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### **EAST AFRICA**

#### **Somalia**

##### **Unidentified airstrikes target al-Shabab militants**

Unidentified airstrike targeted suspected Al-Shabab militants in their hideouts in two locations of southern Somalia on Sunday, residents and security officials confirmed on Monday. The security officials said the airstrikes bombarded the insurgents' hideouts in....

*ghananewsagency 18 Jun 2018*

<http://www.ghananewsagency.org/africa/unidentified-airstrikes-target-al-shabab-militants-134277>

#### **Uganda**

##### **East African states, U.S., EU troops start joint military training in Uganda**

Military forces from the East African region, United States and the European Union on Monday began two weeks of a joint military training exercise in eastern Uganda. Brig. Richard Karemire, Uganda's military spokesperson, told Xinhua that the joint Command Post Exercise....

*xinhuanet\_en 18 Jun 2018*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-06/18/c\\_137263013.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-06/18/c_137263013.htm)

### **CENTRAL AFRICA**

#### **Cameroon**

##### **Shadow of jihadists falls on Cameroon's cattle farmers**

To take his livestock out into the pasture beyond the village, he explains, is to roll the dice. "We can't take the cattle out into the bush anymore," he says. "It's because of Boko Haram. If you go out, they will take your herd.

*channelnewsasia 7:47:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/shadow-of-jihadists-falls-on-cameroon-s-cattle-farmers-10446096>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Nigeria**

#### **Death toll for Sallah suicide attack in Borno rises to 43**

The deadly weekend attacks by suspected Boko Haram jihadists using young girls as suicide bombers killed 43 people in northeastern Nigeria, officials said Monday, updating the toll. Blasts ripped through the town of Damboa in Borno state on Saturday evening targeting people returning from....

*onlinenigeria 9:11:00 AM CEST*

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/744820-death-toll-for-sallah-suicide-attack-in-borno-rises-to-43.html>

#### **ISIS sneaking jihadists into Nigeria from Syria, says report**

Britain has warned of possible attacks on its territory by battle-hardened extremists sneaked into Nigeria from Syria by leaders of terrorist group, Islamic State (IS). According to a report by the UK SUN yesterday, fanatics, including Boko Haram insurgents, were also being sent to the Middle East....

*nrguardiannews 7:18:00 AM CEST*

<http://guardian.ng/news/isis-sneaking-jihadists-into-nigeria-from-syria-says-report/>

#### **ISIS Wants To Attack Commercial Flights and 'Bring Bloodshed To The Skies'**

The Federal Government has alerted the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) over the threat by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) to attack commercial flights into and out of the country and "bring bloodshed to the skies".

*saharareporters 18 Jun 2018*

<http://saharareporters.com/2018/06/18/alert-isis-wants-attack-commercial-flights-and-bring-bloodshed-skies>

#### **Islamic State Not Training In Nigeria**

Nigeria Police have denied story on foreign media that leaders of Islamic State in Syria (ISIS) are sneaking battle-hardened jihadis from Syria into Nigeria to train terrorists for possible attacks in Britain. Reacting to the story, Force Public Relations Officer (PRO) Jimoh Moshood said there is....

*leadership 6:11:00 AM CEST*

<https://leadership.ng/2018/06/19/islamic-state-not-training-in-nigeria-police/>

#### **Nigerian Military in The Past 3 Years**

Since the inception of this administration three years ago, a lot has changed in the operations of the Nigerian military, especially as it borders on the morale of officers and soldiers who, at a point, have had to confront the Boko Haram terrorists with bare hands, literally.

*leadership 4:41:00 AM CEST*

<https://leadership.ng/2018/06/19/nigerian-military-in-the-past-3-years/>

#### **Boko Haram fighters celebrate Sallah in Sambisa, say infidels are in trouble**

Boko Haram insurgents have warned those they described as infidels to be ready for more trouble, as they are not prepared to let off in the ongoing insurgency in the North-East. The insurgents, in a new video, which showed them celebrating Sallah in Sambisa forest, held prayers, with guards wielding rifles.

*vanguardngr 18 Jun 2018*

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/06/boko-haram-fighters-celebrate-sallah-sambisa-say-infidels-trouble/>

### **Senegal**

#### **Un magistrat pour une réponse pénale adaptée aux nouvelles techniques**

Saly-Portudal, Le directeur des affaires juridiques du Cellule nationale de traitement des informations financières (CENTIF), le magistrat Cheikh Mouhamadou Bamba Niang, a souligné la nécessité d'une réponse pénale adaptée aux "différentes techniques et méthodes nouvelles" du terrorisme et de la délinquance internationale.

*adakar 10:26:00 AM CEST*

<http://news.aDakar.com/h/99195.html>

## **Sahel**

### **EU Supports Security in Africa's Sahel Region as Priority**

The High Representative for Foreign Policy of the European Union (EU), Federica Mogherini, said today that the fight against criminal organizations operating in the Sahel region constitutes a priority for the bloc.

*plenglish 12:38:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=r&id=29778&SEO=eu-supports-security-in-africas-sahel-region-as-priority>

## **SOUTHERN AFRICA**

### **Mozambique**

#### **Armed Groups Burn Villages**

“Mozambican authorities should assist those displaced and establish conditions that will allow them to return home voluntarily, in safety and with dignity.” Human Rights Watch researchers visited the village of Naunde, in Mucojo town, Macomia....

