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EAST AFRICA

Somalia

Somalia's Shabaab kill 18 police in academy bombing

A suicide bomber from Somalia's Shabaab insurgents killed 18 police officers and wounded 15 others on Thursday when he blew himself up inside the country's main police academy, the force's chief said. Witnesses said the police were gathered in a square ahead of their early morning parade....

jordantimes 16 Dec 2017

<http://jordantimes.com/news/region/somalia%E2%80%99s-shabaab-kill-18-police-academy-bombing>

US suspends aid to Somalia's battered military over graft

The United States is suspending food and fuel aid for most of Somalia's armed forces over corruption concerns, a blow to the military as African peacekeepers start to withdraw this month. African Union (AU) troops landed in Mogadishu a decade ago to fight al Shabaab Islamist militants and Somali....

thestarkenya 14 Dec 2017

https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/12/14/us-suspends-aid-to-somalias-battered-military-over-graft_c1685316

Sudan

Refugees fly home to Darfur as security situation improves

Mother of six Hamila fled insecurity in Darfur a decade ago, seeking safety in the neighbouring Central African Republic, or CAR. But this week, she was among more than 230 former refugees returning home on a UNHCR flights from a camp near Bambari.

unhcr-org 15 Dec 2017

<http://www.unhcr.org/5a33b44c4.html>

South Sudan

UN Security Council supports regional push to revive South Sudan's peace pact

As the brutal conflict in South Sudan enters its fifth year, the United Nations Security Council on Thursday said it remains deeply concerned over the situation there, and expressed strong support for a regional initiative aimed at salvaging a 2015 peace deal. Full text...

panapress 15 Dec 2017

<http://www.panapress.com/pana-2-lang2-POL-index.html>

UN warns of cost if South Sudan stymies ‘last chance’ peace plan

The UN Security Council warned Thursday of “cost and consequences” for any side in South Sudan that blocks a new regional peace initiative set to open next week in Ethiopia. In a unanimous statement, the council said a high-level forum....

independent-UG 15 Dec 2017

<https://www.independent.co.ug/un-warns-cost-south-sudan-stymies-last-chance-peace-plan/>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon

Des djihadistes de Boko Haram continue de se rendre

Lutte contre Boko Haram. Cameroun : Des djihadistes de Boko Haram continue de se rendre. Une dizaine d'ex-terroristes présentés comme des chefs locaux du mouvement djihadiste Boko Haram au Cameroun, sont venus grossir les rangs des membres de ce groupe qui ont fait acte de reddition rapporte APA vendredi citant une source officielle.

cameroun24 15 Dec 2017

http://www.cameroun24.net/actualite-cameroun-info-Cameroun_Des_djihadistes_de_Boko_Haram_continue_-43220.html

Cameroon Army Repels Attack By ‘Anglophone Separatists’

Armed separatists in Cameroon’s troubled anglophone region attacked a village before being repelled by soldiers, security officials said Friday. “A group of secessionists on Thursday attacked the locality of Dadi,” a source said, referring to a village in the Mamfe area of Southwest Region — one of....

cameroononline 16 Dec 2017

<http://www.cameroononline.org/cameroon-army-repels-attack-anglophone-separatists/>

Cameroon anglophone: nouveaux combats meurtriers entre armée et séparatistes

De nouveaux affrontements ont éclaté entre des militaires et des assaillants présentés comme des séparatistes ce jeudi 14 décembre dans la ville de Manfé, au Cameroun anglophone. Aucun bilan officiel n'a été communiqué, mais les combats auraient fait plusieurs morts.

rfi-fr 16 Dec 2017

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20171216-cameroun-anglophone-nouveaux-combats-meurtriers-entre-armee-separatistes>

Central African Republic

Combats dans le centre, la paix fragilisée

Après plus d'une semaine de combats entre groupes armés dans le centre de la RCA, les vieux démons des luttes intestines refont surface. La rumeur de la mort d'un de ces seigneurs de guerre, qui a couru toute la semaine, fait craindre pour....

centrafrique 2:32:00 AM CET

<http://centrafrique-presse.over-blog.com/2017/12/centrafrique-combats-dans-le-centre-la-paix-fragilisee.html>

Democratic Republic of Congo

UN base attack ramps up security fears for vulnerable civilians in eastern Congo

What international news there has been from the Democratic Republic of Congo recently has centred on the unfolding humanitarian catastrophe in the south-central Kasai region . But the killing of at least 14 Tanzanian UN peacekeepers last week turned the spotlight momentarily onto the country's eastern North Kivu province.

irinnews 15 Dec 2017

<http://www.irinnews.org/analysis/2017/12/15/un-base-attack-ramps-security-fears-vulnerable-civilians-eastern-congo>

