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EAST AFRICA

Kenya

Safaricom restores network after Al Shabaab attack

Safaricom network has resumed in Hulugho Sub County of Garissa, five months after Al Shabaab militants brought down the firm's telecommunication mast in the area bordering Somalia. The militants shot down the mast with a rocket knocking out cellphone communication in this remote and impoverished area.

standardmedia 18 Apr 2017

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/business/article/2001236798/safaricom-restores-network-after-al-shabaab-attack>

Somalia

Kenyan troops kill 31 Shabab militants in Somalia's Jubbaland

The Kenyan military said on Monday that two bases of al-Shabab militants in Somalia had been targeted in the raid, which took place a day earlier in the southern region of Jubbaland. "Ground troops were supported by attack helicopters and artillery fire," the Kenya Defense Forces (KDF) said in a...

iran-daily 18 Apr 2017

<http://www.iran-daily.com/News/189896.html>

Mortar attack kills at least 5, injures 7 in Mogadishu

At least five people were reported to have been killed, and seven wounded in mortar shells fired into homes in the Somali capital of Mogadishu on Tuesday afternoon, Witnesses said. An Eyewitness, speaking to Radio Shabelle via phone said between 2-3 mortars struck a residential areas in Howlwadah....

shabelle 18 Apr 2017

<http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/04/mortar-attack-kills-3-injures-5-in-somali-capital/>

Somali piracy disremembered

Somali piracy off the Horn of Africa was once estimated by the World Bank to cost global trade billions of dollars, and to harm the fragile economies of countries in the region. These disastrous financial costs, at a time of painful global downturn, came alongside a raft of pain and suffering for....

hellenicshippingnews 18 Apr 2017

<http://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/somali-piracy-disremembered/>

UPDF welcomes new US army deployment in Somalia

The Uganda People's Defence forces (UPDF) has welcomed the recent deployment of US soldiers to Somalia, saying the move will help escalate the fight against terrorism. Last week, Charles Chuck Prichard, the US Africa command spokesman, revealed that a 'few dozen troops' from the 101st Airborne Division would be sent to Somalia.

observer-ug 18 Apr 2017

<http://www.observer.ug/news/headlines/52389-updf-welcomes-new-us-army-deployment-in-somalia.html>

UN backs Somalia's efforts to tackle drought, insecurity

The United Nations and international community have backed Somalia's government and the federal member states for agreeing to jointly fight insecurity, drought and corruption. In a joint statement released on Monday night in Mogadishu, the United Nations, the United States, the European Union, the....

shabelle 18 Apr 2017

<http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/04/un-backs-somalias-efforts-to-tackle-drought-insecurity/>

WEST AFRICA

Mali

Five Malian soldiers killed by 'jihadists'

Suspected jihadists killed five Malian soldiers on Tuesday in the northern Timbuktu region, the government said, while the French army said it had "neutralised" about 10 fleeing attackers. The attackers made a dawn raid on an army camp in the remote Gourma Rharous area, about 120 kilometres....

enca 9:42:00 AM CEST

<http://www.enca.com/africa/five-malian-soldiers-killed-by-jihadists>

5 soldats maliens tués par des jihadistes, la France neutralise des "terroristes"

Cinq soldats maliens ont péri mardi dans une attaque jihadiste dans la région de Tombouctou, au nord du Mali, selon Bamako, la France annonçant que sa force Barkhane avait neutralisé une dizaine de "terroristes". L'attaque a visé un "détachement des Forces armées....

abamako 2:37:00 AM CEST

<http://news.abamako.com/h/158419.html>

Attaques terroristes contre la Minusma et l'armée malienne dans le nord

Des casques bleus de l'ONU et des soldats maliens ont été la cible d'actes terroristes ce mardi a appris APA, auprès de la Mission multidimensionnelle intégrée des Nations Unies pour la stabilisation au Mali (MINUSMA). La première attaque a visé les casques bleus de l'ONU vers 04h00 du matin.

journalducameroun 18 Apr 2017

<http://journalducameroun.com/attaques-terroristes-contre-la-minusma-et-larmee-malienne-dans-le-nord/>