*reliefWeb 7:28:00 AM CEST*

<https://reliefweb.int/report/mozambique/mozambique-armed-groups-burn-villages>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Libya**

#### **Osama Bin Laden’s driver linked to 2012 Benghazi attacks that killed a US envoy ‘captured in Libya’**

It is believed Bin Qumu was arrested after his group ran out of ammunition at a hideout in Derna, according to The 59-year-old is considered a high-ranking operative of al-Qaeda based on his associations with the terrorist group around the time it was founded.

*mailonsunday 18 Jun 2018*

[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5856891/Osama-Bin-Ladens-driver-linked-2012-Benghazi-attacks-killed-envoy-captured-Libya.html?ITO=1490&ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5856891/Osama-Bin-Ladens-driver-linked-2012-Benghazi-attacks-killed-envoy-captured-Libya.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490)

#### **Fierce fighting terrorizes civilians in Derna Forces loyal to strongman Khalifa Hiftar are battling jihadists for control of the eastern city of Derna.**

The sound of rockets and gunfire echoed through the walls of Aya's home as she huddled with her parents, brothers, and baby nephews on the kitchen floor. At the time, they were hiding from stray bullets as fighting escalated in Libya's eastern port city of Derna.

*deutschewelle-en 18 Jun 2018*

<http://www.dw.com/en/libya-fierce-fighting-terrorizes-civilians-in-derna/a-44271814>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **America**

#### **Legislative changes necessary to combat terrorism, ISIS recruiting**

Chargé d’Affaires and Deputy Chief of Mission of the United States Embassy John McIntyre believes legislative changes must be made if T&T and the rest of the

Caribbean region have to successfully combat counter-terrorism and recruitment of ISIS foreign terrorist fighters.

*Trinidad-guardian 2:06:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.guardian.co.tt/news/2018-06-18/legislative-changes-necessary-combat-terrorism-isis-recruiting>

## **Asia**

### **Afghanistan**

#### **AFCENT Airmen Kept Pressure on Taliban, ISIS in May**

U.S. Air Forces Central Command published its monthly Airpower Summary June 18th, highlighting U.S. and coalition airpower operations in May, 2018, in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

*globalsecurity 6:17:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2018/06/mil-180618-afns01.htm>

#### **A Negotiated End to the Afghan Conflict**

Despite widespread recognition that the only way toward ending the Taliban insurgency in Afghanistan is a negotiated settlement, understanding of the Taliban's thinking on the subject is remarkably scant. This report attempts to fill this gap by drawing on face-to-face interviews with Taliban foot....

*reliefWeb 1:27:00 AM CEST*

<https://reliefweb.int/report/afghanistan/negotiated-end-afghan-conflict-taliban-s-perspective>

### **Indonesia**

#### **Indonesia arrests terror suspects**

Indonesian police have arrested terrorists in East and Central Java provinces, suspected of planning several attacks in government offices and banks operating in Blitar city, East Java province. The six terror suspects arrested in Blitar and in Central Jaga regency of Karanganyar on....

*vietnamplus-en 17 Jun 2018*

<https://en.vietnamplus.vn/indonesia-arrests-terror-suspects/133016.vnp>

### **Iraq**

#### **Iraq condemns strikes targeting forces fighting Islamic State**

Iraq on Tuesday condemned air strikes targeting forces fighting Islamic State in Iraq or Syria after Syrian state media said that U.S.-led coalition aircraft had bombed a Syrian army position near the Iraqi border, causing deaths and injuries.

*news-yahoo 7:50:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/iraq-condemns-strikes-targeting-forces-fighting-islamic-state-005042341.html>

### **Syria**

#### **Syrian Government Forces Confront the ISIS in Southern Syria**

On June 17, Syrian government forces have cleared Kabt Mount, Shadid Hill and the areas of Abar Warak and Bir Atshan, near the T2 pumping station, from ISIS cells. According to the pro-opposition Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, 18 ISIS members and 8 government fighters were killed in the clashes.

*globalresearch 7:30:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/video-syrian-government-forces-confront-the-isis-in-southern-syria/5644579>

## **Europe**

### **Ireland**

#### **Man arrested in Co Tyrone under Terrorism Act**

A 34-year-old man has been arrested under the Terrorism Act in Northern Ireland. The Police Service of Northern Ireland said the man was detained in the Coalisland area of Co Tyrone on Tuesday morning.

*independent-ie 10:43:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/news/man-arrested-in-co-tyrone-under-terrorism-act-37026084.html>

## **UK**

### **Battle against Islamist extremism in West Africa rages on as British-trained Special Forces tell of daily atrocities**

British-trained Special Forces battling Islamist extremism on the West African front line have told of the daily bloody atrocities. Boko Haram and fellow Islamic State psychopaths are rampaging through northeast Nigeria, slicing up civilians and leaving them to die in the street.

*themirror 18 Jun 2018*

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/battle-against-islamist-extremism-west-12739332>

### **UK marks anniversary of London mosque terror attack**

Britain will on Tuesday mark the first anniversary of a deadly terror attack against a north London mosque, with Prime Minister Theresa May vowing that “vile extremism” will not divide the nation. Mourners will hold a minute’s silence at 9.30am to remember father-of-six Makram Ali, who died....

*tribune 11:03:00 AM CEST*

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1737510/1-uk-marks-anniversary-london-mosque-terror-attack/>

### **'I was accused of being a member of ISIS'**

It's a typical domestic scene. Dinner is nearly ready in a cluttered, homely kitchen and the sound of cartoons plays out from the living room, along with the low babble and laughter of three young children, whose attention is focused on the brightly-coloured characters on the TV screen.

*bbc 9:11:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-44495366>

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