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### **EAST AFRICA**

#### **Kenya**

#### **Al-Shabab ambush, bomb kills seven Kenyan police officers in armored vehicle, civilian**

Seven Kenyan police officers and a civilian died Wednesday when their armored personnel vehicle ran over an improvised bomb in an attack claimed by the al-Qaida-linked extremist group al-Shabab. A police report seen by The Associated Press said the vehicle with the Rural Patrol....

*japantimes 12:00:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.japantimes.co.jp/?post\\_type=news&p=1183789&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+japantimes+%28The+Japan+Times%3A+All+Stories%29](http://www.japantimes.co.jp/?post_type=news&p=1183789&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+japantimes+%28The+Japan+Times%3A+All+Stories%29)

#### **7 policiers et un civil tués par l'explosion d'un engin artisanal**

Sept policiers et un civil ont été tués par l'explosion d'un engin artisanal dans le sud-est du Kenya, près de la frontière somalienne, une semaine après la mort de 14 policiers dans des attentats similaires revendiqués par les islamistes somaliens shebab, a annoncé mercredi un responsable policier.

rtl-BE 31 May 2017

[http://www.rtl.be/info/monde/international/kenya-7-policiers-et-un-civil-tues-par-l-explosion-d-un-engin-artisanal-922913.aspx?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+RTLInternational+%28RTL+info+%3E++Monde%29](http://www.rtl.be/info/monde/international/kenya-7-policiers-et-un-civil-tues-par-l-explosion-d-un-engin-artisanal-922913.aspx?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+RTLInternational+%28RTL+info+%3E++Monde%29)

## **Al Shabaab militants blow up Safaricom mast in Garissa**

Al Shabaab militants destroyed a Safaricom mast at Fafi center, Garissa county, at about 10pm on Wednesday night. Fafi sub-county OCPD John Ogola confirmed the attack, saying police were pursuing the militants. He said they were using alternative routes for fear of IEDs that have been used to kill several police officers in the last few days.

*thestarkenya 10:31:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/06/01/al-shabaab-militants-blow-up-safaricom-mast-in-garissa\\_c1572052](http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/06/01/al-shabaab-militants-blow-up-safaricom-mast-in-garissa_c1572052)

## **Somalia**

### **Al-Shabab Commander Defects to Somali Forces**

An al-Shabab military commander has defected and surrendered to Somali government forces, authorities in Mogadishu said. Minister of Information Abdirahman Omar Osman confirmed on Twitter that Bishar Mumin Farah had surrendered Wednesday in the south-central part of the country, in Hiran region.

*globalsecurity 4:31:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2017/05/mil-170531-voa06.htm>

## **CENTRAL AFRICA**

### **Cameroon**

#### **After Boko Haram terror, Cameroon's 'ghost towns' resurrect**

Hundreds of buyers and sellers are assembled at the Kolofata market, close to Cameroon's border with north-eastern Nigeria and a hotspot for cross-border trade. Livestock and cotton are destined for Nigerian markets while food products bought for resale at other markets in Cameroon.

*deutschewelle-en 10:12:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.dw.com/en/after-boko-haram-terror-camerouns-ghost-towns-resurrect/a-39067479>

## **WEST AFRICA**

## **Mali**

### **Le fonctionnement des écoles publiques menacé par les jihadistes**

Le 24 mai dernier, l'attaque d'une école primaire par des jihadistes dans la région de Mopti, au centre du Mali, a provoqué la confusion. Bien qu'aucune victime ne soit à déplorer, enseignants, parents et autorités craignent que les écoles publiques ne soient devenues une cible de choix pour les terroristes.

