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### **AFRICAN UNION NEWS**

#### **Série d'attaques contre les bases de l'Amisom**

En Somalie, les shebabs ont lancé une série d'attaques contre les troupes de l'Union africaine (Amisom) et l'armée somalienne dans la région de la Bas-Shabelle, au sud de Mogadiscio. Les terroristes affirment avoir lancé une demi-douzaine d'attaques.

*msn-fr 01 Apr 2018*

<https://www.msn.com/fr-fr/actualite/monde/somalie-s%c3%a9rie-d%e2%80%99attaques-lanc%c3%a9es-par-les-shebabs-contre-les-bases-de-l%e2%80%99amisom/ar-AAvle5V>

#### **Al Shabaab attacks an African Union base in Somalia**

Islamist insurgents battled for hours on Sunday with African Union troops after exploding two car bombs outside one of their bases, Somali police, military and the militants said. Al Shabaab militants attacked an African Union (AU) peacekeeper base in the town of Bulamarer, 130....

*news-yahoo 01 Apr 2018*

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/al-shabaab-attacks-african-union-somalia-military-112220310.html>

#### **Centrafrique: Dernières rencontres du panel de l'UA avec les groupes armés**

Le panel de facilitateurs de l'UA est sur le point d'achever sa 2e tournée de rencontres avec les groupes armés. L'objectif est de préparer un dialogue entre ces groupes et le gouvernement centrafricain en vue de parvenir à un accord de paix. Une nouvelle étape sur le très long chemin vers ce dialogue.

*allafrica-fr 29 Mar 2018*

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201803290257.html>

## **EAST AFRICA**

### **Somalia**

#### **30 al-Shabab fighters killed in Somalia attack**

African Union troops in Somalia killed at least 30 al-Shabab fighters as they repulsed an attack by the armed group on their base, the AU mission said. Heavily armed al-Shabab fighters attacked the base belonging to the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) early on Sunday, blowing up....

*sunnewsonline 10:25:00 AM CEST*

<http://sunnewsonline.com/30-al-shabab-fighters-killed-in-somalia-attack/>

#### **Somalia seeks to develop inclusive security plan to curb extremism**

The Somali government has kicked off a series of meeting aimed at developing an inclusive National Action Plan to prevent and counter violent extremism in the Horn of Africa country. A two-day conference to review the existing strategy ended in Mogadishu with calls....

*xinhuanet\_en 29 Mar 2018*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-03/29/c\\_137075146.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-03/29/c_137075146.htm)

#### **Al-Shabaab kills two district officials in Mogadishu as AU foils attack**

Somali extremist group, Al-Shabaab, killed two district officials in the restive Mogadishu city on Saturday evening in the latest attack in the Horn of Africa nation. The insurgents in a statement posted on Sunday on its affiliated media sites said they killed Hassan....

*xinhuanet\_en 01 Apr 2018*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/01/c\\_137081245.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/01/c_137081245.htm)

## **AU stresses intelligence sharing to foil attacks**

Intelligence officers from African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) and local security forces wrapped up a three-day meeting in Mogadishu on Wednesday by rooting for stronger intelligence gathering and information sharing. Participants at the third intelligence and....

*coastweek 29 Mar 2018*

<http://www.coastweek.com/4113-focus-10.htm>

## **Security forces trained to prevent child soldiers**

The African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) said Friday it had concluded a three-day training for local security forces to help prevent the recruitment and use of children in armed conflict in the Horn of Africa. The AU mission said capacity building workshop on child....

*coastweek 29 Mar 2018*

<http://www.coastweek.com/4113-focus-08.htm>

## **Somalia moves to develop an inclusive National Action Plan to prevent and counter violent extremism**

Somalia is taking concrete steps to develop a more inclusive National Action Plan, aimed at preventing and countering violent extremism in the Horn of Africa country. The new plan, will factor in the views and needs of all stakeholders, including the Federal Member States,....

