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AFRICAN UNION

African Union warns of return of African fighters from Iraq, Syria

One of the main security challenges that Africa needs to address is the return of foreign fighters of terror groups from Iraq and Syria after their defeat there, said the African Union (AU) on Sunday. The AU raised the concern on the 11th Focal Points Meeting of the....

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http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/18/c_136832826.htm

CAERT /ACSRT

Les travaux de la 11e réunion annuelle des points focaux du Centre africain d'études et de recherche sur le terrorisme (Caert) se sont ouverts hier à Alger en présence du directeur du centre, Larry Gbevlo-Lartey Esq, du Commissaire pour la paix et la sécurité de l'Union africaine (CPS - UA), Smaïl....

lexpressiondz 4:07:00 AM CET

<http://www.lexpressiondz.com/actualite/282147-11e-reunion-annuelle.html>

11e réunion annuelle des Points focaux du CAERT à Alger : Améliorer la coordination antiterroriste

Le Haut-Commissaire à la paix et à la sécurité de l'Union africaine (UA), Smaïl Chergui, a réitéré, hier, à l'occasion de l'ouverture de la 11e réunion annuelle des points focaux du Centre africain d'études et de recherches sur le terrorisme (CAERT) à Alger, que l'Algérie soutient les efforts visant....

elmoudjahid 17 Dec 2017

<http://www.elmoudjahid.com/fr/actualites/117965>

EAST AFRICA

Kenya

Kenyan troops on special training in Tanzania return home

Kenyan troops who took part in a joint training on counter terrorism, disaster and emergency response in Tanzania will return home on Sunday. The group of 60 comprised officers drawn from the KDF, police and prison departments who joined their counterparts from the EAC member states in a two-week Command Post Exercise training in Dar es Salaam.

thestarkenya 16 Dec 2017

https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/12/16/kenyan-troops-on-special-training-in-tanzania-return-home_c1686036

Somalia

Senior Al-Shabaab militants killed in Somalia drone strike

Several senior Al-Shabaab militants were killed in a drone strike on the outskirts of the coastal city of Kismayo in southern Somalia. A military official who prefers not to be named said several strikes hit an Al-Shabaab base in Berhani location, some 60 km south of Kismayo, killing several senior militants.

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http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/17/c_136831040.htm

Les Etats-Unis suspendent une grande partie de leur aide à l'armée somalienne

Voilà qui va grandement compliquer la lutte du pouvoir somalien contre les islamistes shebabs. Le soutien va être fortement diminué pour les salaires, la nourriture et le carburant des soldats. Washington soupçonne que son aide est largement détournée par la corruption.

allafrica-fr 3:27:00 AM CET

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201712170216.html>

Sudan

More than 1700 illicit weapons captured in South Darfur

The security forces have captured more than 1700 weapons at Al-Nadif area in Tulus County, some 86 kilometre south of Nyala, South Darfur state capital. Last August, the Sudanese authorities launched a six-month disarmament campaign to eliminate illegal weapons in the....

sudantribune 16 Dec 2017

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article64276>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon

Former Boko Haram Fighters Wait for Rehabilitation Facility

The multinational joint task force fighting the Boko Haram insurgency in Cameroon, Chad and Nigeria says it will hold some 200 former terrorists until Cameroon can construct a rehabilitation center where they will be socially integrated before returning to their communities.

voanews 17 Dec 2017

<https://www.voanews.com/a/bokio-haram-rehabilitation-cameroon/4167341.html>

Religious Leaders Call for Peace, Dialogue

Cameroon Christian and Muslim religious leaders are calling for peace and talks to end the crisis in English-speaking regions of the central African nation that has prompted

secession calls. The religious leaders say the crisis could add to the bloodshed from the Boko Haram insurgency in the north....

allafrica 15 Dec 2017

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201712150789.html>

Central Africa

Paix en République centrafricaine - Des leaders religieux en quête de solutions

Pour la mise en uvre des accords de paix en République centrafricaine, des leaders religieux et communautaires sont en conclave à Dakar. Ils veulent mettre en place un plan d'actions en vue d'une consolidation de la paix en Centrafrique. En adressant se vifs remerciements au président Macky Sall....

allafrica-fr 15 Dec 2017

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201712150895.html>

Gabon

Des dizaines d'arrestations après l'attaque de deux Danois au Gabon

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 17 Dec 2017

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 cible de tirs nourris par des hommes armés à Kidal, 2 casques bleus blessés

