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### **EAST AFRICA**

#### **Ethiopia**

##### **Eight Ethiopians charged with leaking information to terrorist groups**

Eight Ethiopians have been charged on suspicion of leaking secret political and economic information to leaders of terror groups. According to a report on Monday by the Ethiopia state-affiliated media outlet Radio Fana, the eight Ethiopians will stand trial at....

*xinhuanet\_en 12:08:00 AM CEST*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-05/16/c\\_136286487.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-05/16/c_136286487.htm)

#### **Kenya**

##### **Shabaab kill chief, abduct two reservists in Mandera**

The incident occurred at Omar Jillo in Lafey sub-County in the volatile border town which has faced similar attacks in the past – all blamed on the Somalia terror group. Suspected Al Shabaab militants attacked a village in Mandera and killed a chief before abducting two police reservists Monday night.

*capitalfm 9:09:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2017/05/shabaab-kill-chief-abduct-two-reservists-mandera/>

## **Uganda**

### **Uganda declares doubling its troops in Somalia**

Uganda announced its plan to double its troops in Somalia as part of the African Union Mission in Somalia to compact Al-Shabab militants that are associated with Al-Qaida. Uganda believes it is important that the world seek to diminish al-Shabab militants which associated with al-Qaeda, Ugandan....

*shabelle 15 May 2017*

<http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/05/uganda-announces-doubling-its-troops-in-somalia/>

### **A Mission to Capture or Kill Joseph Kony Ends, Without Capturing or Killing**

A contingent of Ugandan and American military officials and a handful of journalists will board a plane on Tuesday in the Ugandan capital of Entebbe for an approximately two-and-a-half-hour flight. Destination: the remote town of Obo, in the southeastern part of Central....

*nytimes 15 May 2017*

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/15/world/africa/joseph-kony-mission-ends.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

## **CENTRAL AFRICA**

### **Central African Republic**

#### **Massacre in CAR forces hundreds to seek refuge in mosque**

Herve Verhoosel, a spokesperson for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) reported that a UN base in the town had also been targeted. This prompted MINUSCA to promptly deploy extra troops to fend off further attacks with....

iol 15 May 2017

<http://www.iol.co.za/news/africa/massacre-in-car-forces-hundreds-to-seek-refuge-in-mosque-9138414>

## **Armed rebels in C. African Republic city agree to leave**

The United Nations says hundreds of armed rebels have agreed to withdraw from Central African Republic's city of Bangassou which they attacked over the weekend, displacing hundreds and killing a peacekeeper at a nearby U.N. base. U.N.

WashingtonPost 15 May 2017

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/un-armed-rebels-in-c-african-republic-city-agree-to-leave/2017/05/15/42ce9a72-396f-11e7-a59b-26e0451a96fd\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/un-armed-rebels-in-c-african-republic-city-agree-to-leave/2017/05/15/42ce9a72-396f-11e7-a59b-26e0451a96fd_story.html)

## **UN forces retake strategic areas of C. African Republic city**

United Nations peacekeeping forces in Central African Republic retook strategic points of Bangassou Monday after armed rebels attacked over the weekend, killing a peacekeeper at a nearby U.N. base and displacing several thousand, the United Nations said Monday.

WashingtonPost 15 May 2017

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/un-armed-rebels-in-c-african-republic-city-agree-to-leave/2017/05/15/42ce9a72-396f-11e7-a59b-26e0451a96fd\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/un-armed-rebels-in-c-african-republic-city-agree-to-leave/2017/05/15/42ce9a72-396f-11e7-a59b-26e0451a96fd_story.html)

## **Hostages freed from mosque in Central African Republic**

About 1,000 people held hostage since the weekend by armed militias in a mosque amid violent clashes in southeastern Central African Republic have been freed, U.N. officials said on Monday. "I can confirm that the mosque is now empty. The last 250 men inside until this afternoon have been...."

reuters 15 May 2017

[http://www.reuters.com/article/us-centralafrica-violence-hostages-idUSKCN18B20W?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-centralafrica-violence-hostages-idUSKCN18B20W?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29)

## **Democratic Republic of Congo**

### **'500 people killed' in DR Congo's Kasai in five months**

More than 500 people have been killed in the Democratic Republic of Congo's (DRC) central Kasai province in the past five months, according to police, in an area that has

seen fighting between security forces and members of a local armed group. Among the dead were 39 soldiers, 85 police officers and....