*reliefWeb 29 Mar 2018*

<https://reliefweb.int/report/somalia/somalia-moves-develop-inclusive-national-action-plan-prevent-and-counter-violent>

## **Sudan**

### **S. Sudan rebels say repulsed army attacks in Upper Nile state**

The rebels' deputy spokesperson, Lam Paul Gabriel told Sudan Tribune that the attackers were repulsed with "heavy defeat". "The regime's forces left their position in Wechyaradiw and attacked the SPLA-IO [the armed opposition faction] controlled areas of Ketbek and Padanyang.

*sudantribune 9:51:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article65080>

# **CENTRAL AFRICA**

## **Cameroon**

### **La source de ravitaillement de Boko Haram démantelée**

Les stratégies mises sur pieds par les éléments du Bir en marche. Près de 31 présumés complices sont aux arrêts. La piste a été démantelée à Kolofata dans le département du Mayo-Sava. Les autorités administratives invitent les populations à plus de collaboration.

*camer 30 Mar 2018*

<http://www.camer.be/67261/1:11/cameroun-la-source-de-ravitaillement-de-boko-haram-damantelae-cameroon.html>

## **Central African Republic**

### **Echanges de tirs entre l'ONU et un groupe armé à Bangui**

Une patrouille de Casques bleus de la Mission de l'ONU en Centrafrique (Minusca) a été prise pour cible par un groupe armé samedi soir dans le quartier musulman de Bangui, le PK5. "Une patrouille a essuyé des coups de feu dans le quartier PK5 peu après 19h00 samedi et a riposté.

*centrafrique 01 Apr 2018*

<http://centrafrique-presse.over-blog.com/2018/04/echanges-de-tirs-entre-l-onu-et-un-groupe-arme-a-bangui.html>

### **UN peacekeepers attacked by C. Africa armed group**

UN peacekeepers on patrol in the Central African Republic exchanged fire with members of an armed group in a Muslim enclave of the capital Bangui, the United Nations said Sunday. The peacekeepers were fired at in the Muslim rebel bastion called PK5, home to several armed groups and they responded,....

*africatime 01 Apr 2018*

<http://en.africatime.com/congo/db/un-peacekeepers-attacked-c-africa-armed-group>

### **Un groupe armé "prêt à se battre" avec la Minusca au PK5 à Bangui**

Le principal groupe armé du quartier musulman de Bangui a affirmé mercredi être "prêt à se battre" contre la mission de l'ONU en Centrafrique (Minusca), qui a menacé de

désarmer ces groupes. Si les forces de la Minusca "veulent la guerre, ils n'ont qu'à dire aux populations....

*centrafrique 29 Mar 2018*

<http://centrafrique-presse.over-blog.com/2018/03/un-groupe-arme-pret-a-se-battre-avec-la-minusca-au-pk5-a-bangui.html>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Mali**

#### **Le Canada pourrait participer à des opérations de contre-terrorisme**

En décembre dernier, le conseil de sécurité des Nations unies a autorisé l'opération de maintien de la paix au Mali à porter assistance au G5 Sahel, une force militaire composée de troupes provenant de cinq pays africains. Cette assistance comprend des évacuations médicales pour des blessures subies....

*lapresse-CA 01 Apr 2018*

<http://www.lapresse.ca/international/afrique/201804/01/01-5159457-mali-le-canada-pourrait-participer-a-des-operations-de-contre-terrorisme.php>

#### **Canadian helicopters in Mali could be used to support multinational counterterror mission**

“Details remain to be determined as negotiations with the United Nations have yet to begin,” spokesperson Jessica Lamirande said in an email. “Specifics regarding the exact CAF contribution, and how that CAF contribution will be used, are some of the many factors that will be addressed during....

*TorontoStar 1:05:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2018/04/01/canadian-helicopters-in-mali-could-be-used-to-support-multinational-counterterror-mission.html>

#### **Fama : 14 présumés jihadistes arrêtés cette semaine à Dialloubé dans la région de Mopti**

L'armée malienne a arrêté 14 présumés jihadistes cette semaine à Dialloubé dans la région de Mopti, au centre du Mali. L'information est confirmée par une source militaire. Selon elle, ces interpellations ont eu lieu lors d'une opération des forces maliennes dans cette localité, devenue....

