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# **AFRICA**

### 1,000% increase in terrorism activity in Africa since 2006

The report, titled "Africa at a tipping point" by the Mo Ibrahim Foundation and released ahead of its 2017 Ibrahim Forum, now in its tenth year, has revealed that terrorist activity in Africa has grown by 1,000% in the past 10 years.

thetimes-za 14 May 2017

http://www.timeslive.co.za/africa/2017/05/14/1%E2%80%9A000-increase-in-terrorism-activity-in-Africa-since-2006

# **EAST AFRICA**

# **Somalia**

# Farmajo Calls for End of Arms Embargo to Defeat Al-Shabaab

London Somalia's president has called on the international community to lift an arms embargo on his country as government soldiers battle to regain territory from the armed group al-Shabab. Speaking on Thursday at a Somalia conference held in London and attended by world leaders, Mohamed Abdullahi....

allafrica 14 May 2017

http://allafrica.com/stories/201705120411.html

#### Uganda vows to boos the fight against Al shabaab

The troops contributing countries have increased to five. These are: Uganda, Burundi, Kenya, Ethiopia and Djibouti. The Somali government moved from exile in Kenya where it had been based to Mogadishu since 2007. The international organisations also relocated to Mogadishu from Nairobi, Kenya. Many al-Shabaab dominated areas have been liberated.

shabelle 14 May 2017

http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/05/uganda-to-boos-fight-against-al-shabaab-militants/

#### Two soldiers injured in Al shabaab attack in Qoryoley

At least Two Somali government soldiers were reported to have been wounded in Al shabaab attack on SNA bases in the town of Qoryoley, located some 120Km southwest of Mogadishu. The overnight attack has sparked a fierce clash between the militants and government forces that left at least two soldiers....

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http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/05/two-soldiers-injured-in-al-shabaab-attack-in-goryoley/

# **CENTRAL AFRICA**

# **Central African Republic**

# Armed group attacks civilians, UN in CAR

The United Nations peacekeeping force in the Central African Republic is sending reinforcements to the south-eastern town of Bangassou, where an armed group opened fire on civilians overnight on Friday killing an undisclosed number and at least one UN peacekeeper.

panapress 14 May 2017

http://www.panapress.com/pana-2-lang2-SOC-index.html

# Bangassou une ville du sud est de Centrafrique sous contrôle d'une coalition des milices antibalakas

Le représentant des Nations Unies en République centrafricaine, Parfait Onanga Anyanga, a assuré dimanche, dans un entretien avec la presse, que « la MINUSCA fera tout pour reprendre la ville de Bangassou aux mains des miliciens antibalakas » à qui il a promis le châtiment.

journalducameroun 14 May 2017

http://journalducameroun.com/bangassou-une-ville-du-sud-est-de-centrafrique-sous-controle-dune-coalition-des-milices-antibalakas/

#### Moroccan soldier injured in fresh attack in C.Africa

A Moroccan peacekeeper was injured early Sunday in a fresh attack on a UN base in the deeply troubled Central African Republic, after a compatriot died in another night raid. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres expressed "outrage" and called on the authorities "to investigate the....

middle-east-online\_en 9:46:00 AM CEST

http://www.middle-east-online.com/english/?id=83119

# **WEST AFRICA**

#### **Burkina Faso**

#### **Extremist Expansion in Burkina Faso: Origins and Solutions**

On May 1, the French army discovered large amounts of weapons and ammunition, including rocket launchers and explosives, in woods near the Malian city of Gao, just across the border from Burkina Faso. In a large-scale operation involving fighter jets,....

reliefWeb 7:03:00 AM CEST

http://reliefweb.int/report/burkina-faso/extremist-expansion-burkina-faso-origins-and-solutions

# **Niger**

# Attaque terroriste contre un camp de la gendarmerie au Niger

Des assaillants non identifiés s'en sont pris jeudi au camp de la gendarmerie d'Ayorou, une localité située à 180 kilomètres de Niamey, au Niger. Il n'y aurait pas de victimes,

mais du matériel appartenant aux gendarmes a été emporté. C'est vers 17 h, heure locale, que des individus non identifiés....