*31 May 2017*

[http://www.jeuneafrique.com/443276/politique/mali-fonctionnement-ecoles-publiques-menace-jihadistes/?utm\\_source=Facebook&utm\\_medium=Articles&utm\\_campaign=PostFB\\_31052017](http://www.jeuneafrique.com/443276/politique/mali-fonctionnement-ecoles-publiques-menace-jihadistes/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=Articles&utm_campaign=PostFB_31052017)

## **Niger**

### **Ciné droit libre : La radicalisation et l'extrémisme violent au cœur des échanges**

Contexte sécuritaire oblige, le festival ciné droit libre s'est tenue dans les différentes villes de la sous-région sur le même thème à savoir « Le droit de vivre, luttons contre l'extrémisme violent ». Après le Burkina Faso, le Mali et le Sénégal, c'était au tour des acteurs d'échanger ce 27 mai 2017 à la Maison de presse de Niamey sur les actions à mener pour éradiquer le phénomène.

*31 May 2017*

<https://burkina24.com/2017/05/30/cine-droit-libre-la-radicalisation-et-lextrémisme-violent-au-coeur-des-echanges/>

## **Nigeria**

### **We'll help Nigeria rout Boko Haram, terrorism**

The Russian government has said it was ready to support measures that would be taken by Nigeria to conclusively end Boko Haram and other terrorist activities in the country.

*sunnewsonline 31 May 2017*

<http://sunnewsonline.com/well-help-nigeria-rout-boko-haram-terrorism-russia/>

### **Army Affirms Islamists in Nigeria are Defeated**

The Nigerian army said today that its sworn enemy, the Islamist armed group Boko Haram, is defeated and unable to launch the deadly military actions of years ago.

*31 May 2017*

<http://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=rn&id=13524&SEO=army-affirms-islamists-in-nigeria-are-defeated>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Algeria**

#### **Un barrage de la gendarmerie attaqué à Larbaa**

Un barrage de la gendarmerie nationale a été attaqué ce mercredi soir par un groupe terroriste à Oued Slama, dans la localité de Larbaa, à Blida.

*10:31:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.tsa-algerie.com/un-barrage-de-la-gendarmerie-attaque-a-larbaa/>

### **Egypt**

#### **Three army officers and a soldier killed in western Egypt**

Three army officers and a soldier were killed in Egypt's Western Desert on Wednesday when an explosive belt seized from Islamist militants went off, the military said in a statement. The Egyptian Air Force was conducting reconnaissance over the Bahariya Oasis area when it...

*thestar-my 31 May 2017*

<http://www.thestar.com.my/news/world/2017/06/01/three-army-officers-and-a-soldier-killed-in-western-egypt/>

#### **Quatre militaires tués dans une explosion dans le désert occidental**

Trois officiers et un soldat égyptiens ont été tués mercredi dans l'explosion d'une veste piégée laissée par des combattants dans le désert occidental, a indiqué l'armée dans un communiqué. La mort des quatre militaires intervient quelques jours après l'embuscade meurtrière revendiquée par le groupe....

*lorientlejour 31 May 2017*

<https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1054700/egypte-quatre-militaires-tues-dans-une-explosion-dans-le-desert-occidental.html>

### **Libya**

#### **Egyptian airstrikes kill terrorist leader in Libya's Derna**

A local source from al-Hereish hospital in Libya's Derna has confirmed the death of the leader of the Shura Council of Mujahedeen in Derna abu Mus'ab al-Shaaria, known as al-Amir, in airstrikes launched by Egypt in the city over the past few days, Afrigate News reported.

*egyptindependent 31 May 2017*

<http://www.egyptindependent.com/libya-airstrikes-derna/>

## **Weekly Eye on Jihadis in Libya Update – May 30, 2017**

According to local sources, on 24 May militias clashed with ISIS fighters near Bani Walid. Four ISIS fighters were killed. ISIS fighters are still active in the area after dispersing into the desert south-west of Sirte following their defeat at the hands of the Misratan-led al-Bunyan al-Marsus forces last year.

*jihadology 31 May 2017*

<http://jihadology.net/2017/05/31/weekly-eye-on-jihadis-in-libya-update-may-30-2017/>

## **Minée par les attentats, l’Egypte cible des «camps djihadistes» en Libye**

C'est sur le sol libyen, contre des « camps terroristes », que l'aviation égyptienne a riposté à l'attentat contre des coptes de la province de Minya, à 200 km au sud du Caire, qui a fait 30 morts et 23 blessés le 26 mai.