*abamako 01 Apr 2018*

<http://news.aBamako.com/h/185605.html>

## **MALI-TERRORISME**

Un terroriste malien accusé de crimes contre l'humanité et de crimes de guerre en 2012 et 2013 à Tombouctou a été remis à la Cour pénale internationale (CPI), a annoncé la CPI samedi soir. «M. Al Hassan Ag Abdoul Aziz Ag Mohamed Ag Mahmoud (Al Hassan) a été remis à la CPI par les autorités du Mali»,....

*lexpressiondz 1:40:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.lexpressiondz.com/internationale/289631-remise-a-la-cpi-d-un-terroriste.html>

### **Malian authorities hand over jihadist leader to ICC**

The International Criminal Court says authorities in Mali have handed over a jihadist leader for prosecution on war crimes charges. Al Hassan Ag Abdoul Aziz Ag Mohamed Ag Mahmoud is accused of crimes against humanity allegedly committed in Timbuktu while the town was under the control....

*timescolonist 01 Apr 2018*

<http://www.timescolonist.com/malian-authorities-hand-over-jihadist-leader-to-icc-1.23247018>

## **Nigeria**

### **18 killed in Borno Boko Haram attack**

At least 18 people were killed and 84 wounded when Boko Haram jihadists clashed with Nigerian soldiers near Maiduguri overnight, the emergency services agency said Monday. “So far we have recovered 18 dead bodies from the two villages Bale Shuwa and Bale Kura,” on the outskirts of Maiduguri, Benlo....

*punchng 12:44:00 PM CEST*

<http://punchng.com/breaking-18-killed-in-boko-haram-attack-in-borno/>

### **Attaque de Boko Haram au Nigeria : au moins 18 morts et 84 blessés**

Le groupe jihadiste Boko Haram a multiplié les attaques pendant le weekend de Pâques contre Maiduguri, grande ville dans le nord-est du Nigeria, refuge de centaines de milliers de déplacés du conflit et rare îlot sécurisé dans l'État du Borno. Au total, au moins 18 personnes ont été tuées et 84....

*quotidien-lu 12:48:00 PM CEST*

<http://www.lequotidien.lu/international/attaque-de-boko-haram-au-nigeria-au-moins-18-morts-et-84-blesses/>

## **Islamic State and the kidnap of Nigerian schoolgirls from Dapchi**

The recent kidnapping of 110 schoolgirls from Nigeria shows that Boko Haram is still a dangerous force in Nigeria, despite President Muhammadu Buhari claiming they have been technically defeated. BBC Africa security correspondent Tomi Oladipo looks at the strength of the militants and their links to the Islamic State group.

*thestarkenya 29 Mar 2018*

[https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2018/03/29/islamic-state-and-the-kidnap-of-nigerian-schoolgirls-from-dapchi\\_c1738276](https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2018/03/29/islamic-state-and-the-kidnap-of-nigerian-schoolgirls-from-dapchi_c1738276)

## **Why Boko Haram deserves amnesty**

The Presidency has said that granting amnesty to Boko Haram insurgents would make them drop their arms, embrace peace, stop bloodshed and save resources for the country. The Presidency also explained that President Muhammadu Buhari has remained silent over his second term ambition because....

*onlinenigeria 5:55:00 AM CEST*

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/718765-why-boko-haram-deserves-amnesty-%E2%80%94-presidency.html>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Algeria**

#### **LA LIBYE, NOUVEAU TERRAIN FERTILE DE L'ETAT ISLAMIQUE**

Plus le chaos perdure en Libye, plus la menace est conséquente sur l'Algérie. Devenu le nouveau terrain fertile pour le terrorisme, la Libye vient de vivre un nouvel attentat suicide causant la mort à au moins huit personnes dont des civiles. L'attaque a eu lieu jeudi dernier dans la soirée contre....

*lexpressiondz 01 Apr 2018*

<http://www.lexpressiondz.com/actualite/289556-une-menace-aux-portes-de-l-algerie.html>

### **Libya**

#### **Daesh says behind car bombing in Libya's Ajdabiya city**

Daesh Takfiri group has claimed responsibility for a terrorist car bombing in the northeastern Libyan city of Ajdabiya that killed nine people, including civilians.