liberte-algerie 13 May 2017

http://www.liberte-algerie.com/international/attaque-terroriste-contre-un-camp-de-la-gendarmerie-au-niger-269748

#### Nigeria

# Boko Haram sent me on suicide mission for refusing marriage proposals, says 14yr-old girl

A 14 year old female suspected suicide bomber says Boko Haram leaders choose her to detonate an Improvised Explosive Device in Maiduguri because she refused to get married to their members in Sambisa Forest. The suspect is among three suspects arrested by the military when they allegedly came for a....

sunnewsonline 14 May 2017

http://www.vanguardngr.com/2017/05/boko-haram-sent-suicide-mission-refusing-marriage-proposals-says-14yr-old-girl/

#### **Troops arrest terrorist, kidnappers**

Troops of Forward Operation Base, Fika, on routine patrol earlier Sunday, arrested a suspected fleeing Boko Haram terrorist, named Bala Ibrahim aged 30 years at Fika. The Chief Of Army Staff, Lt General Buratai visits 112 Task Force Battalion, Mafa, Borno state where he interacted with troops and shared breakfast with them.

vanguardngr 14 May 2017

http://www.vanguardngr.com/2017/05/troops-arrest-terrorist-kidnappers/

# **NORTH AFRICA**

# <u>Algeria</u>

# Algeria stresses counterterrorism requires joint action

Algerian Prime Minister, Abdelmalek Sellal on Sunday stressed the fight against terrorism and various forms of criminality require joint action between international security services and strong commitment of the international community. "The world is witnessing considerable upsurge of....

chinadaily 5:13:00 AM CEST

#### Sellal: «L'Afrique unie face au terrorisme et le crime organisé»

En marge de l'ouverture des travaux de l'Assemblée générale d'Afripol, hier à l'hôtel l'Aurassi, le Chef de l'Exécutif a mis en avant, les efforts de l'Algérie dans la lutte antiterrorisme par le mécanisme de la réconciliation nationale, grâce auquel, «nous avons retrouvé sécurité, paix et stabilité».

lnr-dz 12:56:00 AM CEST

http://lnr-dz.com/index.php?page=details&id=65304

### **Egypt**

#### Egyptian colonel killed in bomb attack on armoured vehicle

A colonel in the Egyptian military was killed and three recruits injured on Sunday when their armoured vehicle was hit by an explosion in the Sinai peninsula, security sources said. The attack in the northern Sinai was the latest in an area where security forces have been battling the local....

in-cyprus 14 May 2017

http://in-cyprus.com/egyptian-colonel-killed-in-bomb-attack-on-armoured-vehicle/

### **Tunisia**

# Accusés d'activités liées au terrorisme, 25 Tunisiens condamnés à diverses peines

Le tribunal de première instance de Tunis a condamné 45 Tunisiens accusés dans l'affaire connue sous le nom "les assermentés de la mort" qui évoluaient dans le camp d'entraînement de Sabratah en Libye dont 22 arrêtés et 23 en fuite, a annoncé le porteparole du pole judiciaire de lutte contre le terrorisme, Sofiene Sliti.

panapress 14 May 2017

http://www.panapress.com/pana-2-lang1-SOC-index.html

# **INTERNATIONAL**

# Asia

#### **Afghanistan**

#### Afghan official says mortar attack kills 5 children

An Afghan official says a mortar attack has killed five children in eastern Afghanistan. Sarhidi Zwak, spokesman for the governor of the Laghman province, said they ranged in age from six to 12 years old. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack, but officials suspect the Taliban, who are active in the province.

miamiherald 14 May 2017

http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/article150473207.html#storylink=rss

#### Roadside bomb kills 4 in eastern province

An Afghan official says at least four people were killed when a police vehicle hit a roadside bomb in eastern Paktia province. Abdullah Hsrat, spokesman for the provincial governor, says two border police officers and two civilians were killed in the attack, which took place in Zazi Aryub district on Sunday night.

