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#### **EAST AFRICA**

##### **Kenya**

##### **L'ONU salue les efforts du Kenya pour la paix dans les Grands Lacs**

L'Envoyé spécial du Secrétaire général des Nations Unies pour la région des Grands Lacs, Huang Xia a félicité mardi le Kenya pour son engagement et son soutien en faveur du maintien de la paix et de la sécurité dans cette région. M. Xia a affirmé que le geste posé par le Kenya en tant que promoteur....

*journaldebrazza 14 May 2019*

<https://www.journaldebrazza.com/lonu-salue-les-efforts-du-kenya-pour-la-paix-dans-les-grands-lacs/>

##### **Dusit attack: Court to rule on whether to release financier**

Despite pleas from Mohammed Abdi Ali's lawyer and family that he be released on bond, the prosecution wants him further detained. The accused sent a total of Sh500,000 from Soko Mbuzi area in Mandera County. Senior Resident Magistrate Muthoni Nzibe said she will issue the ruling after Mohammed....

*nation-ke 12:31:00 PM CEST*

<https://www.nation.co.ke/news/Dusit-attack--Court-to-rule-on-release-financer/1056-5116148-siq251z/index.html>

## **Security heightened during Ramadhan to thwart Al Shabaab attacks**

In a statement, Police Spokesman Owino stated that the militant group has a history of striking during the Ramadhan period and emulating global jihadist groups mode of attack. He pointed out that security has been beefed up within major cities and near the Kenya Somalia border.

capitalfm 11:55:00 AM CEST

<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2019/05/security-heightened-during-ramadhan-to-thwart-al-shabaab-attacks/>

## **Somalia**

### **Somalia, AU to intensify joint operations against al-Shabab terror group**

Somalia and the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) are intensifying joint operations against the al-Shabab terror group, said Francisco Madeira, special representative of the chairperson of the AU Commission for Somalia, on Tuesday.

xinhuanet\_en 1:05:00 PM CEST

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-05/15/c\\_138060947.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-05/15/c_138060947.htm)

### **Al-Shabab engages gunfight with Somali army in Somali town**

A heavy gunfight between Somali military and Al-Shabaab fighters took place on Tuesday night Qoryoley district located in the southern volatile Lower Shabelle region. The battle broke out following an ambush attack against army bases in the town by armed militants from different directions, according to the sources.

shabelle 11:38:00 AM CEST

<https://www.radioshabelle.com/al-shabab-engages-gunfight-with-somali-army-clash-in-somali-town/>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Benin**

### **Le Bénin confronté au défi sécuritaire après l'attaque du parc de la Pendjari**

. Suite à l'enlèvement de deux Français et à l'assassinat de leur guide béninois le 1er mai, les autorités tentent de juguler la menace. Une harde d'éléphants dans le parc de

la Pendjari, en janvier 2018. C'est un doux euphémisme que les autorités béninoises ont très modérément....

*LeMonde 6:14:00 PM CEST*

[https://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2019/05/15/le-benin-confronte-au-defi-securitaire-apres-l-attaque-du-parc-de-la-pendjari\\_5462519\\_3212.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2019/05/15/le-benin-confronte-au-defi-securitaire-apres-l-attaque-du-parc-de-la-pendjari_5462519_3212.html)

## **Guinea**

### **L'appel au «Djihad » n'est pas républicain!**

Conakry, Guinée : La machine judiciaire guinéenne est grippée. Depuis plusieurs jours, le député de l'UFDG, Fodé Oussou Fofana, qui appelle ses militants au « djihad », n'est pas encore inquiété.

*mailonsunday 14 May 2019*

<https://www.guineetime.com/2019/05/14/edito-lappel-au-djihad-nest-pas-republicain/>

## **Niger**

### **Niger Loses 17 Soldiers in Ambush Near Mali Border**

A government spokesman in Niger says at least 17 Nigerien soldiers were killed and another 11 are missing after an ambush by unknown attackers Tuesday. The attack took place near the village of Tongo Tongo in western Niger. It is in the Tillabéri region where attackers killed four U.S. special forces troops and four Nigerien soldiers in 2017.

*voanews 6:09:00 PM CEST*

<https://www.voanews.com/a/at-least-seventeen-niger-soldiers-killed-in-ambush-government-spokesman-says/4918416.html>

### **Une dizaine de soldats nigériens tués près de la frontière malienne**

Une embuscade meurtrière dans un village de l'ouest du Niger, près de la frontière malienne, a fait 17 morts dans le rang des soldats nigériens, ont rapporté, mercredi, des sources sécuritaires. Plusieurs soldats sont encore portés disparus. a été une nouvelle fois la cible d'une attaque par un groupe d'hommes lourdement armés.

*france24 6:12:00 PM CEST*

<https://www.france24.com/fr/20190515-niger-attaque-meurtriere-patrouille-soldats-frontiere-malienne-sahel>

### **Nigerien soldiers missing after ambush**

A search was underway Wednesday for several Niger soldiers missing since an ambush by armed men the day before left several of their colleagues injured, security sources said. A military patrol was ambushed Tuesday afternoon near the village of Tongo Tongo in the western Tillabéri region near the border with Mali.