*31 May 2017*

<http://lnr-dz.com/index.php?page=details&id=65834>

## **Is Egypt bombing the right militants in Libya?**

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi was quick to launch air strikes on militants in Libya in response to a deadly attack on Coptic Christians in Egypt - but the attacks do not seem to be targeting those responsible. The response was popular with many Egyptians.

*reuters 31 May 2017*

[http://www.reuters.com/article/us-egypt-security-analysis-idUSKBN18R2GE?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3AReuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29](http://www.reuters.com/article/us-egypt-security-analysis-idUSKBN18R2GE?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3AReuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29)

# **INTERNATIONAL**

## **Asia**

## **Afghanistan**

### **Afghanistan sees 53% rise in civilian casualties from explosive violence, compared to first 5 months of 2015**

So far this year (January-May), Afghanistan has already seen 1,229 civilians deaths and injuries from explosive violence, including those from today's IED attack in Kabul, which killed 80 and injured 350. This is a 53% increase compared to the harm seen in the same period last year.

*reliefWeb 31 May 2017*

<http://reliefweb.int/report/afghanistan/afghanistan-sees-53-rise-civilian-casualties-explosive-violence-compared-first-5>

### **A huge bomb. Surging ISIS, Taliban. What is happening in Afghanistan?**

A massive car bombing in Kabul that killed at least 90 people Wednesday highlights the stark choices facing President Trump as he tries to alter the course of a war in Afghanistan that has dragged on for more than 15 years and is characterized by commanders as a stalemate.

*azcentral 31 May 2017*

<http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/world/2017/05/31/growing-violence-and-stalemate-require-troop-level-decisions/102341324/>

### **Afghans mourn a day after massive truck bombing kills 90**

Afghans on Thursday mourned the loss of family members, friends and colleagues a day after a massive truck bomb in the capital left at least 90 people dead and more than 450 others wounded in one of the worst extremist attacks since the drawdown of foreign forces from Afghanistan in 2014.

*WashingtonPost 10:52:00 AM CEST*

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia\\_pacific/afghans-mourn-a-day-after-massive-truck-bombing-kills-90/2017/06/01/f2abaa18-4692-11e7-8de1-cec59a9bf4b1\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/afghans-mourn-a-day-after-massive-truck-bombing-kills-90/2017/06/01/f2abaa18-4692-11e7-8de1-cec59a9bf4b1_story.html)

### **Afghans Demand Answers After Kabul Hit By Deadliest Attack Since 2001**

The May 31 explosion, whose casualties were mainly civilians, including women and children, occurred during the morning rush hour in the district known unofficially as the Green Zone, home to foreign embassies, NATO's headquarters, and the presidential palace.

*rferl 31 May 2017*

<https://www.rferl.org/a/afghanistan-blast-public-demand-answers-latest-security-failure/28521325.html>

## **Iraq**

### **Battle for Mosul: ISIS close streets near mosque ahead of final showdown in Iraq**

IS militants have closed the streets around Mosul's Grand al-Nuri Mosque Residents say ISIS are preparing to take one last stand and have shut down the area around the city's Grand al-Nuri Mosque. Dozens of fighters have taken up positions in the past 48 hours around the....

*express 31 May 2017*

[http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/811566/Mosul-ISIS-mosque-ahead-showdown-Grand-al-Nuri-Mosque-police?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+daily-express-world-news+%28Express+%3A%3A+World+Feed%29](http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/811566/Mosul-ISIS-mosque-ahead-showdown-Grand-al-Nuri-Mosque-police?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+daily-express-world-news+%28Express+%3A%3A+World+Feed%29)

### **How terrorists warp the meaning of Ramadan to justify their atrocities**

A man clears debris after a bombing in Baghdad on May 30, 2017. The bomb went off just after midnight, killing and wounding families breaking their daily fast during the holy month of Ramadan. For Muslims, the month of Ramadan is a time to reread the Koran, focus one's faith, be....

