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### **EAST AFRICA**

#### **Somalia**

##### **Quand les Shebab dépassent les bornes**

La Somalie, pays de la Corne de l'Afrique, est loin d'être maudite. Des combattants des Shebab, scindés en deux groupes au moins se réclamant d'Al Qaïda ou de Daesh (État islamique), y terrorisent une population qui ne sait plus à quel saint se vouer! Dernier en date, un attentat qui a transformé les....

*lesafriques 17 Oct 2017*

<http://www.lesafriques.com/actualite/somalie-quand-les-shebab-depassent-les-bornes.html?Itemid=89>

##### **Attentat de Mogadiscio: qui sont les Chabab?**

Dans le centre de Mogadiscio, au lendemain de l'explosion d'un camion piégé, dimanche 15 octobre. Roland Marchal, chercheur au CERI de Sciences Po Paris, décrypte le fonctionnement et la stratégie des islamistes somaliens. C'est l'attentat le plus meurtrier jamais commis en Somalie.

*msn-fr 17 Oct 2017*

<https://www.msn.com/fr-fr/actualite/monde/qui-sont-les-chabab-soup%c3%a7onn%c3%a9s-d%e2%80%99%c3%aatre-%c3%a0-l%e2%80%99origine-de-l%e2%80%99attentat-de-mogadiscio/ar-AAAtDsWU>

## **Is this the new ISIS? The terror group as brutal as Islamic State**

It's been responsible for the deaths of thousands of people in a string of guerrilla-style terror attacks, making it Africa's deadliest Islamic extremist group. The group is suspected to be responsible for the deadly truck bombing which killed at least 276 people and injured 300 on a crowded Mogadishu street on Saturday.

*nzherald 1:04:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=2&objectid=11934158&ref=rss](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=11934158&ref=rss)

## **Somalia bomb attacks pointing at lethal forms of Future terror**

The horrific bombing of a busy street in Somali capital of Mogadishu on Saturday that has so far claimed 276 lives has shaken the entire world while reigniting fresh debate on the evolving face of terror, analysts said on Monday. Mogadishu became an epicenter of bloodbath when a....

*coastweek 4:42:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.coastweek.com/4041-Somalia-latest-bomb-attack-points-at-lethal-forms-of-terror-in-future.htm>

## **Intel Official Says Turkish Military Base Was 'Target' of Somalia Truck Bomb**

The newly Turkish-built military base in Mogadishu was the original target of Saturday's deadly truck bomb, a senior Somali intelligence official told VOA Somali. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, says all the intelligence reports received before this attack -- and....

*voanews 4:22:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.voanews.com/a/intel-officials-says-turkey-base-was-bomb-target/4075407.html>

## **Attentat en Somalie: dons de sang et de médicaments, les besoins sont immenses**

RFI Quatre jours après l'attentat de samedi à Mogadiscio - le plus meurtrier de l'histoire de la Somalie - la mobilisation se poursuit. Avec un bilan d'au moins 300 décès (276 selon le chiffre officiel) et de 300 personnes blessées, les besoins sont immenses.

*rfi-fr 7:40:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20171018-somalie-attentat-dons-sang-medicaments-blesses-kenya-turquie>

## **CENTRAL AFRICA**

## **Central African Republic**

### **Au moins 133 civils tués par des groupes armés dans le centre-est entre novembre et février**

Au moins 133 civils ont été tués par des groupes armés dans deux provinces de la Centrafrique entre novembre 2016 et février 2017, a établi la Mission de l'Onu dans ce pays (Minusca) dans un nouveau rapport publié mardi, qui dénonce ces mêmes groupes "ciblant des civils" et "agissant en toute impunité".

*romandie 17 Oct 2017*

<https://www.romandie.com/news/Centrafrrique-au-moins-133-civils-tues-par-des-groupes-armes-dans-le-centre-est-entre-novembre-et-fevrier/853927.rom>

### **Un rapport de l'ONU pointe les exactions commises par deux groupes armés**

La Minusca a publié mardi 17 octobre un rapport sur des exactions commises contre des civils il y a bientôt un an....

*rfi-fr 2:37:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20171018-rca-rapport-onu-pointe-exactions-commises-deux-groupes-armes>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Mali**

#### **Nord - Mali: Nustrât Al-Islam Wal-Mouslimoune revendique plusieurs attaques**

Le groupe djihadiste Nustrât Al-Islam Wal-Mouslimoune a revendiqué plusieurs attaques contre les forces maliennes et onusiennes qui opèrent dans le Nord du Mali, selon deux communiqués du groupe parvenus à Alakhbar. Le groupe a affirmé avoir tué un soldat malien et blessé un autre dans une attaque, survenue le 10 octobre dans la zone d'Asongo.

