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### **AFRICAN UNION**

#### **RÉELLE MENACE DES TERRORISTES DE DAESH BATTUS EN SYRIE ET EN IRAK**

Entraînés aux techniques de la guérilla, suffisamment armés et maîtrisant parfaitement l'usage d'Internet et des réseaux sociaux, ils sont sur le point du retour en Afrique. Les chiffres sont affolants. L'Algérie, qui n'a pas pour habitude de lancer de fausses alertes, vient encore une fois de tirer....

*lexpressiondz 4:11:00 AM CET*

<http://www.lexpressiondz.com/actualite/282249-retour-teleguide-vers-le-maghreb.html>

#### **Prévention du terrorisme et de l'extrémisme violent en Afrique: Chergui pour une démarche inclusive**

"Les ressources financières considérables générées par les différentes formes de criminalité dans lesquelles sont impliqués les terroristes, leur ont permis d'accroître leurs capacités d'acquérir des armes et munitions très sophistiquées et à recruter de nouveaux membres", a déclaré M.

*ech-chorouk-fr 18 Dec 2017*

<https://www.echoroukonline.com/ara/articles/543210.html>

#### **Réunion du CAERT sur le terrorisme : Améliorer la coordination**

Les travaux de la 11e réunion annuelle des Points focaux du Centre africain d'études et de recherche sur le terrorisme (CAERT) tenus dimanche et lundi à Alger a été l'occasion d'analyser l'état actuel du terrorisme sur le continent africain, d'améliorer la coordination dans la lutte antiterroriste....

*elmoudjahid 18 Dec 2017*

<http://www.elmoudjahid.com/fr/actualites/118005>

### **EAST AFRICA**

#### **Somalia**

## **US forces kill eight in Somalia strike**

US forces in Somalia have carried out another air strike against Al-Qaeda-affiliated al-Shabaab militants, killing eight, military officials said Monday. The December 15 strike occurred about 30 miles (50 kilometers) outside the southern coastal city of Kismayo, the US military's Africa Command said in a statement.

*digitaljournal 18 Dec 2017*

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/us-forces-kill-eight-in-somalia-strike/article/510319>

## **CENTRAL AFRICA**

### **Cameroon**

#### **Four police killed by suspected separatists in Cameroon**

Four police officers were killed in an attack by suspected separatists in Cameroon's English-speaking region on Monday, a government minister said, the latest violence to strike the country's troubled west.

*enca 7:12:00 AM CET*

<http://www.enca.com/africa/4-police-killed-by-suspected-separatists-in-cameroon>

#### **Quatre gendarmes tués en zone anglophone**

Quatre gendarmes ont été tués lundi dans l'ouest anglophone du Cameroun lors d'une attaque de séparatistes présumés, a annoncé lundi le ministre de la Communication et porte-parole du gouvernement Issa Tchiroma. « Une attaque vient malheureusement de coûter la vie à quatre de nos gendarmes,....

*journalducameroun 12:32:00 AM CET*

<https://www.journalducameroun.com/cameroun-quatre-gendarmes-tues-en-zone-anglophone/>

### **Democratic Republic of Congo**

#### **Lutte contre les groupes armés en RDC: «un défi à relever collectivement», souligne Lacroix**

Le défi de combattre les groupes armés dans l'Est de la République démocratique est «un défi collectif à relever collectivement», a affirmé dimanche 17 décembre le secrétaire général adjoint des Nations unies chargé des opérations de maintien de la paix, Jean-Pierre Lacroix.

*radiookapi 17 Dec 2017*

[https://www.radiookapi.net/2017/12/17/actualite/securite/lutte-contre-les-groupes-armes-en-rdc-un-defi-relever-collectivement?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualite%3%A9%29](https://www.radiookapi.net/2017/12/17/actualite/securite/lutte-contre-les-groupes-armes-en-rdc-un-defi-relever-collectivement?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualite%3%A9%29)

#### **In eastern DRC, Ugandan rebel group sows misery**

In eastern DRC, Ugandan rebel group sows misery. File: The Rapport newspaper claims that the South African National Defence Force has endorsed the proposed regulations. Photo: AFP / Rajesh Jantilal. OICHA – Jean-De-Dieu was working in the fields in his village of Mamoundioma one day in October....

*enca 4:09:00 AM CET*

<http://www.enca.com/africa/in-eastern-drc-ugandan-rebel-group-sows-misery>

#### **Security in Democratic Congo Discussed**

After the death of 14 UN peacekeepers, the head of the UN Peace Missions, Jean-Pierre Lacroix, approached with the Democratic Congolese President, Joseph Kabila, the need to increase security and make new choices.