*WashingtonPost 31 May 2017*

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2017/05/31/how-terrorists-warp-the-meaning-of-ramadan-to-justify-their-atrocities/>

### **Iraqi army bans the burqa in Mosul to curb ISIS attacks**

Britain There is no law restricting the wearing of garments for religious reasons. However in March 2007 the education ministry published directives allowing directors of public establishments and denominational schools to ban the niqab veil. Judges have on occasion refused to hear veiled women because they could not verify their identity.

*dailymail 9:55:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4561572/Iraqi-army-bans-burqa-Mosul-curb-ISIS-attacks.html?ITO=1490&ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4561572/Iraqi-army-bans-burqa-Mosul-curb-ISIS-attacks.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490)

### **French units in Iraq hunt down, kill French jihadists to prevent them from returning to France**

Terrorism French units in Iraq hunt down, kill French jihadists to prevent them from returning to France. France is giving Iraqi forces fighting ISIS specific information about French jihadists in ISIS ranks so the Iraqi military could target and kill them.

*homelandsecuritynewswire 31 May 2017*

<http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20170531-french-units-in-iraq-hunt-down-kill-french-jihadists-to-prevent-them-from-returning-to-france>

## **Philippines**

### **L'armée philippine à la peine face aux combattants islamistes affiliés à l'EI**

Des soldats philippins patrouillent dans la ville de Marawi, toujours en proie aux flammes et au chaos.

*france24 31 May 2017*

<http://www.france24.com/fr/20170531-philippines-combattants-islamistes-ei-armee-duterte-marawi-mindanao-duterte>

## **Syria**

### **Un fondateur de l'agence de propagande de l'EI tué en Syrie**

L'un des fondateurs d'Amaq, l'organe de propagande du groupe Etat islamique (EI), a été tué en Syrie dans un raid aérien de la coalition internationale dirigée par les Etats-Unis, ont indiqué mercredi des militants. Rayan Machaal, également connu sous le nom de Bara Kadek, a été tué lundi dans un....

*lorientlejour 31 May 2017*

<https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1054703/un-fondateur-de-lagence-de-propagande-de-lei-tue-en-syrie-militants.html>

## **Europe**

### **Belgium**

#### **Les jeunes se sentent-ils la cible d'attaque terroriste ?**

Ces dernières années la réalité du terrorisme est arrivée chez nous. L'attentat de Manchester a rappelé que les jeunes aussi sont des cibles. Source d'inquiétude pour les parents, le sujet des attentats est aussi présent dans les cours d'école.

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<http://www.levif.be/actualite/belgique/les-jeunes-se-sentent-ils-la-cible-d-attaque-terroriste/article-normal-669651.html>

## **UK**

### **Manchester attacker mainly acted alone, says UK Police**

The man who detonated explosives at a pop concert in Manchester, England, last week, killing 22 people and wounding dozens, mainly acted alone in the days leading up to the attack, the British police said on Tuesday (May 30). The sophisticated planning and execution of the attack had....

todayonline 31 May 2017

<http://www.todayonline.com/world/manchester-attacker-mainly-acted-alone-says-uk-police>

### **Des imams défilent après l'attentat de Manchester**

L'islam n'apprend pas la violence à ses fidèles. Ce qu'on apprend, c'est que prendre une vie innocente, c'est comme prendre la vie de l'humanité entière ", a déclaré l'imam Arshad al-Misbahi de la Mosquée centrale de Manchester le 28 mai. Cet imam a défilé avec plusieurs de ses semblables ainsi que....

francetvinfo 31 May 2017

[http://www.francetvinfo.fr/monde/royaume-uni/explosion-meurtriere-a-la-manchester-arena/des-imams-defilent-apres-lattentat-de-manchester\\_2215256.html#xtor=RSS-3-%5bmonde%5d](http://www.francetvinfo.fr/monde/royaume-uni/explosion-meurtriere-a-la-manchester-arena/des-imams-defilent-apres-lattentat-de-manchester_2215256.html#xtor=RSS-3-%5bmonde%5d)

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