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EAST AFRICA

Somalia

5 Al-Shabaab militants arrested in southwest Somalia

Somali National Army (SNA) captured five Al-Shabaab militants in an operation south of Baidoa town, the administrative capital of Southwest State, officials said Wednesday. Spokesman for the Southwest State Presidency Nuradin Yusuf Abukar said SNA and Southwest State....

xinhuanet_en 17 Jan 2018

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/17/c_136902758.htm

CENTRAL AFRICA

Central African Republic

Les travaux forcés à perpétuité requis contre l'ex-chef anti-balaka "Général Andjilo"

Les travaux forcés à perpétuité requis contre l'ex-chef anti-balaka "Général Andjilo" Par ACAP - 17/01/2018 Le Procureur général près la Cour d'appel de Bangui, Eric Didier Tambo, a requis, mardi 16 janvier à Bangui, la peine des travaux forcés à perpétuité contre l'ex-chef anti-balaka Rodrigue Ngaïbona.

journaldebangui 17 Jan 2018

<http://www.journaldebangui.com/article.php?aid=13833>

UN mission issues 48-hour ultimatum to armed groups

Displaced women and children in at one of the spontaneous sites where internally displaced people have gathered in Paoua town, Central African Republic. Photo: Yaye Nabo Sène/OCHA. 17 January 2018 #150 The United Nations Mission in the troubled Central African Republic, known by its French....

un-org 12:56:00 AM CET

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=58439>

Congo armed groups uniting against President Kabila: U.N.

Militias in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo are uniting in opposition to President Joseph Kabila, a senior U.N. official there told a news conference in Geneva on Wednesday. In 2017, a brutal conflict in Congo's southwestern Kasai region drew international attention and....

reuters 17 Jan 2018

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-congo-un/congo-armed-groups-uniting-against-president-kabila-u-n-idUSKBN1F62BB?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29

WEST AFRICA

Ghana

Terror probe in Ghana after 'explosives' arrests

Police in Ghana on Tuesday said they were investigating whether three people had links to extremist groups after they were arrested following the discovery of suspected explosives in the capital. The Ghana Police Service announced in a statement late on Monday that the suspects were detained after the discovery in the Odorkor area of Accra.

gulfnews 17 Jan 2018

http://gulfnews.com/news/africa/terror-probe-in-ghana-after-explosives-arrests-1.2158597?utm_source=Feeds&utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=Terror

Ouverture d'une enquête au Ghana suite à la découverte d'explosifs

La police du Ghana a annoncé mardi qu'elle enquêtait pour savoir si trois suspects arrêtés la veille, étaient liés à des groupes extrémistes, à la suite de la découverte d'explosifs dans un quartier à Accra. «Notre enquête a pour but de répondre à la question de savoir si ces personnes sont des....

legriot 17 Jan 2018

<http://www.legriot.info/23594-ouverture-dune-enquete-au-ghana-suite-a-la-decouverte-dexplosifs.html>

Mali

POLITIQUE Au Mali, un an après l'enlèvement de sœur Gloria, une médiation du Vatican pour sa libération

Le 7 février, cela fera un an que sœur Gloria Cecilia Narvaez, religieuse d'origine colombienne en mission à Karangasso, dans le sud-est du Mali, a été enlevée par des djihadistes. La Colombie et le Mali peuvent désormais compter sur l'appui du Vatican et du pape François lui-même pour retrouver cette sœur franciscaine de Marie Immaculée.

mali-web 1:13:00 AM CET

<http://mali-web.org/societe/politique-au-mali-un-an-apres-lenlevement-de-soeur-gloria-une-mediation-du-vatican-pour-sa-liberation>

Mali Les accords de paix : deux ans et demi pour (presque) rien

Le conflit en ricochet de l'effondrement du régime du Colonel Kadhafi survenu en 2012 et qui oppose les rebelles touaregs à Bamako est incontestablement la pire des crises que le Mali a connu. Il a déjà fait des milliers de victimes et des flots de déplacés qui attendent dans les pays voisins,....

abamako 17 Jan 2018

<http://news.abamako.com/h/178680.html>

Situation Sécuritaire : 2017 : Chronique d'une année ensanglantée

L'année 2017 qui vient de s'achever aura été la plus meurtrière depuis le déclenchement de crise au Mali de 2013 à jours. Des attaques et embuscades contre les forces maliennes et celles de la Minusma, des mines, des assassinats ciblés, des affrontements fratricides entre groupes armés, furent le....