*plenglish 18 Dec 2017*

<http://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=r&id=22404&SEO=security-in-democratic-congo-discussed>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Mali**

#### **Décès d'un Casque bleu blessé dans une attaque dans le nord-est du Mali**

La Minusma avait annoncé samedi dans un communiqué avoir “repoussé quatre attaques à Kidal”, faisant état de deux Casques bleus blessés, dont un grièvement, par des tirs nourris contre une de ses patrouilles, ainsi que de trois civils légèrement blessés. “Très triste nouvelle.

*mali-web 18 Dec 2017*

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/deces-dun-casque-bleu-blesse-dans-une-attaque-dans-le-nord-est-du-mali>

#### **Ouverture de la Conférence d'entente nationale**

Y a quelques semaines, les forces françaises Barkhane avaient évoqué les « collusions » entre certains membres des groupes armés signataires de l'accord de paix et les terroristes. Le représentant spécial de l'ONU au Mali, Mahamat Saleh Annadif, est plus prudent dans la formulation, mais le constat reste sans appel.

*mali-web 18 Dec 2017*

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/ouverture-de-la-conference-dentente-nationale>

### **Nigeria**

#### **Army confirms death of 4 civilians, six terrorists in Boko Haram ambush of UN food convoy**

The Nigerian Army Monday confirmed that four civilians and six Boko Haram insurgents died when a patrol escorting a convoy of United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) vehicles to Logomani was ambushed by Boko Haram insurgents at Maula village along the Dikwa-Ngala trans-Sahara highway, Northeast Nigeria.

*panapress 18 Dec 2017*

<http://www.panapress.com/pana-2-lang2-SOC-index.html>

#### **Gunmen allegedly kill Army Colonel in Benue**

Governor Ortom says it was an armed robbery incident. Suspected gunmen on Sunday allegedly killed a senior military officer who was said to be in transit along Katsina Ala/Takum highway in Benue State. A source in the area told our correspondent that the military officer, who was coming from Lagos....

*punchng 18 Dec 2017*

<http://punchng.com/gunmen-allegedly-kill-army-colonel-in-benue/>

#### **Boko Haram: No UN staff killed in Maula encounter with insurgents – Army**

The Nigerian Army has denied the report currently making the rounds in a section of the media that four United Nations staff had been killed and that four trucks conveying food for Internally Displaced persons were carted away in Borno State. The Theatre Command, Operation Lafiya Dole stated that....

*dailypost 18 Dec 2017*

<http://dailypost.ng/2017/12/18/boko-haram-no-un-staff-killed-maula-encounter-insurgents-army/>

### **Togo**

#### **La Société civile formée sur le rôle des femmes dans la lutte contre le terrorisme**

Quels rôles les femmes peuvent-elles jouer dans la lutte contre le terrorisme ? Les acteurs de la société civile des pays du bassin du Lac Tchad planchent sur la question depuis ce matin à Lomé. Organisé par le Centre régional des Nations unies pour la paix et le désarmement (Unrec), cet atelier....

alome 10:23:00 AM CET

<http://news.aLome.com/h/105284.html>

## **SAHEL**

### **Le tramadol entre les mains des terroristes**

L'ONU envisage de faire la lumière sur la circulation d'un médicament dénommé Tramadol « drogue », qu'elle retrouve fréquemment sur certains kamikazes. Cette pratique est fréquente dans la zone de l'Afrique de l'Ouest. La question sur la provenance de ce produit reste une préoccupation et une menacée pour le monde entier.

journaldumali 18 Dec 2017

<http://www.journaldumali.com/2017/12/18/tramadol-entre-mains-terroristes/>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Libya**

#### **Mayor of Libya's Misrata kidnapped, killed**

The mayor of Misrata, Libya's third-largest city, has been abducted and killed shortly after returning from a foreign trip. Mohamad Eshtewi's body was found dumped in the street, security sources said on Monday.

globalsecurity 6:29:00 AM CET

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/libya/2017/libya-171218-presstv01.htm>

### **Tunisia**

#### **Beji Caïd Essebsi signe la stratégie nationale de sécurité des frontières tunisiennes**

A ce titre l'on indique que cette stratégie nationale renferme certains engagements de la Tunisie sur le double plan régional et international traduisant des dispositions de la Constitution en s'appuyant sur un programme de développement. Cette dernière serait actualisée dans le cadre de la....

lnr-dz 1:22:00 AM CET

<http://lnr-dz.com/index.php?page=details&id=72229>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **America**

#### **US**

#### **Ex-police officer convicted of trying to aid Islamic State**

The first police officer charged in the United States with attempting to support the Islamic State group was convicted on Monday. The U.S. Attorney's Office says Nicholas Young was found guilty by a federal jury of attempting to provide material support to the militant organization.