seattletimes 9:43:00 AM CEST

http://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/afghan-official-roadside-bomb-kills-4-in-eastern-province/?utm\_source=RSS&utm\_medium=Referral&utm\_campaign=RSS\_all

### 9 militants detained in N. Afghan operation

Nine Taliban militants were captured following a special operation in Afghanistan's northern province of Kunduz on Monday, police said. "On specific intelligence inputs, Afghan Special Operation Forces carried out a raid in Chahar Dara district early Monday, capturing nine armed militants," Gen.

xinhuanet\_en 9:43:00 AM CEST

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-05/15/c\_136285238.htm

# <u>Pakistan</u>

# Pakistanis protest IS attack against pro-Taliban politician

Supporters of Jamiat-e-Ulema Islam, a Pakistani religious group, chant slogans during a demonstration to condemn the Friday's suicide bombing, in Lahore, Pakistan, Sunday, May 14, 2017. The Islamic State group says it orchestrated a suicide attack on Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, a Pakistani lawmaker, in....

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia\_pacific/official-gunmen-kill-2-in-northwest-pakistan/2017/05/14/6b370866-3878-11e7-ab03-aa29f656f13e\_story.html

#### **Syria**

#### More than 1,500 rebels, families evacuate devastated Damascus district

Amman: More than 1,500 rebels and their family members left the devastated district of Qaboun on the edge of the Syrian capital Damascus after more than two months of aerial strikes and artillery shelling, rebels and state media said on Sunday. The rebels had agreed overnight to a secret evacuation....

timesofoman 14 May 2017

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#### Au moins 1.500 personnes évacuées d'un quartier rebelle de Damas

Au moins 1.500 civils et insurgés ont été évacués dimanche d'un troisième quartier rebelle de Damas, ont annoncé des médias d'Etat syriens, rapprochant encore davantage le régime de son objectif d'éradiquer toute présence rebelle dans la capitale.

laprovence 14 May 2017

http://www.laprovence.com/article/france-monde/4448463/syrie-au-moins-1500-personnes-evacuees-dun-quartier-rebelle-de-damas.html

# Syria army 'moves into area' where rebels evicted ISIL

The Syrian army and allied armed groups have started moving large numbers of troops to a desert region on the country's border with Iraq and Jordan as US-backed rebels make advances nearby, according to rebel sources. Speaking to the Reuters news agency on Monday, rebel sources and commanders said....

aljazeera-en 9:37:00 AM CEST

 $\underline{http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/05/syria-army-moves-area-rebels-evicted-isil-170515043533965.html}$ 

# IS militants destroy archeological statues in Syria's Dura-Europos

The 'Islamic State' terrorist groups destroyed a number of statues and artifacts in Dura-Europos site of Syria' east, SANA news agency reported. The terror organization published a video showing its member using sledgehammers to destroy archeological....

armenpress 9:56:00 AM CEST

#### Europe

### **Cyprus**

### Nicosia 50-year-old's cars damaged in bomb attack

Police are investigating two bomb attacks in which two cars were damaged in Nicosia on Sunday morning. Two metallic explosive mechanisms with weak explosive charges were used. According to police, the first of the two explosions occurred at 4:50 on Sunday morning in which a car belonging to a 50-year-old was damaged outside his house.

in-cyprus 14 May 2017

http://in-cyprus.com/nicosia-50-year-olds-cars-damaged-in-bomb-attack/

#### **France**

# Emmanuel Macron, une première journée présidentielle sous le signe de la sécurité et du terrorisme

Mais c'est surtout lors de la cérémonie que le Président a multiplié les signaux en ce sens. Après avoir convié à l'Elysée Etienne Cardiles, le compagnon de Xavier Jugelé, le policier abattu le 20 avril dernier dans une attaque terroriste, il a terminé la descente des Champs-Elysées en milieu de....

metrofrance 14 May 2017

http://www.lci.fr/elections/investiture-emmanuel-macron-une-premiere-journee-presidentielle-sous-le-signe-de-la-securite-et-du-terrorisme-2052006 html

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