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### **EAST AFRICA**

#### **Somalia**

##### **Somalia nabs 19 Al-Shabaab suspects in military operation**

The Somali government said on Thursday evening it had arrested 19 Al-Shabaab suspects in the southern Lower Shabelle region. The suspects, including a bomb explosives expert, were arrested in Afgooye area, about 30 km south west of Mogadishu, Information Minister Abdirahman Omar Osman said.

*xinhuanet\_en 17 Nov 2017*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/17/c\\_136760649.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/17/c_136760649.htm)

##### **Intelligence report: Kenyan Shabaab leader likely to leave group**

There has been an online war of words on Twitter where ISIS linked page, Jabha East Africa, blamed Al Shabaab of killing and imprisoning their leaders and fighters; The Al Shabaab and ISIS supremacy war was put to test during the Mogadishu October attack where more than 350 civilians were killed and several others injured.

*standardmedia 18 Nov 2017*

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001260590/intelligence-report-kenyan-shabaab-leader-likely-to-leave-group>

### **CENTRAL AFRICA**

#### **Central African Republic**

##### **Des groupes armés s'opposent à l'installation des autorités dans certaines villes du pays**

Sur les seize préfectures, les nouvelles autorités nommées par le pouvoir central de Bangui n'ont été installées que dans dix régions. L'opposition des groupes armés à l'installation des autorités est clairement signalée à Kaga Bandoro, au centre et à Bria dans le centre-est.

*journaldebangui 17 Nov 2017*

<http://www.journaldebangui.com/article.php?aid=13450>

## **Dozens of Minors Rescued From Rebel Groups**

More than 60 children have been rescued from armed groups in the war-torn Central African Republic (CAR). The 28 girls and 35 boys have been handed over to humanitarian actor for their social reintegration in the northern Kaga-Bandoro province.

*allafrica 18 Nov 2017*

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201711170395.html>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Burkina Faso**

#### **Le Président Kaboré condamne une attaque qui a fait 6 morts au nord du Burkina**

Le président burkinabè, Roch Marc Christian Kaboré, a condamné vendredi, l'attaque terroriste qui a coûté la vie à six personnes vendredi dans le village de Taouremba, dans le nord du Burkina Faso,....

*infosplusgabon 18 Nov 2017*

<http://www.infosplusgabon.com/index.php/actualites/submenu-1/6867-le-president-kabore-condamne-une-attaque-qui-a-fait-6-morts-au-nord-du-burkina>

#### **Six morts dans une attaque à Taouremba dans le Sahel burkinabè**

Six personnes ont perdu la vie, vendredi matin, dans le village de Taouremba, à une soixantaine de kilomètres de la commune rurale Tongomayel, province du Soum....

*aib 18 Nov 2017*

<http://www.aib.bf/m-11223-six-morts-dans-une-attaque-a-taouremba-dans-le-sahel-burkinabe-officiel-.html>

#### **Suspected jihadists kill at least 6 in northern Burkina Faso**

Local government and security officials say suspected jihadists have staged an attack in Burkina Faso's northern Soum province, killing at least six people. Issa Tamboura, mayor of the provincial capital Djibo, said Friday the heavily armed assailants came on motorbikes and wounded several others.

*therepublic 17 Nov 2017*

<http://www.therepublic.com/2017/11/17/af-burkina-faso-attack/>

### **Mali**

#### **Le président du tribunal de Niono (centre) enlevé, jeudi, à son domicile, par des hommes armés**

L'association des magistrats et les différents syndicats de la magistrature du Mali ont vivement condamné l'enlèvement, jeudi, du président du tribunal de première instance de Niono, Sounkalo Koné, dans la région de Ségou (centre) à quelque 360 km de Bamako.

*infosplusgabon 18 Nov 2017*

<http://www.infosplusgabon.com/index.php/actualites/submenu-1/6874-mali-le-president-du-tribunal-de-niono-centre-enleve-jeudi-a-son-domicile-par-des-hommes-armes>

#### **November one of the most active periods of 2017 in terrorist hotbed Mali**

At least 26 al Qaeda-linked attacks in Mali and its bordering countries occurred over the last three weeks, making it one of the most active periods of 2017 in the unstable terrorist hotbed.

*9:23:00 AM CET*

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2017/11/november-one-of-the-most-active-periods-of-2017-in-terrorist-hotbed-mali.php>

### **Nigeria**

#### **Four female suicide bombers die in failed Maiduguri attacks**

Four female suicide bombers were among five persons killed on Saturday in Maiduguri in two unsuccessful attacks, while four others were injured. Last week, four persons had similarly carried out unsuccessful suicide attacks on the outskirts of the town, which killed 18 persons on the spot with 29 others sustaining injuries.

*punchng 7:00:00 AM CET*

<http://punchng.com/four-female-suicide-bombers-die-in-failed-maiduguri-attacks/>

## **Boko Haram under more pressure as another West African country joins Nigeria in fight against the terrorists**

The Republic of Benin has deployed 150 soldiers to the Multinational Joint Task Force battling Boko Haram terrorists in the Lake Chad region. - The troops are reportedly composed of eight officers and 142 soldiers, and they have already arrived at the MNJTF's headquarters.

