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### **EAST AFRICA**

#### **Kenya**

##### **Kenya, Cameroon Military Fighting Terrorism Through Development**

A delegation from the Kenyan military is sharing experience on how the Cameroon military engineering corps has taken over road construction projects in Boko Haram terrorism prone areas to use the example and develop areas of its territory threatened by Al-Shabab which they say is still a threat.

*voanews 4:16:00 PM CEST*

<https://www.voanews.com/a/kenya-cameroon-military-fighting-terrorism-through-development/4923493.html>

##### **Terror suspects walk free as lack of proof cripples prosecution**

Besides the poor handling of electronic gadgets and items recovered from suspects, poor chain of custody and prolonged time in extraction are the other factors. Judge

Makori noted that, to link an accused person to a terror group or prove possession of extremist literature, the prosecution has to prove this by presenting circumstantial evidence.

*nation-ke 9:42:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.nation.co.ke/news/Burden-of-proof-leaves-terror-suspects-smiling/1056-5121600-pnacms/index.html>

## **Somalia**

### **MP calls for Kenyan troops pullout from Somalia**

A member of the Somali parliament has called for the pull-out of all Kenyan soldiers from the country, accusing the KDF of vandalizing telecommunications masts on the border. Dahir Amin Jesow, an outspoken lawmaker said Kenyan forces are helping Safaricom in the trade battle with Somalia's telecom companies providing phone services in border areas.

*shabelle 12:51:00 PM CEST*

<https://www.radioshabelle.com/mp-calls-for-kenyan-troops-pullout-from-somalia/>

### **Senior Leadership of AMISOM meet with Governor of Lower Shabelle region to discuss liberated towns**

The Head of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), Ambassador Francisco Madeira and members of the senior leadership team have met with leaders of the Lower Shabelle region to exchange views on defeating Al-Shabaab. The closed-door consultative meeting on Saturday....

*reliefWeb 2:31:00 PM CEST*

<https://reliefweb.int/report/somalia/senior-leadership-amisom-meet-governor-lower-shabelle-region-discuss-liberated-towns>

### **AMISOM strategize ways of defeating al-Shabab militants**

African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) senior leadership held a meeting with leaders of the Lower Shabelle region to exchange views on how they can strengthen the fight against al-Shabab. The closed-door consultative meeting was held on Saturday followed recent operational successes recorded....

*shabelle 12:51:00 PM CEST*

<https://www.radioshabelle.com/amisom-strategize-ways-of-defeating-al-shabab-militants/>

### **Senior al-Shabab leader surrenders to Somali government**

A senior leader of militant group al-Shabab surrendered to Somali government forces on Saturday, an official said on Sunday. "I was informed that a member of al-Shabab contacted our forces in the front line of Barsanguni requesting to surrender to the government forces....

*xinhuanet\_en 12:28:00 PM CEST*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-05/19/c\\_138071833.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-05/19/c_138071833.htm)

## **Spreading the net- Somali Islamists now target Kenyan recruits**

Al Shabaab's new recruits a problem for security forces. \* Young men lured with offers of cash and khat. \* Women also targeted by Islamist group. A youth recruited while watching football. A Catholic school graduate. Girls desperate for cash and jobs.

*kenyastar 18 May 2019*

[https://af.reuters.com/article/kenyaNews/idAFL5N1ZZ4EF?feedType=RSS&feedName=kenyaNews&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAfricaKenyaNews+%28News+%2F+Africa+%2F+Kenya+News%29](https://af.reuters.com/article/kenyaNews/idAFL5N1ZZ4EF?feedType=RSS&feedName=kenyaNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAfricaKenyaNews+%28News+%2F+Africa+%2F+Kenya+News%29)

## **One killed, six hurt in Somalia IED blast**

At least one has been killed and six others sustained injuries landmine explosion in Southwest Somalia. According to sources the landmine suspected to have on the side has hit military in Bardale town just 25km away Baidoa town. The blast killed a local councilor and Injured six other people including a military commander.

*shabelle 18 May 2019*

<https://www.radioshabelle.com/one-killed-six-hurt-in-somalia-ied-blast/>

## **Gunmen kill an employee with Mogadishu's local government**

Unidentified assailants have shot and killed an employee working for Mogadishu's local government in the capital on Saturday, witnesses said. Abdulaziz Abdullahi Mohamed, who was a servant at the department of "Certificate of Identity Confirmation" at the registration center in Mogadishu, was gunned down in Karan district.