*abamako 17 Oct 2017*

<http://news.abamako.com/h/172259.html>

#### **ISS Today: Terrorism puts education on hold in Mali**

Schools will only function properly when Mali's government restores stability and security. By Nadia Adam, Ekaterina Golovko and Boubacar Sangaré for ISS TODAY.

First published by ISS Today As has been the case annually since the crisis in Mali erupted in 2012, the start of the school year on 9 October was ineffective countrywide.

*dailymaverick 17 Oct 2017*

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2017-10-17-iss-today-terrorism-puts-education-on-hold-in-mali/>

## **Rentrée des classes : les enfants de Kidal reprennent le chemin de l'école**

Le Ministre de l'Éducation Nationale a présidé la cérémonie officielle de la réouverture des classes à Kidal, hier jeudi 12 octobre. La cité de l'Adrar a connu une effervescence particulière le jeudi 12 octobre, avec la réouverture officielle des écoles, « après tant d'années d'absence de l'Etat...

*abamako 3:55:00 AM CEST*

<http://news.aBamako.com/h/172320.html>

## **Nigeria**

### **Kidnapped Italian priest freed in Nigeria: foreign minister**

An Italian priest who was kidnapped in Nigeria has been freed, Italy's foreign minister announced on Wednesday. , originally from Florence, was released some time in the night between Tuesday and Wednesday, Foreign Minister Angelino Alfano told Rome's Pallù is "doing well" and will return to Italy shortly, Alfano said.

*thelocal-it 9:42:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.thelocal.it/20171018/kidnapped-italian-priest-freed-nigeria>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Libya**

#### **Clashes kill 3, injure 4 in Libya's Tripoli**

Three people were killed and four others injured in clashes on Tuesday in the Libyan capital Tripoli between security forces and "criminal groups," according to security and medical sources. The clashes broke in Ghararat area in eastern Tripoli between the Special...

*xinhuanet\_en 17 Oct 2017*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-10/17/c\\_136686903.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-10/17/c_136686903.htm)

# **INTERNATIONAL**

## **Asia**

### **Afghanistan**

#### **Taliban wave of attacks across Afghanistan kills at least 74, officials say**

The Taliban unleashed a wave of attacks across Afghanistan on Tuesday, targeting police compounds and government facilities in the country's south, west and east and killing at least 74 people, including civilians, officials said. Among those killed in one of the attacks was a provincial police chief.

*TorontoStar 17 Oct 2017*

<https://www.thestar.com/news/world/2017/10/17/taliban-storms-police-compound-in-afghanistan-killing-at-least-15.html>

#### **Deux attaques font plus de 60 morts**

Deux attaques simultanées menées par les taliban ont fait au moins 61 morts et 160 blessés mardi en Afghanistan, principalement à Gardez (sud-est) ainsi qu'à Ghazni, à une centaine de kilomètres plus à l'ouest. Elles auront duré plusieurs heures. Au moins 33 personnes ont été tuées et 160 blessées,....

*24heures 17 Oct 2017*

<https://www.24heures.ch/monde/Deux-attaques-font-plus-de-60-morts/story/15229308>

## **Pakistan**

#### **Pakistani Taliban suicide bomber rams police truck, kills 7**

A Pakistani Taliban suicide bomber rammed a car into a police truck in the southwestern city of Quetta on Wednesday, killing at least seven people, police said. The attack killed five police officials and two passers-by on the outskirts of the volatile frontier city, Quetta police chief Abdur Razzaq Cheema said.

*channelnewsasia 10:11:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/pakistani-taliban-suicide-bomber-rams-police-truck--kills-7-9320758>

## **Philippines**

## **Notorious Abu Sayyaf sub-commander touted as future emir of Islamic State in Southeast Asia**

According to security sources, Filipino militants do not easily accept foreigners as their leaders in a culture where family and clan ties play an important role. “It is a local terrorist who will become a leader as Mahmud will not have the full support of Filipino IS militants,” said the source.

*channelnewsasia 17 Oct 2017*

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/abu-sayyaf-future-emir-islamic-state-southeast-asia-9318990>

## **Philippines arrests militant widow for trying to recruit fighters**

Philippine law enforcement agents have arrested a woman who tried to spread radical ideas and recruit hundreds of foreigners to reinforce pro-Islamic State rebels occupying a southern city, the justice minister said on Wednesday. Karen Aizha Hamidon, the widow of a former leader....