Une patrouille de la mission multidimensionnelle intégrée des Nations unies pour la stabilisation du Mali (Minusma) a été la cible, vendredi, de tirs nourris par des hommes armés non identifiés dans la ville de Kidal, à l'extrême nord Mali, au cours desquels deux casques bleus....

panapress 17 Dec 2017

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

Insécurité sur le tronçon Kati-Bamako: Un policier blessé

Selon un Correspondant Activiste TV de Kati, hier vendredi sur la route de Kati/Bko, le sergent chef Mamadou MAIGA s'est fait attaquer par 6 hommes aux environs de 05 heures du matin. En compagnie de son oncle sur une moto, le sergent chef affecté au CICR de la police en se rendant à son poste de....

abamako 17 Dec 2017

<http://news.aBamako.com/h/176640.html>

Terrorisme dans le sahel: Nécessité impérieuse d impliquer l Algérie et les USA

Comme une réponse du berger à la bergère, c'est au moment où les pays du G5 Sahel et ceux de l'Union Européenne étaient réunis au haut niveau pour boucler le budget de

la Force Conjointe, que les terroristes aussi se renforcent avec l'arrivée de plusieurs combattants de DAESH au nord du Mali.

abamako 7:43:00 AM CET

<http://news.aBamako.com/h/176667.html>

Multiplication des attaques dans le nord du Mali

Une alliance entre le mouvement récemment créé par Iyad Ag Ghali et le groupe dirigé par Abou Adnan Walid Sahraoui fait craindre le pire au Mali et dans tout le Sahel. Des camps de la Mission multidimensionnelle de l'ONU au Mali (Minusma) à Kidal (nord) ont été la cible de nouvelles attaques....

liberte-algerie 17 Dec 2017

<https://www.liberte-algerie.com/international/multiplication-des-attaques-dans-le-nord-du-mali-283280>

Nigeria

Army trains female soldiers in counter-terrorism operations

More than 200 female soldiers are currently being trained in counter-terrorism operations at the Army School of Infantry (NASI) as part of efforts to tackle security challenges in the country. The Chief of Army Staff, Lt General Tukur Buratai, who inspected the training after the graduation ceremony....

dailytrust 17 Dec 2017

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/army-trains-female-soldiers-in-counter-terrorism-operations.html>

Pope Appeals for Freedom for 6 Nuns Abducted in Nigeria

Pope Francis is appealing for the liberation of six nuns who were kidnapped a month ago from their convent in Nigeria. Francis made the appeal Sunday while addressing faithful in St. Peter's Square. He prayed that the nuns and "all the other persons who find themselves in this painful....

voanews 17 Dec 2017

<https://www.voanews.com/a/pope-appeals-for-freedom-for-6-nuns-abducted-in-nigeria/4167278.html>

SAHEL

Terrorisme : vers une guerre des drones dans le Sahel

Pour mieux combattre les jihadistes, les États-Unis et la France vont déployer au Niger des appareils armés, des drones, qui pourront frapper du lac Tchad au Sud libyen. Mais ces engins suscitent des critiques... Leur mort avait provoqué une onde de choc à Washington.

jeuneafrique 8:08:00 AM CET

<http://www.jeuneafrique.com/mag/500754/politique/terrorisme-vers-une-guerre-des-drones-dans-le-sahel/>

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

En combattant avec leurs alliés la myriade de groupes jihadistes sévissant au Sahel, les cinq pays africains mobilisés luttent "pour le monde entier", soutient le président nigérien Mahamadou Issoufou, qui réclame un financement pérenne et une plus grande implication de l'ONU.

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<http://news.aOuaga.com/h/112972.html>

NORTH AFRICA

Egypt

Egypt military court sentences 14 people to death for 2015 Alexandria deadly bombing

An Egypt military court sentenced on Sunday 14 defendants to death after they were convicted of committing a terror attack in Alexandria in 2015. In March 2015, a small bomb exploded near Carrefour hypermarket in the El-Seyouf area of Alexandria, killing a navy corporal and injuring five other people.

ahram-EN 17 Dec 2017

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/1/64/285531/Egypt/Politics-/Egypt-military-court-sentences--people-to-death-fo.aspx>

INTERNATIONAL

America

US

US sanctions two Lord's Resistance Army ivory traders

The United States on Wednesday imposed economic sanctions on two men accused of using the illegal ivory trade to funnel weapons and money to the Lord's Resistance Army. Washington blacklisted Kony and his rebel group last year, accusing them of targeting civilians in the Central African Republic.