abamako 2:16:00 AM CET

<http://news.abamako.com/h/178726.html>

L intégration d ex-combattants dans l armée malienne : Une opportunité pour renforcer les capacités opérationnelles des FAMA pour la stabilité du Mali

Le processus de Désarmement, Démobilisation et Réinsertion (DDR) fait désormais partie intégrante des efforts de consolidation de la paix après un conflit. Il a occupé une large place dans les mandats confiés aux opérations de maintien de la paix au cours des deux dernières décennies.

abamako 17 Jan 2018

<http://news.abamako.com/h/178665.html>

Région de Tombouctou : la MINUSMA injecte 110 millions de FCFA dans deux projets communautaires pour soutenir la paix et la sécurité

La MINUSMA a inauguré, les 05 et 06 janvier 2018, deux projets de Réduction de Violence Communautaire (RCV) au profit des populations de Goundam et Bourem Sidi Amar, cercle de Diré. Le premier concerne l'extension du réseau d'adduction d'eau potable de la ville de Goundam.

abamako 17 Jan 2018

<http://news.abamako.com/h/178673.html>

British forces to be sent to Mali amid fears ISIS fighters on the run could regroup in North Africa

British forces are being sent to Mali amid fears ISIS fighters on the run could regroup in North Africa. Theresa May will tomorrow use a summit with French President Emmanuel Macron to announce three RAF Chinook helicopters will ferry around French troops battling Islamic extremists in the failed state.

themirror 17 Jan 2018

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/british-forces-sent-mali-amid-11869211>

Niger

Toumour : Le camp des forces armées attaqué par des terroristes

Des hommes lourdement armés probablement des combattants du groupe terroriste Boko Haram, ont attaqué mercredi soir le camp des forces armées nigériennes, à Toumour, à environ 10 km de Diffa (extrême sud-est du pays), proche de la frontière du Nigeria, apprend-on de sources sécuritaires.

actuniger 3:18:00 AM CET

<http://www.actuniger.com/societe/13718-toumour-le-camp-des-forces-armees-attaque-par-des-terroristes.html>

Italian lawmakers pass anti-terror military mission to Niger

Italian lawmakers have approved sending a military mission to Niger to combat human trafficking and terrorism. The vote in the Chamber of Deputies on Wednesday was likely lawmakers' last session before a March 4 election. Premier Paolo Gentiloni has said some of Italy's troops now in....

nzherald 17 Jan 2018

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=11977089&ref=rss

Nigeria

Atleast 10 killed in suicide blasts in Nigeria

Fruits and scattered stalls are seen after two male suicide bombers detonated the bombs in Maiduguri, Nigeria. (Source: REUTERS) At least 10 persons have been killed and 65 others injured in Nigeria's Maiduguri city following two suicide blasts, police and rescue officials said.

expressindia 8:51:00 AM CET

<http://indianexpress.com/article/world/atleast-10-killed-in-suicide-blasts-in-nigeria-5029616/>

12 morts et 48 blessés dans un attentat suicide

Deux jihadistes se sont fait exploser sur un marché au nord-est du Nigeria mercredi 17 janvier, faisant au moins 12 morts et 48 blessés dans cette région meurtrie par le conflit avec Boko-Haram.

itele 9:49:00 AM CET

http://www.cnews.fr/monde/video/nigeria-12-morts-et-48-blesses-dans-un-attentat-suicide-184101?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+itele%2Fflaune+%28i%3ELETELE+-+Une%29

Two Americans, two Canadians kidnapped in Nigeria: police

Two Americans and two Canadians have been kidnapped and two Nigerian police escorts killed in an ambush in northern Kaduna state, police said Wednesday, in the latest abduction targeting foreigners. State police spokesman Mukhtar Aliyu said "unknown armed men" seized the....

capitalfm 10:08:00 AM CET

<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2018/01/two-americans-two-canadians-kidnapped-nigeria-police/>

Enlèvement de quatre Occidentaux dans l'Etat de Kaduna

Ils ont été enlevés mardi soir dans le nord du pays, a confirmé la police de l'Etat de Kaduna, où a eu lieu l'enlèvement. Les quatre expatriés étaient en route vers la capitale Abuja quand leurs véhicules ont été interceptés en début de soirée.