*shabelle 18 May 2019*

<https://www.radioshabelle.com/gunmen-kill-an-employee-with-mogadishus-local-government/>

# **CENTRAL AFRICA**

## **Central African Republic**

## **Dix milices fournissent la liste de leurs membres**

Trois mois après la signature d'un accord de paix entre l'État centrafricain et les 14 groupes armés actifs sur le territoire, dix d'entre ces derniers ont remis vendredi la liste de leurs membres susceptibles d'être éligibles au processus de la paix en République centrafricaine (RCA), ont indiqué hier les médias locaux.

*liberte-algerie 12:37:00 PM CEST*

<https://www.liberte-algerie.com/international/dix-milices-fournissent-la-liste-de-leurs-membres-316128>

## **Congo Republic**

### **Gunmen kill 19 at fish market in northeast DR Congo**

At least 19 people were killed when gunmen attacked a fish market in northeast Democratic Republic of Congo near Lake Albert, local officials said on Sunday. The UN mission to the DR Congo, known by its initials MONUSCO, reported the attack on Friday without giving a precise death toll.

*nation-ke 5:36:00 PM CEST*

<https://www.nation.co.ke/news/africa/Gunmen-kill-19-fish-market-DR-Congo/1066-5122378-223tp4z/index.html>

### **19 civils tués dans une attaque d'hommes armés au bord du lac Albert**

Dix-neuf personnes ont été tuées et huit blessées dans une attaque contre un marché de pêcheurs au bord du lac Albert, en Ituri, dans le nord-est de la République démocratique du Congo, a confirmé dimanche un responsable local. Dix-neuf corps sans vie ont été découverts dans le village de Tara au....

*rtbf 4:27:00 PM CEST*

[https://www.rtf.be/info/monde/detail\\_rdc-19-civils-tues-dans-une-attaque-d-hommes-armes-au-bord-du-lac-albert?id=10224814](https://www.rtf.be/info/monde/detail_rdc-19-civils-tues-dans-une-attaque-d-hommes-armes-au-bord-du-lac-albert?id=10224814)

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Burkina Faso**

#### **Mise en garde contre la diffusion des images de victimes d'attaques terroristes**

La Commission de l'Informatique et des Libertés (CIL) du Burkina Faso, garante de la protection des données personnelles, dit constater avec regret et désolation qu'en dépit des communiqués et autres campagnes de sensibilisation, des....

infosplusgabon 4:43:00 PM CEST

<http://www.infosplusgabon.com/index.php/actualites/submenu-1/19424-burkina-faso-mise-en-garde-contre-la-diffusion-des-images-de-victimes-attaques-terroristes>

## **Un gendarme burkinabè tué dans une embuscade dans le nord du pays**

Un gendarme burkinabè a été tué samedi dans une embuscade tendue par des individus armés non identifiés à Arbinda, dans le nord du pays, a-t-on appris de source sécuritaire. "Une patrouille de gendarmerie est tombée dans une embuscade.

infosplusgabon 3:50:00 PM CEST

<http://www.infosplusgabon.com/index.php/actualites/submenu-1/19416-2019-05-19-13-03-19>

## **Burkina : les attaques terroristes pourraient semer les germes d'une guerre civile, alerte une organisation de défense des droits de l'Homme**

Le mouvement burkinabè des droits de l'Homme et des peuples (MBDHP) a appelé, dans une déclaration, les autorités à endiguer les attaques terroristes qui "pourraient semer les germes d'une guerre civile" dans ce pays d'Afrique de l'Ouest.

infosplusgabon 3:50:00 PM CEST

<http://www.infosplusgabon.com/index.php/actualites/submenu-1/19417-2019-05-19-13-22-01>

## **Mali**

### **UN peacekeeper killed in Mali**

A Nigerian peacekeeper was killed Saturday in an attack on the United Nations' stabilization mission in Mali, the UN said. The victim "succumbed to his wounds following the armed attack by unidentified assailants" in Timbuktu, a statement said. A Nigerian peacekeeper was also injured.

ahram-EN 4:15:00 PM CEST

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/2/9/331876/World/International/UN-peacekeeper-killed-in-Mali.aspx>

### **Un casque bleu tué à Tombouctou et trois autres blessés à Tessalit**

Le Secrétaire général des Nations Unies, António Guterres, a condamné les deux attaques perpétrées samedi contre la Mission intégrée des Nations Unies pour la stabilisation au Mali (MINUSMA) à Tombouctou et Tessalit. Par une déclaration de son porte-parole, le Secrétaire général condamne les....

abamako 3:02:00 PM CEST

<http://news.aBamako.com/h/213183.html>

## **Nigeria**

### **Violent kidnappings-for-ransom spread across Nigeria**

Magami was taken hostage in his native Zamfara State, where he was held captive and tortured for nearly a month. His home state is reeling from a spate of attacks, with 203 crime-related deaths and 281 kidnappings in the first three months of 2019, according to Nigeria's top police officer, Mohammed Adamu.