*aljazeera-en 9:44:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/05/people-killed-dr-congo-kasai-months-170516053130364.html>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Côte d'Ivoire**

#### **Heavy gunfire as mutiny spreads in Ivory Coast cities**

Heavy gunfire rang out on Monday (May 15) in Abidjan and Bouake, Ivory Coast's two biggest cities, as a four-day mutiny by disgruntled soldiers demanding bonuses spread countrywide. Banks, offices and department stores closed their doors in the heart of the economic capital,....

*channelnewsasia 15 May 2017*

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/heavy-gunfire-as-mutiny-spreads-in-ivory-coast-cities-8850298>

#### **Ivory Coast mutineers reject deal to end revolt**

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*euronews-en 8:43:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.euronews.com/2017/05/16/ivory-coast-mutineers-reject-deal-to-end-revolt?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+euronews%2Fen%2Fnews+%28euronews+-+news+-+en%29](http://www.euronews.com/2017/05/16/ivory-coast-mutineers-reject-deal-to-end-revolt?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+euronews%2Fen%2Fnews+%28euronews+-+news+-+en%29)

### **Niger**

#### **Australia trains African troops to fight Boko Haram**

Australian soldiers have joined the fight against the sinister Boko Haram terror group who infamously abducted 200 schoolgirls in Africa. The US Military has confirmed Australian troops joined a three-week training exercise in Niger, a region besieged by the Islamic militant group.

*dailymail 4:36:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4509370/Australia-trains-African-troops-fight-Boko-Haram.html?ITO=1490&ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4509370/Australia-trains-African-troops-fight-Boko-Haram.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490)

### **Nigeria**

## **Gunmen kidnap Permanent Secretary of Ondo Hospital Board in Lokoja NOW Metro**

The Permanent Secretary of the Ondo State Hospital Management Board, Dr. Niran Ikuomola, has been abducted by unknown gunmen in Kogi State. The Guardian gathered that Ikuomola was kidnapped together with his driver on Sunday evening along the Lokoja/Abuja expressway, when going to Abuja for an official assignment.

*nrguardiannews 6:28:00 AM CEST*

<http://guardian.ng/news/gunmen-kidnap-permanent-secretary-of-ondo-hospital-board-in-lokoja/>

## **Armed herdsmen kill 20 farmers in western Nigerian mosque - police**

Nigerian herdsmen armed with guns killed 20 farmers and injured eight other people in a mosque in the western central Niger state this weekend, police said on Monday. Fighting over land use between semi-nomadic cattle herders and more settled communities, claims hundreds of lives a year in the middle belt and in the north of Nigeria.

*reuters-in 15 May 2017*

[http://in.reuters.com/article/nigeria-violence-idINKCN18B24F?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FINworldNews+%28News+%2F+IN+%2F+World+News%29](http://in.reuters.com/article/nigeria-violence-idINKCN18B24F?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FINworldNews+%28News+%2F+IN+%2F+World+News%29)

## **Planned Abuja bombing: Group seeks court order for sponsor's arrest**

The Incorporated Trustees of Overt Legacy and Human Development Initiative instituted a suit the Federal High Court Abuja seeking an order of court compelling the Inspector General of Police (IGP) and the Director-General of Department of State Service to arrest and....

*peoplesdaily-online 10:26:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.peoplesdailyng.com/planned-abuja-bombing-group-seeks-court-order-for-sponsors-arrest/>

## **Chad Basin oil search resumes after B/Haram defeat**

The Group Managing Director of Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, NNPC, Alhaji Maikanti Baru has said the corporation has concluded arrangement to mobilize heavy and sophisticated equipment to resume the oil exploration in the Lake Chad Basin of Borno state.

*peoplesdaily-online 10:26:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.peoplesdailyng.com/chad-basin-oil-search-resumes-after-bharam-defeat/>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Egypt**

#### **Daesh attack in Egypt's Sinai kills 1 police officer, injures 4**

Armed men have attacked Egyptian security forces close to the St. Catherine Monastery in the country's Sinai Peninsula, killing one police officer and wounding four more. The Daesh terrorist group claimed responsibility for the Tuesday attack on the security checkpoint, which is situated some 800 meters from the monastery.

*iran-daily 2:37:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.iran-daily.com/News/191143.html>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Asia**

#### **Latest al Qaeda propaganda highlights bin Laden's son**

He studied al Qaeda's militant ideology during house arrest in Iran after the 9/11 terror attacks, according to Soufan, and in one letter to his father, said he was "forged from steel," and ready to "march with the armies of the Muajahadeen." Documents recovered after the American raid on Osama bin....