rfi-fr 3:24:00 AM CET

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20180118-nigeria-enlevement-quatre-occidentaux-etat-kaduna>

Security tightened as killings, kidnappings spread

Aliyu urged Nigerians to be vigilant and to report suspected persons or group of persons to the appropriate authorities. Also yesterday, the Force Public Relations Officer (PRO), Moshood Jimoh, a Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP), said the Police would continue to try their best to protect lives and properties.

onlinenigeria 7:01:00 AM CET

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/crime/695862-security-tightened-as-killings-kidnappings-spread.html>

Kidnappers abduct American, Canadian in Nigeria, two police killed: police official

Kidnappers have abducted one American and one Canadian in the northern Nigerian state of Kaduna, killing two police officers, a police spokesman said on Wednesday. The American and Canadian were ambushed by unknown gunmen around Kagarko on their way from the city of....

reuters 17 Jan 2018

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-nigeria-kidnapping/kidnappers-abduct-american-canadian-in-nigeria-two-police-killed-police-official-idUSKBN1F61XS?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29

We're targeting an FPSO offshore Nigeria, militant group warns

The Niger Delta Avengers, a sporadic militant group in Nigeria, said Wednesday its next round of attacks targeting deep water operations will be bloody. Nigeria is a

member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries that's exempt from its effort to balance an oversupplied market with coordinated production cuts.

upi 17 Jan 2018

<https://www.upi.com/Energy-News/2018/01/17/Were-targeting-an-FPSO-offshore-Nigeria-militant-group-warns/2151516194232/>

Quatre ans après, près de cent lycéennes seraient encore aux mains de Boko Haram

Le 15 janvier dernier, Boko Haram a publié une nouvelle vidéo de propagande. Sur celle-ci, on y voit quatorze femmes présumées anciennes lycéennes de Chibok. Depuis près de quatre ans, ces lycéennes nigérianes sont aux mains du groupe terroriste. Boko Haram, qui signifie "l'éducation occidentale est...."

francetvinfo 17 Jan 2018

https://www.francetvinfo.fr/monde/afrique/lyceennes-enlevees-au-nigeria/quatre-ans-apres-pres-de-cent-lyceennes-seraient-encore-aux-mains-de-boko-haram_2566063.html#xtor=RSS-3-%5bmonde%5d

SAHEL

La force conjointe du G5 Sahel, une illusion franco-africaine?

Le G5 Sahel (G5S) a été constitué en février 2014 par la Mauritanie, le Mali, le Burkina Faso, le Niger et le Tchad. Selon le Secrétariat permanent du G5 Sahel, basé à Nouakchott, « il s'agit de cinq pays ayant un destin en commun et qui ont souverainement décidé de conjuguer solidairement leurs....

mali-web 17 Jan 2018

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/sahel-la-force-conjointe-du-g5-sahel-une-illusion-franco-africaine>

The Sahel region is a very challenging region

"The joint force is gaining momentum... the first operation has taken place, the second one is starting today," Malian Defense Minister Tiena Coulibaly told reporters. France's defense minister Florence Parly said that the force would focus on the particularly volatile tri-border area where Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger meet.

chathamhouse 17 Jan 2018

<http://www.dw.com/en/sahel-zone-new-operation-to-fight-terrorism/a-42167657>

UK to increase support to French operations as leaders meet at UK-France summit

The UK is to deploy three Chinook helicopters to Mali to bolster French-led military forces combating jihadist groups in west Africa. The move will be announced at a summit between France and the UK which will see the two countries agreeing moves to counter terrorism and boost defence co-operation.

heraldscotland 17 Jan 2018

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/world_news/15857205.UK_to_increase_support_to_French_operations_as_leaders_meet_at_UK_France_summit/?ref=rss

Britain and Italy to bolster troop presence in Africa's Sahel

The commitment will come as Prime Minister Theresa May meets French President Emmanuel Macron at an army base near the British capital, with immigration and global aid also on their agenda. In a separate move, Italy's parliament on Wednesday also approved a ramped up military presence in Niger by....

digitaljournal 5:05:00 AM CET

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/britain-and-italy-to-bolster-troop-presence-in-africa-s-sahel/article/512417>