UN peacekeeping chief visits Goma after deadly attack

The UN's chief peacekeeper was in eastern DR Congo on Friday to visit those wounded in last week's deadly ambush that killed 14, the worst attack on a peacekeeping mission in 24 years. A week after the bloodshed, Jean-Pierre Lacroix was in Goma where he visited around 30....

digitaljournal 16 Dec 2017

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/un-peacekeeping-chief-visits-goma-after-deadly-attack/article/510072>

Attaque de Semiliki en RDC: l'ONU ne veut pas tirer de «conclusions prématurées»

Après Dar es Salaam et Goma, Jean-Pierre Lacroix, le chef des opérations de maintien de la paix de l'ONU, est attendu à Kinshasa ce samedi. Hier, il a pris part à Goma à une cérémonie d'hommage dans le chef-lieu de la province du Nord-Kivu, en....

rfi-fr 16 Dec 2017

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20171216-attaque-semiliki-rdc-onu-veut-pas-tirer-conclusions-prematurees>

Gabon

Deux Danois blessés dans une attaque au couteau au cri d'"Allah Akbar"

Les deux hommes, en reportage à Libreville pour la chaîne National Geographic, ont été poignardés alors qu'ils faisaient des achats dans un lieu touristique, samedi. L'agresseur a dit agir "en représailles à la reconnaissance américaine de Jérusalem comme capitale d'Israël ".

lexpress 7:50:00 AM CET

https://www.lexpress.fr/actualite/monde/afrique/gabon-deux-danois-blesses-dans-une-attaque-au-couteau-au-cri-d-allah-akbar_1969679.html

WEST AFRICA

Mali

La Minusma repousse plusieurs attaques simultanées à Kidal

La ville de Kidal, dans le nord du Mali, a été la cible de plusieurs attaques ce vendredi 15 décembre au soir. Un casque bleu a été grièvement blessé. Les assauts n'ont pas été revendiqués pour l'instant, mais ils ont été violents et très longs. La Minusma a vigoureusement riposté pour mettre en fuite les assaillants.

maliweb 16 Dec 2017

<http://www.maliweb.net/la-situation-politique-et-securitaire-au-nord/mali-minusma-repousse-plusieurs-attaques-simultanees-a-kidal-2726476.html>

l'ONU appelle à une réponse «coup pour coup» après l'attaque de Kidal

Mahamat Saleh Annadif, patron de la force onusienne déployée au Mali, la Minusma, le 17 février 2016 à Bamako, lors d'un hommage à des casques bleus tués à Kidal. © HABIBOU KOUYATE / AFP. Au Mali, au lendemain de la quadruple attaque visant les forces de l'ONU dans la ville de Kidal, le chef de la Minusma s'exprime.

maliweb 2:57:00 AM CET

<http://www.maliweb.net/la-situation-politique-et-securitaire-au-nord/mali-lonu-appelle-a-reponse-coup-coup-apres-lattaque-de-kidal-2726506.html>

Une attaque repoussée dans le Nord, un assaillant tué

L'armée malienne indiqué vendredi dans un communiqué, avoir tué un assaillant dans une attaque qu'elle a repoussé dans le Nord du Mali. "Les forces armées maliennes sont tombées aujourd'hui, le 15 décembre 2017, dans une embuscade entre le Dofana et Sambani (Soumpi).

mali-web 16 Dec 2017

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/mali-une-attaque-repousee-dans-le-nord-un-assaillant-tue>

Le guide spirituel des Ansar dine, Chérif Ousmane Madani Haïdara à propos de la présidentielle de 2018 : "Au moment opportun, nous allons examiner la question afin de nous prononcer sur une éventuelle consigne de vote "

Dans le cadre de sa traditionnelle conférence de presse tenue après chaque fête de Maouloud, la Fédération des Ansar Dine International (FADI) a sacrifié à ce rituel, le dimanche 10 décembre, dans l'un des salons somptueux du conférencier principal et non moins guide spirituel des Ansar Dine, Chérif Ousmane Madani Haïdara.

mali-web 16 Dec 2017

<http://mali-web.org/societe/le-guide-spirituel-des-ansar-dine-cherif-ousmane-madani-haidara-a-propos-de-la-presidentielle-de-2018-au-moment-opportun-nous-allons-examiner-la-question-afin-de-nous-prononcer-sur-une-ev>

Niger

TERRORISME

Le gouvernement nigérien a décidé vendredi de proroger de nouveau pour une durée de trois mois, à compter du 18 décembre (demain), l'état d'urgence dans la région de Diffa (extrême sud-est, proche de la frontière du Nigeria), pour faire face aux attaques sporadiques meurtrières du groupe terroriste Boko Haram.

lexpressiondz 4:02:00 AM CET

<http://www.lexpressiondz.com/internationale/282095-1-etat-d-urgence-proroge-pour-3-mois-a-diffa.html>