*onlinenigeria 16 Nov 2017*

<https://www.naija.ng/1135716-republic-benin-sends-150-troops-join-nigeria-battling-boko-haram.html#1135716>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Libya**

#### **US launches Libya drone strike as Africa operations appear to ramp up**

The U.S. military has launched airstrikes this month in Yemen, Somalia, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan and Friday, for the first time since September, in Libya. According to a defense official, the drone strike in the desert of central Libya Friday killed "several" ISIS militants in a sign the Pentagon....

*foxnews 17 Nov 2017*

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2017/11/17/us-launches-libya-drone-strike-as-africa-operations-appear-to-ramp-up.html>

#### **Nouveaux raids aériens américains contre des combattants de Daech dans le désert libyen**

Des drones américains ont effectué vendredi des frappes aériennes contre des positions de l'organisation Daech dans le désert libyen, a annoncé un responsable du Pentagone cité samedi par des journaux libyens, sans préciser la zone où les bombardements ont eu lieu.

*infosplusgabon 18 Nov 2017*

<http://www.infosplusgabon.com/index.php/actualites/submenu-1/6871-nouveaux-raids-aeriens-americains-contre-des-combattants-de-daech-dans-le-desert-libyen>

### **Morocco**

#### **Dégâts du terrorisme : Le Maroc très peu touché selon le classement GTI 2017**

L'édition 2017 du Global-Terrorism-Index-2017 (GTI) a été publiée ce mercredi 15 novembre, par le think-tank australien l'Institut pour l'économie et la paix. Le rapport fait ressortir que le Maroc est classé 122ème parmi 163 pays concernés par l'étude, portant sur l'impact économique du terrorisme sur chaque pays.

*lnt 16 Nov 2017*

<https://lnt.ma/degats-terrorisme-maroc-tres-touche-selon-classement-gti-2017/>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Asia**

#### **Afghanistan**

#### **At least 14 dead in suicide attack outside Kabul political gathering**

"A number of our police personnel are among the casualties," Mujahid said. "As a result of today's suicide attack eight police and six civilians have been killed while a further 18 have been wounded." Interior ministry spokesman Najib Danish had earlier put the death toll at nine, including seven policemen and two civilians.

*digitaljournal 16 Nov 2017*

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/nine-dead-in-suicide-attack-outside-kabul-wedding-hall/article/507748>

### **More than 30 rescued in Afghan raid on Taliban prison**

Afghan and foreign special forces raided a Taliban prison in southern Helmand province on Sunday and rescued at least 30 people, according to army and provincial officials. Those rescued in the raid in Helmand's Nawzad district included four children under the age of 12 and two policemen, the officials said.

*tribune 8:46:00 AM CET*

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1562719/3-30-rescued-afghan-raid-taliban-prison/>

## **Iraq**

### **Iraqi forces retake last town held by IS group**

Iraqi forces captured the border town of Rawa, the last remaining town under Islamic State (IS) group control, on Friday, signalling the complete defeat of the group's self-proclaimed caliphate.

*france24-en 17 Nov 2017*

<http://www.france24.com/en/20171117-iraqi-forces-retake-last-islamic-state-group-held-town-rawa>

### **L'EI n'a pas disparu, mais son rêve d'Etat, si**

Son "califat" n'aura pas tenu quatre ans, ses "capitales" en Irak et en Syrie sont tombées, des centaines de ses combattants se sont rendus ou enfuis: le groupe Etat islamique (EI) n'est pas encore mort mais son rêve d'"Etat", lui, est déjà enterré, expliquent les experts.

*romandie 18 Nov 2017*

<https://www.romandie.com/news/L-EI-n-a-pas-disparu-mais-son-reve-d-Etat-si/864453.rom>

### **Two Turkish soldiers killed in northern Iraq**

Two Turkish soldiers were killed and one was wounded on Thursday in northern Iraq's Avasin Basyan region by Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) militants, Turkey's military said. Separately, four militants were killed in the southeastern Turkish province of Tunceli, Dogan news agency said.

*channelnewsasia 16 Nov 2017*

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/two-turkish-soldiers-killed-in-northern-iraq---turkish-military-9413392>

## **International Organisations**

### **UN head warns on rights, stereotypes in terror fight**

UN head warns on rights, stereotypes in terror fight. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned governments Thursday to remember their rights obligations when tackling terrorism -- and rounded on the media for "demonising" minorities. Modern terrorism has become "an unprecedented threat...."

*enca 17 Nov 2017*

<http://www.enca.com/world/un-head-warns-on-rights-stereotypes-in-terror-fight>

### **'Nothing justifies terrorism', UN chief says**

Terrorism should not be associated with any religion, ethnicity or race, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said Thursday in a major speech delivered at SOAS

University of London. “Let me be clear from the outset: nothing justifies terrorism Nothing can ever excuse....

aa-en 16 Nov 2017

<http://aa.com.tr/en/todays-headlines/nothing-justifies-terrorism-un-chief-says/967651>

### **AU, UN envoys assess security in Somalia ahead of troops exit**

The United Nations and African Union envoys in Somalia have kicked off security assessment visits across the Horn of Africa nation ahead of the troops exit next year. The UN and African Union missions in Somalia said Friday the Special Representative of the Chairperson....

xinhuanet\_en 17 Nov 2017

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/17/c\\_136760887.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/17/c_136760887.htm)

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