According to reports, the explosion occurred on Thursday when an attacker detonated his....

*globalsecurity 01 Apr 2018*

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/libya/2018/libya-180330-presstv01.htm>

## **Violence in Libya kills 5 civilians, injures 11 in March: UN**

Violence in Libya killed five civilians and injured 11 others in March, the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) said Sunday. From March 1 to March 31, 2018, UNSMIL "documented 16 civilian casualties - five deaths and 11 injuries - during the conduct of hostilities....

*xinhuanet\_en 4:52:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/02/c\\_137082360.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/02/c_137082360.htm)

## **Morocco**

### **4 arrested in Morocco over terror financing**

The Moroccan police have arrested two Syrian nationals and two Moroccans over their involvement in financing the Islamic State (IS) group, the official MAP news agency reported on Sunday. The report said that an investigation carried out by security services revealed that....

*xinhuanet\_en 12:17:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/02/c\\_137081375.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/02/c_137081375.htm)

## **Tunisia**

### **Un chef djihadiste lié à l'EI abattu lors d'une opération antiterroriste**

Un dirigeant djihadiste tunisien lié au groupe extrémiste Etat islamique (EI) a été abattu lors d'une opération de la gendarmerie dans une région montagneuse de Tunisie, a annoncé dimanche le ministère de l'Intérieur. Au cours de l'opération lancée dans la nuit de samedi à dimanche, "les unités de....

*corsematin 8:42:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.corsematin.com/article/france-monde/tunisie-un-chef-djihadiste-lie-a-lei-abattu-lors-dune-operation-antiterroriste.2306263.html>

### **Religious extremist shot dead in Tunisia**



An extremist element was shot dead by Tunisian security forces in Kasserine province in centre west Tunisia, announced the Ministry of the Interior on Sunday. The operation has been conducted for 72 hours in the perimeter of the Salloum mountain in Kasserine, following....

*xinhuanet\_en 01 Apr 2018*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/01/c\\_137081276.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/01/c_137081276.htm)

## **Asia**

### **Jordan**

#### **Islamists Under Wraps: Internal Reforms, Division and Emergence of New Factions**

Jordan recently witnessed emergence of two political parties that split from the Muslim Brotherhood; Zamzam and PRP emerged on the political scene after internal deliberations.. Internal conflict...has traditionally been between reformers and conservatives; Today, despite their disagreements with leftist and nationalist parties.

*albawaba-en 9:07:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.albawaba.com/news/islamists-under-wraps-internal-reforms-division-and-emergence-new-factions-1111358>

## **Syria**

### **Jaish al-Islam Rebels 'Begin Evacuating' from Syria's Douma**

Rebels began evacuating from the last opposition holdout of Syria's Eastern Ghouta on Monday, state media said, a day after regime ally Russia announced a deal for the pocket. "A group of buses carrying a number of Jaish al-Islam terrorists and their families leave Douma in preparation of them being....

*naharnet-en 12:35:00 PM CEST*

<http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/244386-jaish-al-islam-rebels-begin-evacuating-from-syria-s-douma>

### **Turkish Air Force holds anti-terrorist operation in mountainous part of Afrin**

By Trend The Turkish Air Force conducted a military operation to eliminate the PYD / YPG terrorists, who are hiding in the mountains after the liberation of the Syrian district of Afrin, the Turkish General Staff said on April 2. Reportedly, the operation to eliminate terrorists was carried out near the Razho village.

azernews 12:47:00 PM CEST

<https://www.azernews.az/region/129624.html>

## **UN**

### **India voices serious concern over growing IED attacks on UN peacekeepers**

India voiced serious concern over the growing IED attacks against UN peacekeepers, calling for concerted efforts to upgrade the security infrastructure and resources to help missions counter such threats. In the last four years, of the 176 fatal casualties due to acts of violence against UN....

expressindia 29 Mar 2018

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-voices-serious-concern-over-growing-ied-attacks-on-un-peacekeepers-5116429/>

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