*vanguardngr 18 May 2019*

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2019/05/violent-kidnappings-for-ransom-spread-across-nigeria/>

### **Multiplication des enlèvements contre rançon dans le Nord**

Au Nigeria, les enlèvements contre rançons connaissent une recrudescence sans précédent dans le Nord du pays. Apparus au début des années 2000 dans la région pétrolière du Sud-Est, dans le Delta du Niger, ces enlèvements visaient dans un premier temps, les expatriés, puis les Nigériens aisés.

*rfi-fr 8:04:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20190519-nigeria-multiplication-enlevements-rancon-nord>

### **Boko Haram, Fulani herdsmen fighting to islamise Nigeria**

Former President Olusegun Obasanjo has lamented the deadly activities of Boko Haram and herdsmen in the country. According to him, the challenges have grown beyond what Nigeria alone can tackle following the groups' collaboration with the Islamic State West African Province fighters.

*onlinenigeria 2:42:00 PM CEST*

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/793254-boko-haram%2C-fulani-herdsmen-fighting-to-islamise-nigeria-%E2%80%93-obasanjo.html>

### **Dix pêcheurs assassinés par Boko Haram**

Les corps d'au moins dix pêcheurs, apparemment assassinés à la machette par le groupe terroriste Boko Haram, ont été découverts vendredi dans la ville de Maiduguri, dans le nord-est du Nigeria, a déclaré un responsable de la Nema (Agence nationale de gestion des crises).

*liberte-algerie 12:37:00 PM CEST*

<https://www.liberte-algerie.com/international/dix-pecheurs-assassines-par-boko-haram-316129>

## **B/Haram survivors in IDP camp: We are hooked on Tramadol**

Tramadol tablets recovered from the suspects. One morning in the camp in Madinatu, where some 5,000 IDPs live on the outskirts of Maiduguri, there was no food to eat. A man he had made friends with offered him the drug to ease the pain of hunger. A few tablets later, he felt relieved. It was the start of his Tramadol addiction.

*vanguardngr 8:14:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2019/05/b-haram-survivors-in-idp-camp-we-are-hooked-on-tramadol/>

## **Sahel**

### **L'ONU appelle les Etats membres du G5-Sahel à accélérer la pleine opérationnalisation de leur force conjointe**

Aniamey - Lors d'une réunion du Conseil de sécurité consacrée à la situation dans la région du Sahel, en Afrique, une haute responsable des Nations Unies a appelé les Etats membres du G5-Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritanie, Niger et Tchad) à faire en sorte que leur force conjointe atteigne rapidement sa pleine capacité opérationnelle.

*cridem 12:52:00 PM CEST*

[http://www.cridem.org/C\\_Info.php?article=723478](http://www.cridem.org/C_Info.php?article=723478)

### **Menace terroriste au Sahel : L appel à l aide du Burkina Faso**

Pour Ouagadougou, la lutte contre le terrorisme et la criminalité au Sahel «est une responsabilité collective» et «il est temps que la communauté internationale envisage la création d'une coalition internationale». Le Burkina Faso est l'un des pays les plus touchés par le terrorisme au Sahel.

*aouaga 6:22:00 AM CEST*

<http://news.aOuaga.com/h/124019.html>

### **Lutte contre le terrorisme: opérationnalisation en urgence du G5 Sahel**

Les Nations-Unies ont appelé, jeudi 16 mai, les pays membres du G5-Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritanie, Niger et Tchad) à accélérer de « toute urgence » la pleine opérationnalisation de cette force conjointe afin qu'elle puisse atteindre sa pleine capacité opérationnelle.

*mali-web 17 May 2019*

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/lutte-contre-le-terrorisme-operationnalisation-en-urgence-du-g5-sahel>

## **Chinese envoy calls for more support for G5 Sahel force**

A Chinese envoy has told the UN Security Council that it was necessary to step up the support for the G5 Sahel joint force. In a council meeting on the peace and security in Africa, Ma Zhaoxu, China's permanent representative to the UN, said that the joint....

*ghananewsagency 17 May 2019*

<http://www.ghananewsagency.org/world/chinese-envoy-calls-for-more-support-for-g5-sahel-force--149978>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Egypt**

#### **Bomb hits tourist bus near Egypt's Giza Pyramids, wounds 17**

A roadside bomb hit a tourist bus on Sunday near the Giza Pyramids, wounding at least 17 people including tourists, Egyptian officials said. The officials said the bus was travelling on a road close to the under-construction Grand Egyptian Museum, which is located adjacent to the Giza Pyramids but is not yet open to tourists.