*siouxcityjournal 4:47:00 AM CEST*

[http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/national/govt-and-politics/latest-al-qaeda-propaganda-highlights-bin-laden-s-son/article\\_4a847564-9702-5dfc-9b31-fae17c63482f.html](http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/national/govt-and-politics/latest-al-qaeda-propaganda-highlights-bin-laden-s-son/article_4a847564-9702-5dfc-9b31-fae17c63482f.html)

### **Indonesia**

#### **Two suspected Poso terrorists killed in shootout**

Two alleged members of the notorious East Indonesia Mujahidin (MIT) terrorist group were reportedly shot dead in an ambush in Poso, Central Sulawesi, on Monday. They were killed in a shootout between several members of the group, led by terror suspect Ali Kalora, and personnel of the Operation....

*JakartaPost 10:16:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2017/05/16/two-suspected-poso-terrorists-killed-in-shootout.html>

## **Syria**

### **Les forces du régime en passe de contrôler totalement Damas**

Le régime syrien est sur le point de rétablir son autorité sur la totalité de Damas après six ans de guerre qui ont causé des destructions dans des quartiers périphériques et des mouvements de population. Avec l'évacuation des rebelles de Barzé, Tehrine et Qaboun, places fortes de l'opposition....

*romandie 15 May 2017*

<https://www.romandie.com/news/Syrie-les-forces-du-regime-en-passe-de-contr-ler-totalement-Damas/795814.rom>

### **National Museum to help Syria restore ancient artefacts**

The National Museum (NM) in Prague will join the restoration of archaeological and ancient artefacts in Syria, where the war causes the suffering of people as well as the destruction to cultural heritage, and so it will help save world history treasures, NM director Michal Lukes said on Monday.

*praguemonitor 9:07:00 AM CEST*

<http://praguemonitor.com/2017/05/16/prague-national-museum-help-syria-restore-ancient-artefacts>

### **Car bombs kill at least six in Syrian camp near Jordan border**

Two car bombs killed at least six people and wounded several others in Syria's sprawling Rukban refugee camp near the border with Jordan late on Monday, a rebel official and a resident said, in an attack claimed by the Islamic State militant group. One explosion was near a restaurant and the second targeted the camp's market nearby, they said.

*ahram-EN 10:20:00 AM CEST*

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/2/8/268853/World/Region/Car-bombs-kill-at-least-six-in-Syrian-camp-near-Jo.aspx>

## **Europe**

### **Germany**

#### **Germany may pull troops out of Turkish base**

Germany may move its troops out of the Incirlik air base in southwestern Turkey after Ankara refused over the weekend to grant a German parliament delegation permission

to visit staff serving there. Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Monday that Jordan was being considered as an alternative.

*euobserver 10:27:00 AM CEST*

<https://euobserver.com/tickers/137912>

## **Switzerland**

### **Syria peace talks restart in Geneva**

A new round of Syria peace talks opens on Tuesday, the latest United Nations push to resolve a six-year conflict that has killed more than 320,000 people. Five previous rounds of UN-backed negotiations have failed to yield concrete results and hopes for a major breakthrough remain dim.

*ahram-EN 10:20:00 AM CEST*

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/2/8/268857/World/Region/Syria-peace-talks-restart-in-Geneva.aspx>

## **UK**

### **Foreign Office rules ANTARCTICA at risk of terror attack**

Security expert and former Scotland Yard detective Ian Horrocks said the idea of terror attacks taking place at the South Pole was 'ridiculous'. The region is by far the largest of the UK's 14 overseas territories and the summer population averages about 250 - mostly made up of scientists and technicians manning research outposts.

*dailymail 10:27:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4510098/Foreign-Office-rules-ANTARCTICA-risk-terror-attack.html?ITO=1490&ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4510098/Foreign-Office-rules-ANTARCTICA-risk-terror-attack.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490)

## **International Organisations**

### **Sexual violence increasingly used as 'terrorism' tactic**

A top U.N. official says sexual violence is increasingly being used as "a tactic of terrorism" from Iraq, Syria and Yemen to Somalia, Nigeria and Mali. Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed says "the same litany of horrors" has been told by Yazidis held captive by Islamic State extremists, girls....



680news 3:20:00 AM CEST

<http://www.680news.com/2017/05/15/un-sexual-violence-increasingly-used-as-terrorism-tactic/>

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