*reuters 9:32:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.reuters.com/article/us-philippines-militants-arrest/philippines-arrests-militant-widow-for-trying-to-recruit-fighters-idUSKBN1CNOS0?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-philippines-militants-arrest/philippines-arrests-militant-widow-for-trying-to-recruit-fighters-idUSKBN1CNOS0?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29)

## **Syria**

### **Fall of Islamic State group's 'capital': 5 things to know**

U.S.-backed forces in northern Syria say they have captured Raqqa, once the seat of power for the Islamic State group, on Tuesday after a grueling four-month battle that left the city in ruins. Here are five things to know about Raqqa, and what comes next in the war on IS:

*ABCnews 17 Oct 2017*

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/fall-islamic-state-groups-capital-things-50534238>

### **'Caliphate capital' Raqqa 'liberated' from grip of Islamic State militants**

Clearing operations were under way to remove land mines left behind and search for the extremist group's sleeper cells, Brigadier General Talal Sillo added. Brig Gen Sillo said on Tuesday there are no longer clashes in the city, which had served as the extremist group's headquarters and....

*independent-ie 17 Oct 2017*

<http://www.independent.ie/world-news/caliphate-capital-raqqa-liberated-from-grip-of-islamic-state-militants-36235402.html>

## **L'État islamique chassé de son fief de Raqqa par les Forces démocratiques syriennes**

À Raqqa, la dernière poche de résistance des combattants de l'État islamique (EI) a été vaincue mardi par une alliance antijihadistes, soutenue par les Américains. Les combats dans l'ancienne capitale des jihadistes « ont pris fin [...] la ville est entièrement sous le contrôle » des Forces....

*jeuneafrique 17 Oct 2017*

<http://www.jeuneafrique.com/483929/politique/syrie-letat-islamique-chasse-de-son-fief-de-raqqa-par-les-forces-democratiques-syriennes/>

### **3.250 morts dans la bataille de Raqa dont 1.130 civils**

La bataille de Raqa, qui a pris fin mardi, a fait 3.250 morts, dont 1.130 civils, en plus de quatre mois, selon un bilan de l'Observatoire syrien des droits de l'Homme (OSDH). Les combats et les bombardements aériens qui ont ravagé l'ex-capitale du groupe jihadiste Etat islamique (EI) en Syrie, ont coûté la vie depuis le 5 juin à "1.

*romandie 17 Oct 2017*

<https://www.romandie.com/news/Syrie-3-250-morts-dans-la-bataille-de-Raqa-dont-1-130-civils/853760.rom>

### **ISIS left reeling after coalition drives group out of de facto capital**

U.S.-backed forces claim they've routed Islamic State fighters from Raqqa, declaring victory after months of fighting in the terrorist group's de facto Syrian capital, eroding its ability to launch attacks and delivering a major symbolic loss to the so-called caliphate, experts say. "This was the last vestige of the caliphate," said RAND Corp.

*bostonherald 9:09:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.bostonherald.com/news/local\\_coverage/2017/10/isis\\_left\\_reeling\\_after\\_coalition\\_drives\\_group\\_out\\_of\\_de\\_facto\\_capital](http://www.bostonherald.com/news/local_coverage/2017/10/isis_left_reeling_after_coalition_drives_group_out_of_de_facto_capital)

## **Turkey**

### **12 Turkish police officers wounded in bombing**

A bomb exploded as a bus carrying police was passing by in a southern Turkish city on Tuesday, wounding a dozen officers, officials said. The blast occurred on a main road in the Mediterranean coastal city of Mersin, the state-run Anadolu Agency reported.

*startribune 17 Oct 2017*

<http://www.startribune.com/bomb-targeting-turkish-police-bus-wounds-several/451270053/>

## **Explosion au passage d'un car de la police dans le sud**

Au moins 12 personnes ont été blessées mardi lorsqu'une bombe a explosé au passage d'un car de la police à Mersin, importante ville portuaire du sud de la Turquie, ont rapporté les médias turcs. L'explosion est survenue dans le centre de Mersin et des équipes de secouristes ont été....

romandie 17 Oct 2017

<https://www.romandie.com/news/Turquie-explosion-au-passage-d-un-car-de-la-police-dans-le-sud/853824.rom>

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