*timescolonist 5:19:00 PM CEST*

<https://www.timescolonist.com/bomb-hits-tourist-bus-near-egypt-s-giza-pyramids-wounds-17-1.23827389>

#### **17 blessés dans une explosion visant des touristes près des pyramides**

Dix-sept personnes, originaires d'Égypte et d'Afrique du Sud, ont été blessées dimanche dans une explosion visant un bus de touristes. Le drame s'est déroulé près des pyramides de Guizéh. Le bilan est lourd ce dimanche, à proximité des pyramides de Guizéh.

*metrofrance 4:42:00 PM CEST*

<https://www.lci.fr/international/egypte-17-blesses-dans-une-explosion-visant-des-touristes-pres-des-pyramides-2121571.html>

### **Libya**

#### **No ransom paid for release of Filipino, Korean engineers—Locsin**

NO ransom was paid for the release of three Filipino and Korean engineers kidnapped in July 2018 in Libya, Foreign Affairs Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr said on Sunday.



“No money passed. Not a friggin’ cent. What we had was far better; what we had and have forever were old friends abroad to help,”....

*manilatimes 12:07:00 PM CEST*

<https://www.manilatimes.net/no-ransom-paid-for-release-of-filipino-korean-engineers-locsin/556876/>

## **IS claims responsibility for deadly attack on southern Libyan oil field**

The Islamic State (IS) on Saturday claimed responsibility for an attack on an oil field in the southern Libyan town Zalla, which killed two people and kidnapped four others. "The IS militants at dawn attacked the border of Zalla town and took control of it, after clashing....

*xinhuanet\_en 12:38:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-05/19/c\\_138069839.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-05/19/c_138069839.htm)

## **le gouvernement condamne l'attaque par l'EI d'un champ pétrolier dans le sud du pays**

Le gouvernement libyen soutenu par l'ONU a condamné samedi l'attaque menée par l'Etat islamique (EI) sur un champ de pétrole dans le sud du pays au cours de laquelle deux gardes ont été tués et quatre autres enlevés. "Le Conseil présidentiel du gouvernement d'accord....

*french-news 8:13:00 AM CEST*

[http://french.xinhuanet.com/afrique/2019-05/19/c\\_138071404.htm](http://french.xinhuanet.com/afrique/2019-05/19/c_138071404.htm)

## **Tunisia**

### **Les forces de sécurité déjouent une série d'attentats**

La Tunisie reste toujours une cible privilégiée pour les groupes terroristes maghrébins. Le ministère tunisien de l'Intérieur a annoncé, à ce propos, vendredi, avoir déjoué un plan qualifié de «terroriste» et découvert un magasin d'explosifs dans la province de Kasserine, dans le centre-ouest du pays.

*elwatan 9:42:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.elwatan.com/edition/international/les-forces-de-securite-dejouent-une-serie-dattentats-la-tunisie-dans-loeil-du-cyclone-terroriste-19-05-2019>

## **ASIA**

## **Afghanistan**

### **Bomb blast in western Afghanistan kills 2**

An Afghan official says that a bomb blast in the western province of Herat has killed at least two people, including a child. Gelani Farhad, a spokesman for the province's governor, says that 14 people were wounded in Saturday morning's attack in the Obe area, including the district administrative chief.

*arabnews 18 May 2019*

<http://www.arabnews.com/node/1498691/world>

## **Iraq**

### **Bomb attack on Shiite militiamen kills 7 in eastern Iraq**

Showers early, then cloudy in the afternoon. High near 50F. Winds NW at 15 to 25 mph. Chance of rain 50%.. Tonight. Cloudy skies this evening will become partly cloudy after midnight. Low 36F.

*siouxcityjournal 5:16:00 PM CEST*

[https://siouxcityjournal.com/news/world/bomb-attack-on-shiite-militiamen-kills-in-eastern-iraq/article\\_08e3462a-9b44-5ad6-9306-65b340795e72.html](https://siouxcityjournal.com/news/world/bomb-attack-on-shiite-militiamen-kills-in-eastern-iraq/article_08e3462a-9b44-5ad6-9306-65b340795e72.html)

## **Sri Lanka**

### **Sri Lanka President Vows to Eliminate Jihadist Threat**

Sri Lanka's president marked the 10th anniversary of the end of a protracted war with Tamil rebels Sunday by vowing to crush Islamist militants responsible for Easter bombings that killed 258 people. Maithripala Sirisena said Sri Lankan security forces and intelligence units could use....

*voanews 5:21:00 PM CEST*

<https://www.voanews.com/a/sri-lanka-president-vows-to-eliminate-jihadist-threat/4923573.html>

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