washtimes 12:04:00 AM CET

[https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/dec/18/ex-police-officer-convicted-of-trying-to-aid-islam/?utm\\_source=RSS\\_Feed&utm\\_medium=RSS](https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/dec/18/ex-police-officer-convicted-of-trying-to-aid-islam/?utm_source=RSS_Feed&utm_medium=RSS)

#### **Five Takeaways From Trump's National Security Strategy**

President Donald Trump unveils his National Security Strategy (NSS) today in a big set-piece speech at the Reagan Center. There is a lively debate about the utility of these documents among experts and I am squarely on the side of those who argue that they provide an important window into the thinking of an administration.

news-yahoo 12:32:00 AM CET

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/five-takeaways-trump-national-security-184219241.html>

## **Washington needs to play more constructive global role**

Washington's newly-unveiled national security strategy looks rather out of season in an age that calls for the spirit of cooperation and multilateralism. The document, introduced by U.S. President Donald Trump on Monday, is expected to guide America's future policies....

*xinhuanet\_en 9:11:00 AM CET*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/19/c\\_136837220.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/19/c_136837220.htm)

## **Trump urges Pakistan to take decisive action against terrorism**

US President Donald Trump delivers remarks regarding the Administration's National Security Strategy at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington D.C., U.S. December 18, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS. WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump unveiled a new national security strategy....

*tribune 8:31:00 AM CET*

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1587512/3-trump-urges-pakistan-take-decisive-action-terrorism/>

## **Iraqi refugee who wanted to bomb Texas malls for ISIS is sentenced**

An Iraqi refugee who investigators say wanted to set off bombs at two Houston malls was sentenced Monday to 16 years in prison for trying to help the Islamic State terror network. Omar Faraj Saeed Al Hardan was sentenced in Houston federal court. He pleaded guilty in October 2016 to attempting to....

*foxnews 3:45:00 AM CET*

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/12/18/iraqi-refugee-who-wanted-to-bomb-texas-malls-for-isis-is-sentenced.html>

## **Asia**

### **Russia**

#### **FSB chief says terrorists adopting 'autonomous jihad' tactics**

Terrorists are adopting the tactics of the so-called "autonomous jihad", Director of Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) Alexander Bortnikov said at the 43rd meeting of the Council of the Heads of Security Bodies and Special Services of CIS member states. "The terrorist tactics have been changing.

*itartass\_en 9:46:00 AM CET*

<http://tass.com/defense/981783>

### **Afghanistan**

#### **6 militants killed in premature explosion in S. Afghanistan**

Six militants were killed and two others wounded in an explosion in Afghanistan's southern province of Zabul, Afghan defense ministry said on Tuesday. The incident occurred on Monday in remote Shamulzay district bordering Pakistan when the killed militants were busy....

*xinhuanet\_en 9:11:00 AM CET*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/19/c\\_136837320.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/19/c_136837320.htm)

#### **ISIS claims attack on spy agency centre in Afghan capital**

Islamic State claimed responsibility for an attack on Monday near a training facility of Afghanistan's main intelligence agency in the capital, Kabul. A group of armed men seized a building under construction in a heavily populated area of the city before being killed by security forces, officials said.

*tribune 9:16:00 AM CET*

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1587695/3-isis-claims-attack-spy-agency-centre-afghan-capital/>

## **Turkey**

### **Defeated militarily in 2017, IS remains a global threat**

Within hours of the start of the year, an Uzbek who described himself as a "Caliphate Soldier" opened fire at a nightclub in Istanbul in Turkey, murdering 39 New Year's Eve revellers. Through directly arming jihadists or by luring them with online propaganda, IS has committed or inspired dozens of....

*digitaljournal 7:37:00 AM CET*

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/defeated-militarily-in-2017-is-remains-a-global-threat/article/510379>

### **Turkey ready for military operation in Syria's Afrin – media reports**

The Turkish Armed Forces are fully ready for operations in the Syrian city of Afrin, the Turkish media reported Dec. 19 citing a military source. The conduct of operations in Afrin is a matter of time, say the reports.

*trendnews-az 8:57:00 AM CET*

<https://en.trend.az/world/arab/2837346.html>

## **Yemen**

### **Between Life and Death in Yemen**

It takes about a dozen hours by car to reach Sana'a, the besieged capital of civil war-struck Yemen, from the....

*time 18 Dec 2017*

[http://time.com/yemen-saudi-arabia-war-human-toll/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+time%2Fworld+%28TIME%3A+Top+World+Stories%29](http://time.com/yemen-saudi-arabia-war-human-toll/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+time%2Fworld+%28TIME%3A+Top+World+Stories%29)

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