Deux Casques bleus et un civil blessés dans la région de Kidal

Deux Casques bleus de la Mission multidimensionnelle intégrée des Nations Unies pour la stabilisation au Mali (MINUSMA) et un civil ont été grièvement blessés mardi après

que leur véhicule a heurté un engin explosif ou une mine dans la région de Kidal, au nord du pays.

allafrica-fr 3:18:00 AM CEST

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201704180841.html>

Colombian nun kidnapped in Mali is being held by militants

A Colombian nun who was kidnapped more than two months ago in Mali is being held by the Macina Liberation Front Islamist militant group, Colombian national police said on Tuesday, citing intelligence reports.

enca 3:39:00 AM CEST

<http://www.enca.com/africa/colombian-nun-kidnapped-in-mali-is-being-held-by-militants-police>

Nigeria

Hunt for kidnapped Chibok girls may take years, general says

Nigeria's defense minister says it may take years to find all the Chibok schoolgirls kidnapped by the Nigeria-based Islamic extremist group Boko Haram. The group kidnapped 276 schoolgirls from a school in the northeastern town of Chibok in April 2014.

nzherald 18 Apr 2017

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=11840605&ref=rss

Boko Haram kills three civilians in NE Nigeria for collaborating with military

The Boko Haram Takfiri terrorist group has raided a village in northeast Nigeria, killing three civilians on suspicion of collaborating with the military. Nigerian security sources said on Monday that the fatalities had occurred two days earlier when the terrorists stormed Kalari Abdiye village, in Borno State.

iran-daily 18 Apr 2017

<http://www.iran-daily.com/News/189910.html>

Suspected Boko Haram militants kill five soldiers in NE Nigeria

Suspected Boko Haram jihadists killed five Nigerian soldiers and injured five others in a raid on a military post in the violence-torn northeast, locals and a military officer said Tuesday.

enca 12:35:00 AM CEST

<http://www.enca.com/africa/suspected-boko-haram-militants-kill-five-soldiers-in-ne-nigeria>

Gunmen kidnap trader in Niger

Eight gunmen on Sunday kidnapped a Trader, Alhaji Nuhu Isa, in Lambata village of Gurara Local Government Area of Niger. The Commandant of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in the state, Mr Philip Ayuba, disclosed this to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Minna on Tuesday.

dailytrust 18 Apr 2017

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/news/general/gunmen-kidnap-trader-in-niger/194035.html>

Gunmen kill 2 cops, steal guns in Suleja

Suspected gunmen on Thursday night shot dead two policemen and escaped with their guns at an outpost near Suleja, Niger State. A resident of the area, who gave his name as Salihu, said the incident happened at about 8:22 p.m. at Maje police outpost, near Suleja town.

dailytrust 18 Apr 2017

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/news/city-news/gunmen-kill-2-cops-steal-guns-in-suleja/194016.html>

NORTH AFRICA

Egypt

IS group claims deadly attack at Egyptian monastery checkpoint

Egypt has for years been battling an Islamist insurgency in the rugged and thinly populated northern Sinai, which gained pace after the military overthrew President Mohamed Mursi of the Muslim Brotherhood in 2013 following mass protests against his rule.

france24-en 9:15:00 AM CEST

<http://www.france24.com/en/20170419-egypt-policeman-killed-attack-monastery-catherine-islamic-state-group>

Un policier tué près du monastère de Sainte-Catherine dans le Sinai

Une semaine après les attentats meurtriers contre deux églises coptes à Alexandrie et Tata, qui ont fait 45 morts, l'Egypte a été frappée par une nouvelle attaque mardi. Le monastère de Sainte-Catherine, un lieu très fréquenté par les touristes égyptiens et étrangers, situé à 500 km à l'est du....

bfmtv 9:32:00 AM CEST

<http://www.bfmtv.com/international/egypte-un-policier-tue-pres-du-monastere-de-sainte-catherine-dans-le-sinai-1145446.html>

Morocco

Stratégie anti-terroriste du Maroc: Un modèle à suivre au Sahel

La stratégie holistique du Maroc en matière de lutte anti-terroriste est à même de servir de "modèle pratique" pour les pays de la région afin de barrer la route à l'extrémisme violent dans la région du Sahel, soutient un rapport réalisé par le prestigieux think tank américain Potomac Institute et....

lopinion 18 Apr 2017

http://www.lopinion.ma/def.asp?codelangue=23&id_info=56147&date_ar=2017-4-18%2015:36:00