Au Sahel, nous nous battons "pour le monde entier", souligne le président nigérien

"La menace terroriste est une menace internationale, le combat que nous faisons dans le Sahel, nous le faisons aussi pour l'Europe, pour le monde entier", souligne le président Mahamadou Issoufou, dans un entretien accordé jeudi soir à l'AFP. Réunis mercredi à Paris, les cinq pays du G5 Sahel (Mali,....

mali-web 16 Dec 2017

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/au-sahel-nous-nous-battons-pour-le-monde-entier-souligne-le-president-nigerien>

Un centre de déradicalisation pour les repentis de Boko Haram

Le Niger est confronté depuis plusieurs années aux attaques du mouvement jihadiste Boko Haram. Pour tenter de l'endiguer, le gouvernement a passé un accord avec les repentis potentiels de ce groupe. S'ils se rendent, ils ne seront pas jugés mais devront suivre un programme de déradicalisation.

francevinfo 15 Dec 2017

https://www.francevinfo.fr/monde/afrique/boko-haram/niger-un-centre-de-deradicalisation-pour-les-repentis-de-boko-haram_2516943.html#xtor=RSS-3-%5bmonde%5d

Nigeria

Nigeria troops arrest 400 Boko Haram fighters and families Military authorities say Nigerian soldiers have arrested more than 400 people associated...

Military authorities say Nigerian soldiers have arrested more than 400 people associated with the Boko Haram extremist group hiding on the islands of Lake Chad, including

fighters, wives and children. The two-week operation netted the largest number of arrests of Boko Haram fighters in recent....

belfasttelegraph 16 Dec 2017

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/world-news/nigeria-troops-arrest-400-boko-haram-fighters-and-families-36413469.html>

West Africa under Boko Haram, al-Qaeda siege

President Muhammadu Buhari on Saturday admitted that West Africa was constantly under the threat of dreaded terror groups such as Boko Haram, AQIM and Al-Qaeda. He added that regional leaders were being daily inundated with saddening news of human trafficking being carried out by trans-border syndicates.

punchng 3:09:00 AM CET

<http://punchng.com/west-africa-under-boko-haram-al-qaeda-siege-buhari/>

Four kidnapped Chinese nationals rescued in Nigeria

Four abducted Chinese nationals have been rescued in southern Nigeria following a gunfight between their abductors and the military, an army spokesman confirmed on Saturday. The Chinese nationals were kidnapped Friday by suspected sea pirates in a riverine area of....

xinhuanet_en 16 Dec 2017

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/16/c_136831020.htm

Troops captured 220 Boko Haram insurgents in North-East

The Nigerian Army on Friday said its troops had captured 220 Boko Haram insurgents in various clearance operations in the northeast region. Col. Onyema Nwachukwu, the Deputy Director, Army Public Relations, Operation Lafiya Dole, made the disclosure in a statement issued in Maiduguri.

nigerianobservernews 16 Dec 2017

<http://nigerianobservernews.com/2017/12/troops-captured-220-boko-haram-insurgents-in-north-east/>

Nigerian air force strikes Boko Haram camps in NE Borno

The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) has commenced an intensive bombardment of logistics bases used by Boko Haram militants in their Sambisa forest hideouts in northeast part of the country. NAF Spokesperson Olatokunbo Adesanya said in a statement reaching Xinhua in Lagos on....

xinhuanet_en 16 Dec 2017

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/16/c_136830943.htm

Insecurity in the Lake Chad Basin

Highlights Insecurity continues to threaten civilians and livelihoods in the Lake Chad Basin region where food insecurity and malnutrition continue to stand at critical levels. Vulnerable people living in affected areas continue to flee violence and insecurity, seeking refuge in host communities....

reliefWeb 16 Dec 2017

<https://reliefweb.int/report/nigeria/insecurity-lake-chad-basin-regional-impact-situation-report-32-30-november-2017>

NORTH AFRICA

Mauritania

G5 Sahel : La Mauritanie proposerait 1000 soldats à la force conjointe (Autre presse)

Au cours des trois prochains mois, le gouvernement mauritanien devrait envoyer des unités de combat constituées de 1000 soldats, à la frontière avec la République du Mali

pour contribuer à l'Alliance internationale contre le terrorisme et les migrations à travers le Sahel et Sahara.

abamako 15 Dec 2017

<http://news.abamako.com/h/176571.html>

INTERNATIONAL

Asia

Saudi Arabia

Sahel funding shows Riyadh serious on terror

Saudi Arabia's hefty donation to a new anti-terror force in west Africa's Sahel region is a conspicuous attempt by Riyadh to show it is serious about fighting extremism, analysts say. The new G5 Sahel force pools troops from Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania and Niger in an area of desert the....

gulfnnews 16 Dec 2017

http://gulfnnews.com/news/gulf/saudi-arabia/sahel-funding-shows-riyadh-serious-on-terror-1.2141836?utm_source=Feeds&utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=Sahel

Image, influence: les intérêts de Ryad à financer la force du G5 Sahel

Mercredi, Ryad a confirmé qu'il allait verser 100 millions d'euros au profit de la nouvelle force antijihadiste composée de soldats de cinq pays de la région (Mali, Tchad, Burkina Faso, Niger, Mauritanie), lors d'un sommet organisé par le président français Emmanuel Macron.

mali-web 16 Dec 2017

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/image-influence-les-interets-de-ryad-a-financer-la-force-du-g5-sahel>

Syria

Islamic State: What happened to all the foreign fighters?