radiotamazuj 17 Dec 2017

<https://radiotamazuj.org/en/news/article/us-sanctions-two-lord-s-resistance-army-ivory-traders>

US soldier ambushed in Niger wasn't captured

An American soldier killed in an ambush in Niger with three comrades but recovered days later wasn't captured alive by the enemy or executed at close range, The Associated Press has learned, based on the conclusion of a military investigation. Dispelling a swirl of rumors about how Sgt.

seattletimes 17 Dec 2017

https://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/nation-politics/apnewsbreak-us-soldier-ambushed-in-niger-wasnt-captured/?utm_source=RSS&utm_medium=Referral&utm_campaign=RSS_all

Asia

Afghanistan

Attack underway on Afghan forces in Kabul

An Afghan official says an attack is underway in the country's capital where gunmen have raided and occupied a partially constructed building near an intelligence training center in western Kabul. Nasrat Rahimi, deputy spokesman for the Interior Ministry, says the....

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http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/world/afghan-official-attack-underway-on-afghan-forces-in-kabul/article_549931d1-7422-51da-ab7e-667d8d1e92f4.html

Eleven killed in attacks on police in Afghanistan

At least 11 Afghan police officers were killed on Sunday when Taliban fighters assaulted their checkpoints in volatile Helmand province in southern Afghanistan, authorities said. The assaults on two police posts are the latest in a series of deadly attacks on Afghan security forces claimed by the Taliban.

ahram-EN 17 Dec 2017

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/2/9/285529/World/International/Eleven-killed-in-attacks-on-police-in-Afghanistan.aspx>

Pakistan

Islamic State claims pre-Christmas suicide bombing of...

A suicide bomb attack on a Pakistan church claimed by the Islamic State group killed at least eight people and wounded 30 during a service on Sunday, just over a week before Christmas. Two women were among the dead at a Methodist church in the restive southwestern city of Quetta in....

thepeninsulaqatar 17 Dec 2017

<http://www.thepeninsulaqatar.com/article/17/12/2017/Islamic-State-claims-pre-Christmas-suicide-bombing-of-Pakistan-church,-eight-dead>

Pakistan steps up security after IS kills 9 in church attack

Pakistani police officers take positions following a suicide attack on a church in Quetta, Pakistan, Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017. Two suicide bombers attacked the church when hundreds of worshippers were attending services ahead of Christmas. (AP Photo/Arshad Butt) A Pakistani walks in the main hall of a....

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[http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/world/pakistan-steps-up-security-after-is-kills-in-church-attack/article_dddb933e-45cc-53f8-af11-
ea84e5ea30b0.html](http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/world/pakistan-steps-up-security-after-is-kills-in-church-attack/article_dddb933e-45cc-53f8-af11-
ea84e5ea30b0.html)

Russia

Putin Thanks Trump for CIA Tip He Says Stopped Bomb Plot

Russian President Vladimir Putin telephoned U.S. President Donald Trump Sunday to thank him for a CIA tip that helped thwart a series of bombings in St. Petersburg, the Kremlin and the White House said. During the call, the two leaders' second in three days, Putin expressed gratitude for the CIA information.

naharnet-en 8:23:00 AM CET

<http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/239743-putin-thanks-trump-for-cia-tip-he-says-stopped-bomb-plot>

Syria

The Syrian Army troops continued to advance towards the last stronghold of Al-Nusra Front (Tahrir al-Sham Hay'at or the Levant Liberation Board) in

Southwestern Damascus on Sunday and managed to take control over two strategic hills.

The army soldiers, backed up by the heavy fire of artillery and missile units, engage in non-stop battle with Al-Nusra and drove them out of the hills of Bashir Najjar and al-Zahar al-Aswad East of the small town on Mughur al-Mira, known as the main stronghold of the terrorist group in Southwestern Damascus.

farsnews-en 17 Dec 2017

<http://en.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=13960926001003>

Europe

France

Islamic State: What happened to all the foreign fighters?

In France, officials say, around 1,700 people went to Iraq and Syria since 2013 to join IS. Of those, 400 to 450 have been killed, and 250 returned to France. Foreign Affairs Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said on December 8 that about 500 are still in the Iraq-Syria theatre, and for them it is now very hard to return to France.

jamaicaobserver 6:47:00 AM CET

<http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/international/islamic-state-what-happened-to-all-the-foreign-fighters-120183?profile=1470>

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