aux combattants de l'organisation Etat islamique est entrée dans sa dernière phase, a déclaré mardi soir le Premier ministre irakien, Haïdar al Abadi.

*capital-FR 8:42:00 AM CET*  
<http://www.capital.fr/a-la-une/actualites/la-bataille-de-mossoul-entre-dans-sa-derniere-phase-dit-al-abadi-1213894#xtor=RSS-217>

### **La gare de Mossoul reprise aux jihadistes**

Construite dans les années 1940, la gare permettait le transport de marchandises depuis la Turquie et la Syrie jusqu'à Bagdad et Bassora (sud) et avait fait l'objet de "nombreuses attaques terroristes" avant même la conquête de la ville par l'EI en juin 2014, a expliqué à l'AFP Salam Jabr Salloum,....

*lanouvellerepublique 14 Mar 2017*  
<http://www.lanouvellerepublique.fr/France-Monde/Actualite/24-Heures/n/Contenus/Articles/2017/03/13/La-gare-de-Mossoul-reprise-aux-jihadistes-3030453>

## **Kazakhstan**

## **Russian-backed Syria talks derailed as rebels boycott**

Russian-led peace talks on Syria were derailed on Tuesday as rebels backed by Turkey boycotted a third round of meetings in Kazakhstan and the Kremlin indicated there were international divisions over the process. Russia, Syrian President Bashar Al Assad's most powerful ally, said the....

*gulfnews 14 Mar 2017*

[http://gulfnews.com/news/mena/syria/russian-backed-syria-talks-derailed-as-rebels-boycott-1.1993942?localLinksEnabled=false&utm\\_source=Feeds&utm\\_medium=RSS&utm\\_term=News+RSS+feed&utm\\_content=1.1993942&utm\\_campaign=Russian-backed+Syria+talks+derailed+as+rebels+boycott](http://gulfnews.com/news/mena/syria/russian-backed-syria-talks-derailed-as-rebels-boycott-1.1993942?localLinksEnabled=false&utm_source=Feeds&utm_medium=RSS&utm_term=News+RSS+feed&utm_content=1.1993942&utm_campaign=Russian-backed+Syria+talks+derailed+as+rebels+boycott)

## **Pakistan**

### **Pakistani army says 3 convicted Islamic militants executed**

The army's statement Wednesday says the militants were associated with the Pakistani Taliban and a second extremist group named Harkat-ul-Jihad e-Islami. They were convicted of involvement in the killing of soldiers and police officers. The Pakistani government began trying alleged Islamic militants....

*startribune 8:09:00 AM CET*

<http://www.startribune.com/pakistani-army-says-3-convicted-islamic-militants-executed/416193544/>

## **Syria**

### **ISIS Seeking to Transform Deir Ezzor into Alternative Jihadist ‘Capital’**

Beirut, Moscow- ISIS is currently busy preparing for two intertwined battles inside Syria. The first is anticipated to take place in its self-proclaimed Syrian capital of Raqqa ahead of the expected offensive of US-allied Syrian forces in the upcoming weeks.

*aawsat 7:46:00 AM CET*

<http://english.aawsat.com/p-astatih/news-middle-east/isis-seeking-transform-deir-ezzor-alternative-jihadist-capital>

### **814 soignants tués en six ans, recrudescence des attaques en 2016**

Au moins 814 soignants ont été tués depuis le début de la guerre en Syrie en mars 2011, avec une nette intensification des attaques contre des établissements de santé l'an dernier par les forces gouvernementales et leurs alliés russes, selon de nouvelles estimations publiées mercredi.

*Europe1 8:33:00 AM CET*

<http://www.europe1.fr/international/syrie-814-soignants-tues-en-six-ans-recrudescence-des-attaques-en-2016-3003074>

### **Arab media outlets said that the US troops have carried out another heliborne operation to evacuate 10 more ISIL commanders from the Eastern province of Deir Ezzur.**

The Arabic language al-Hadath news website reported that several US military helicopters landed on kilometer 10 of Deir Ezzur-Hasaka road and evacuated a number of ISIL commanders from the region. "After the helicopter landed, several US marines took 10 ISIL commanders on board and left the region," the report said.

*farsnews-en 14 Mar 2017*

<http://en.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=13951224001067>

### **The Syrian Army forces continued to attack the positions of Al-Nusra Front (Fatah al-Sham Front) in Eastern Ghouta and managed to take full control over the entire Bostans (gardens) in al-Qaboun district.**

The army soldiers engaged in fierce clashes with Al-Nusra terrorists and managed to recapture the entire Bostans in al-Qaboun district Northeast of Damascus city after taking control over al-Mohaba Sports Stadium. Local sources said that the army soldiers also discovered and seized tens of tunnels....

farsnews-en 14 Mar 2017

<http://en.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=13951224001006>

## **Yemen**

### **Des femmes entament un sit-in contre la guerre**

Plusieurs dizaines de femmes yéménites ont entamé mardi à Sanaa un sit-in de trois jours pour protester contre la poursuite de la guerre qui déchire leur pays depuis deux ans, a constaté un photographe de l'AFP. Rassemblées devant le siège de l'ONU dans la capitale contrôlée par les rebelles....

romandie 14 Mar 2017

<http://www.romandie.com/news/Yemen-des-femmes-entament-un-sit-in-contre-la-guerre/780073.rom>

## **Europe**

### **Counterterrorism for the Continent**

These attacks have exposed deep flaws in continental Europe's approach to counterterrorism. European intelligence agencies do not share information with one another fast enough. Europe's porous borders allow terrorists to cross the continent with ease.

foreignaffairs 14 Mar 2017

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/europe/keeping-europe-safe>

## **Germany**

### **German authorities ban Islamic extremist group**

German authorities on Tuesday banned an organization that they said was a “hot spot” for Islamic extremists and searched a mosque that the group runs. The “German-speaking Islam Group Hildesheim,” known by its German acronym DIK, had long been on authorities’ radar as a magnet for radicals.

WashingtonPost 14 Mar 2017

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/german-authorities-ban-islamic-extremist-group/2017/03/14/caa18c28-08a7-11e7-bd19-fd3afa0f7e2a\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/german-authorities-ban-islamic-extremist-group/2017/03/14/caa18c28-08a7-11e7-bd19-fd3afa0f7e2a_story.html)

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