NORTH AFRICA

Libya

UN envoy says military forces in Libya are flexing muscles

Salame said Libya needs a government that can deliver desperately needed public services, unify the country's institutions, provide order and justice, and preside over elections that would end the current transition. (Google Map) The UN envoy for Libya said Wednesday that military forces "are....

expressindia 8:51:00 AM CET

<http://indianexpress.com/article/world/un-envoy-says-military-forces-in-libya-are-flexing-muscles/>

L'envoyé de l'ONU met en garde contre un statu quo qui n'est pas tenable

Le statu quo en Libye n'est pas tenable, a prévenu le Représentant spécial du Secrétaire général pour ce pays, Ghassan Salamé, qui a rappelé au Conseil de sécurité la persistance de la violence malgré des signes encourageants d'amélioration.

un-org-newscentre 1:06:00 AM CET

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/fr/storyF.asp?NewsID=40795&Cr=Libye&Cr1=>

Libyan Higher Council of State urges all fighting parties to calm down

Libya's Higher Council of State on Wednesday called on all fighting parties to calm down and avoid military escalation. "In view of the exceptional emergency situation in the country, the council continued its consultative meetings to discuss the serious developments in Tripoli," the council said in a statement.

xinhuanet_en 17 Jan 2018

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/18/c_136903441.htm

La reprise des combats menace les élections promises

Un calme précaire règne dans Tripoli, après les combats qui ont eu lieu lundi 15 janvier aux alentours de l'aéroport de Mitiga et qui ont fait vingt morts et plus de 60 blessés. Après une situation sécuritaire relativement stable depuis l'été, les nouveaux combats entre milices rivales relancent les....

allafrica-fr 17 Jan 2018

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201801170331.html>

Reprise des vols aériens à partir de l'aéroport de Maitigua à Tripoli

La navigation aérienne a repris à l'aéroport de Maitigua, mardi soir, après avoir été arrêtée après des affrontements armés qui ont eu lieu lundi matin entre deux groupes armés près de l'installation aéroportuaire.

infosplusgabon 17 Jan 2018

<http://www.infosplusgabon.com/index.php/actualites/submenu-1/9308-reprise-des-vols-aeriens-a-partir-de-laeroport-de-maitigua-a-tripoli>

Libération de la déléguée de l'OIM enlevée dans le Sud libyen

La déléguée de l'Organisation internationale pour les migrations (OIM) à Sebha (800 km au sud de Tripoli), Rania Khouma, enlevée samedi, a été libérée, a annoncé mardi une source de sécurité de la ville de Sebha.

infosplusgabon 17 Jan 2018

<http://www.infosplusgabon.com/index.php/actualites/submenu-1/9312-liberation-de-la-deleguee-de-loim-enlevee-dans-le-sud-libyen>

INTERNATIONAL

America

US

Report Shows Muslim Americans' Involvement in Violent Extremism Slides in 2017

Fewer Muslim Americans were involved in acts of violent extremism last year, despite fears that the Trump administration's hard-line policy on terrorism could set off a

backlash from Muslim militants and lead to further acts of violence at home and abroad, a new report shows.

voanews 6:32:00 AM CET

<https://www.voanews.com/a/muslim-american-violence-declined/4213106.html>

L'armée américaine va rester en Syrie contre l'EI, l'Iran et Assad (Tillerson)

L'armée américaine va rester en Syrie jusqu'à ce que le groupe jihadiste Etat islamique (EI) soit totalement vaincu, mais aussi pour contrer l'influence iranienne et, au bout du compte, aider à chasser le président Bachar al-Assad, a déclaré mercredi le secrétaire d'Etat américain.

cridem 9:56:00 AM CET

http://www.cridem.org/C_Info.php?article=706924

US Seeks Extradition of al-Qaida Suspect Jailed in France

The United States is seeking to extradite a suspected al-Qaida terrorist imprisoned in France. The Justice Department on Wednesday unsealed its indictment on federal terrorism charges of German citizen Christian Ganczarski, who also goes by several Arabic aliases. The charges include conspiracy to kill U.

voanews 3:32:00 AM CET

<https://www.voanews.com/a/us-extradition-al-qaida-suspect-france/4213050.html>

Isis terrorist who struck New York will admit killing 8 if he's spared execution

Sayfullo Saipov's lawyer has indicated he will admit murder if he is spared the death penalty (Picture: AFP) An Isis terrorist accused of killing eight people by deliberately driving a truck down a Manhattan bike path at Halloween will plead guilty to the crime if he is spared the death penalty.