INTERNATIONAL

Asia

India

US national security adviser discusses Afghanistan in India

President Donald Trump's national security adviser discussed the situation in Afghanistan with India's prime minister on Tuesday, nearly a week after the US military dropped a massive non-nuclear bomb in the country that it said killed 95 militants. H.R.

ynetnews 18 Apr 2017

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4950334,00.html>

Syria

US-led coalition Syria strikes kill 20 civilians

Air strikes by the US-led coalition fighting the Islamic State group killed 20 civilians in Syria's eastern Deir Ezzor province, a monitor said on Tuesday. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the deaths came in two separate incidents on Monday.

digitaljournal 18 Apr 2017

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/us-led-coalition-syria-strikes-kill-20-civilians-monitor/article/490587>

When Daesh is defeated

Back in the Middle East for a few months, I find myself astounded by the absence of strong voices of Arab intellectuals. The region that has given rise to the likes of Michel

Aflaq, George Habash, Rached Al Ghannouchi, Edward Said and numerous others has marginalised its intellectuals.

jordantimes 18 Apr 2017

<http://jordantimes.com/opinion/ramzy-baroud/when-daesh-defeated>

Turkey

Newspaper staff indicted for aiding terrorism in Turkey

Turkey's state-run news agency says a court has accepted an indictment against columnists and senior staff from the opposition Cumhuriyet newspaper for "aiding terrorist organizations." Anadolu Agency said Tuesday the 274-page indictment accused 19 people of "sponsoring" several outlawed....

WashingtonPost 18 Apr 2017

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/newspaper-staff-indicted-for-aiding-terrorism-in-turkey/2017/04/18/dccc930e-244d-11e7-928e-3624539060e8_story.html

Yemen

12 Saudi soldiers die in Yemen helicopter crash

Twelve Saudi soldiers, including four officers, were killed on Tuesday when their helicopter went down in Yemen, the Arab coalition fighting Iran-backed Yemeni rebels said. The Saudi Black Hawk "fell during operations in the province of Marib" east of Sana'a, the coalition said. "The causes of the incident are being investigated.

gulfnews 18 Apr 2017

http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/yemen/12-saudi-soldiers-die-in-yemen-helicopter-crash-1.2013716?utm_source=Feeds&utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=12

Europe

France

'Imminent' terror attack foiled in France ahead of election

Two men were arrested in Marseilles on Tuesday over suspicions of an "imminent" attack before Sunday's presidential election, French authorities report. Explosives, firearms, munitions and Islamic State material were found in their apartment. According to French media, conservative candidate....

euobserver 18 Apr 2017

<https://euobserver.com/tickers/137606>

Une tentative d'attentat déjouée à quelques jours de la présidentielle

"Fin de campagne sous la menace": l'arrestation de deux hommes soupçonnés de préparer un attentat jihadiste "imminent" en France faisait bien sûr la Une de la presse française mercredi, à quelques jours du premier tour d'une élection présidentielle totalement imprévisible.

ladepeche 9:24:00 AM CEST

<http://www.ladepeche.fr/article/2017/04/18/2558441-tentative-attentat-dejouee-cinq-jours-presidentielle.html>

Attentat déjoué: explosifs, fiches S, le profil des suspects se précise

Le procureur de Paris a détaillé ce mardi soir l'itinéraire judiciaire ainsi que l'arsenal dont disposaient les deux hommes arrêtés dans la matinée à Marseille. Des soldats, policiers et pompiers dans un quartier de Marseille où ont été arrêtés deux suspects soupçonnés de préparer un attentat le 18 avril 2017.

msn-fr 9:10:00 AM CEST

<http://www.msn.com/fr-fr/actualite/france/attentat-d%c3%a9jou%c3%a9-explosifs-fiches-s-le-profil-des-suspects-se-pr%c3%a9cise/ar-BBA0sFz>

International Organisations

Top 5 countries where ISIS recruits from

Even though ISIS has suffered huge losses in Syria and Iraq, their ability to carry out and inspire lone wolf attacks can not be overlooked. According to a 2016 study by the National Bureau of Economic Research, here are the top five countries where foreign ISIS fighters originate from: Tunisia.

tribune 18 Apr 2017

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1387195/top-5-countries-isis-recruits/>

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