*nrguardiannews 3:59:00 PM CEST*

<https://guardian.ng/news/nigerien-soldiers-missing-after-ambush/>

## **Togo**

### **8 pirates arrested in thwarted attack against oil ship in Togo**

Two Togolese and six Nigerians were arrested in a piracy attack against an oil ship that the Togolese navy thwarted off the coast of the country, governmental site republicoftogo.com has reported. According to the source, the Togolese minister of security made public the....

*ghananewsagency 14 May 2019*

<http://www.ghananewsagency.org/africa/8-pirates-arrested-in-thwarted-attack-against-oil-ship-in-togo-149757>

## **Sahel**

### **La contagion djihadiste au Burkina Faso**

Depuis 2015, les attaques islamistes s'étendent dans le pays. Elles déstabilisent la société et entraînent des exactions contre les Peuls. Des gendarmes du Burkina Faso, le 30 octobre 2018 dans les rues de Ouahigouya.

*la-croix 5:57:00 PM CEST*

<https://www.la-croix.com/Monde/Afrique/contagion-djihadiste-Burkina-Faso-2019-05-15-1201022037>

### **Dans le Sahel, les chrétiens, nouvelles cibles des terroristes ?**

Lundi 13 mai au soir, les catholiques du Burkina-Niger ont été victimes d'une attaque terroriste pour la troisième fois en deux jours. Deux individus armés et à motos se sont présentés à la paroisse de Dolbel, dans l'ouest du Niger, à la recherche de prêtres.

*la-croix 5:57:00 PM CEST*

<https://www.la-croix.com/Religion/Sahel-chretiens-nouvelles-cibles-terroristes-2019-05-15-1201022046>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

## **Libya**

### **Libya aid agencies seek U.N. resolution to protect people caught up in fighting**

Aid agencies in Libya called on Tuesday for a U.N. resolution to support people caught in fighting around Tripoli, where the United Nations says 66,000 people have been forced out of their homes and at least 454 killed since early April. Forces loyal to Libya's government are defending the capital....

*japantoday 1:32:00 AM CEST*

<https://japantoday.com/category/world/update-1-libya-aid-agencies-seek-un-resolution-to-protect-people-caught-up-in-fighting>

### **UN welcomes EU call for ceasefire in Libya's Tripoli**

The UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) on Tuesday welcomed the call by the European Union (EU) for a ceasefire in the Libyan capital Tripoli. "UNSMIL welcomes the EU Foreign Affairs Council statement on Libya. The Mission echoes the Council's statement and stresses that....

*xinhuanet\_en 1:02:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-05/15/c\\_138058594.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-05/15/c_138058594.htm)

## **ASIA**

### **Iraq**

### **US orders non-emergency embassy staff to leave Baghdad, Arbil**

A State Department advisory announcing the partial embassy closures warned of numerous "terrorist and insurgent groups" active in Iraq, including "anti-US sectarian militias" who could "threaten US citizens and Western companies throughout Iraq." The US last year shut its consulate in the....

*capitalfm 3:12:00 PM CEST*

<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2019/05/us-orders-non-emergency-embassy-staff-to-leave-baghdad-arbil/>

### **Netherlands suspends government mission in Iraq over security threat**

The Dutch government has suspended a mission in Iraq that provides assistance to local authorities due to a security threat, Dutch news agency ANP reported on Wednesday.

Dutch military personal help train Iraqi forces in Erbil, northern Iraq, along with other foreign troops.

reuters 3:14:00 PM CEST

[https://www.reuters.com/article/us-netherlands-iraq-security/netherlands-suspends-government-mission-in-iraq-over-security-threat-anp-agency-idUSKCN1SL1LR?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-netherlands-iraq-security/netherlands-suspends-government-mission-in-iraq-over-security-threat-anp-agency-idUSKCN1SL1LR?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29)

## **Syria**

### **6 martyrs et 16 blessés dans des attaques terroristes aux roquettes contre Alep**

6 civils, dont deux enfants, sont tombés en martyr alors que 14 autres ont été blessés dans des attaques terroristes aux roquettes contre les maisons dans le camp de Nayrab au sud-est de la ville d'Alep, dans une nouvelle violation des zones de désescalade.

Sana-fr 11:15:00 AM CEST

<https://www.sana.sy/fr/?p=153083>

### **The Syrian Army is preparing to regain full control of the strategic city of Khan Sheikhoun in Southern Idlib and reopen Hama-Aleppo Highway, media reports said.**

The Arabic-language version of the Russian Sputnik news agency quoted a war correspondent as saying that the Syrian Army has spread forces to the Southern and Southwestern administrative borders of Idlib in a bid to accomplish its military operations in Sahl al-Ghab region in Northwestern Hama.

farsnews-en 3:06:00 PM CEST

<http://en.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=13980225000643>

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