metro-uk 10:01:00 AM CET

<http://metro.co.uk/2018/01/18/manhattan-truck-terrorist-killed-8-will-admit-murder-spared-death-penalty-7238786/>

Asia

Pakistan

Drone strikes kill two near Pak-Afghan border

At least two militants have been killed while another was injured in two drone strikes near the mountainous Pakistan-Afghanistan border with Kurram Agency on Wednesday. According to sources, the first drone hit the house in Badsha Kot area of Lower Kurram Agency and injured one person.

tribune 17 Jan 2018

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1611172/1-drone-strike-injures-one-near-pak-afghan-border/>

Gunmen kill mother, daughter polio workers in Pakistan

Some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the afternoon. High 41F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.. Tonight. Clear skies with a few passing clouds. Low 23F. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph. Updated: January 18, 2018 @ 1:52 am; A health worker gives a polio vaccine to a child in Lahore, Pakistan, Tuesday, Jan.

omaha 10:04:00 AM CET

http://www.omaha.com/news/world/gunmen-kill-mother-daughter-polio-workers-in-pakistan/article_883bedf2-499c-5338-a72e-51bc12781db4.html

CII members complain of their names being included without consent in recent fatwa

Members of Council of Islamic Ideology have complained over inclusion of their names without consent in the recent fatwa published over declaring suicide attacks haram.

More than 1,800 Pakistani religious scholars have issued an Islamic directive, or fatwa, forbidding suicide bombings, a book due to be unveiled by the government.

tribune 17 Jan 2018

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1611191/1-cii-members-complain-names-included-without-consent-recent-fatwa/>

Philippines

Philippines fears Malaysian militant leader survived Marawi siege and could restart Islamic extremist alliance

Philippine troops are trying to validate intelligence information that a Malaysian militant leader survived the defeat of an Islamic State-linked siege and is helping restart efforts to establish an extremist alliance, a military official said on Wednesday.

scmp 17 Jan 2018

<http://www.scmp.com/news/asia/southeast-asia/article/2128702/philippines-fears-malaysian-militant-leader-survived-marawi>

4 NPA rebels killed in clash with troops in Davao Oriental

FOUR members of the communist New People's Army (NPA) were killed in an encounter with Philippine Army troops in Davao Oriental, the military said on Thursday. Quoting the 28th Infantry Battalion (IB), Capt. Andrew Linao, spokesman for the 701st Infantry Brigade, said the encounter stemmed from....

manilatimes 9:58:00 AM CET

<http://www.manilatimes.net/4-npa-rebels-killed-clash-troops-davao-oriental/375067/>

Syria

Sharp drop in Iraq and Syria terror deaths: study

Iraq and Syria saw a sharp drop in the number of people killed in terror attacks last year, a report published Thursday by Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Centre has found. Despite ongoing violence in both countries, there was a fall in the number of deaths in attacks by non-state actors such as the Islamic State group.

yalibnan 5:10:00 AM CET

<http://yalibnan.com/2018/01/18/sharp-drop-in-iraq-and-syria-terror-deaths-study/>

Terrorisme: fort recul du nombre de morts en Syrie et Irak en 2017

Le nombre de personnes tuées lors d'attaques terroristes en Syrie et en Irak a fortement reculé en 2017, affirme un rapport publié jeudi par le Centre international d'analyse du terrorisme Jane (JTIC), basé à Londres. Au total en 2017, 3.378 individus ont trouvé la mort en Irak à la suite d'attaques....

LePoint 8:52:00 AM CET

http://www.lepoint.fr/monde/terrorisme-fort-recul-du-nombre-de-morts-en-syrie-et-irak-en-2017--18-01-2018-2187595_24.php#xtor=RSS-221

Europe

France

Terrorism, migration top the agenda of UK summit with Macron and May

French President Emmanuel Macron with Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May as she arrives at the Elysee Palace in Paris on December 12, 2017. Text by Latest update : 2018-01-18. NEWS WIRES British and French leaders aim to deepen cooperation in addressing terrorism and the....

france24-en 8:55:00 AM CET

<http://www.france24.com/en/20180118-terrorism-migration-brexit-top-agenda-uk-summit-macron-may>

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