An estimated 40,000 people traveled from around the world to take up arms for the Islamic State group as it occupied territory in Syria and Iraq and declared a caliphate in 2014. A few hundred are believed to still be fighting as IS struggles to survive, having lost most of its territory to....

dnaindia 16 Dec 2017

<http://www.dnaindia.com/world/report-islamic-state-what-happened-to-all-the-foreign-fighters-2568145>

Que sont devenus les djihadistes étrangers?

Sur les quelque 40'000 combattants étrangers qui avaient rejoint les rangs du groupe Etat islamique (EI) en Syrie et en Irak, quelques centaines se battent encore dans leurs derniers réduits. Que sont devenus les autres? Les experts américains interrogés à Washington par l'AFP sont unanimes: ils....

tdg 16 Dec 2017

<https://www.tdg.ch/monde/Que-sont-devenus-les-djihadistes-etranagers/story/11765457>

Syrian troops march into rebel-held province of Idlib

Syrian government forces have entered small parts of the northwestern rebel-held province of Idlib in one of their deepest incursions into the area where President Bashar Assad's government almost has no presence. Syrian government forces have been on the offensive....

startribune 16 Dec 2017

<http://www.startribune.com/syrian-troops-march-into-rebel-held-province-of-idlib/464604453/>

Jabhat al-Nusra terrorists eliminated, their weapons destroyed in Hama countryside

Hama, SANA_ Army units have carried out precise military operations against Jabhat al-Nusra gatherings in the northeastern countryside of Hama. SANA reporter said that army units, in cooperation with the popular defense groups, engaged in violent clashes with terrorists from Jabhat al-Nusra in the....

Sana-en 16 Dec 2017

<https://sana.sy/en/?p=121515>

Woman injured in terrorist rocket shell attacks in Aleppo city

Aleppo, SANA- A woman was injured when Jabhat al-Nusra – affiliated terrorist groups fired several rocket shells on residential neighborhoods in Aleppo city on Saturday. A source at Aleppo Police Command told SANA that terrorist rocket shell attacks hit New Aleppo neighborhoods, al-Hamadanieh and....

Sana-en 16 Dec 2017

<https://sana.sy/en/?p=121529>

Yemen

One Sudanese Soldier Killed, Four Injured in Yemen Landmine Blast

Yemen A Sudanese soldier - the cousin of Sudan's Second Vice-President, Hasabo Mohamed Abdelrahman - was killed and four others injured when a landmine exploded under their vehicle in Yemen. One of the relatives of the deceased told Radio Dabanga that Adam Hassan Musa died and four of his comrades....

allafrica 15 Dec 2017

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201712150232.html>

Europe

France

The Netherlands pledges €5 million in support of regional military force in the Sahel

At the invitation of French president Emmanuel Macron, the five countries of the Sahel region that provide troops to the G5 Sahel military force met in Paris yesterday. Together with a group of other countries and institutions that are closely involved in the Sahel, they discussed ways of supporting this force.

reliefWeb 15 Dec 2017

<https://reliefweb.int/report/mali/netherlands-pledges-5-million-support-regional-military-force-sahel>

Lafarge ex-CEO denies knowing of Syria payments until late

Lafarge is accused of paying the terrorist group and other militants \$12.9 million between 2011 and 2015 so that the company's factory in Jalabiya, northern Syria, could continue to operate despite the war. According to a report commissioned by LafargeHolcim and seen by AFP, Lafarge's Syrian subsidiary Lafarge Cement Syria (LCS) paid out some \$5.

thelocal-ch 16 Dec 2017

<https://www.thelocal.ch/20171216/lafarge-ex-ceo-denies-knowing-of-syria-payments-until-late>

Switzerland

Switzerland expels French-Tunisian man over terror fears 2 mins ago World

Swiss police said Saturday they had expelled a person facing criminal charges in Switzerland for suspected links to a terrorist group, over fears he poses a threat to national security. Federal police confirmed to AFP their “decision to expel a person who is facing (Swiss) criminal charges for....

ngrguardiannews 16 Dec 2017

<http://guardian.ng/news/switzerland-expels-french-tunisian-man-over-terror-fears/>

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