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EAST AFRICA

Somalia

IED Explosion targets Govt convoy near Mogadishu

A powerful roadside explosion targeted a military escorting convoy of govt officials in the outskirts of Somali capital Mogadishu on Wednesday morning. Reports said a remote-controlled land mine blast ripped through vehicles carrying top Somali officials in Garas-balay area as they were heading to the IDP camps outside Mogadishu.

shabelle 19 Apr 2017

<http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/04/explosion-targets-convoy-of-govt-convoy-near-mogadishu/>

Terror attack will not deter UAE's aid mission to Somalia

A convoy from the Emirates Red Crescent was hit by a terrorist bomb while trying to deliver aid in drought-stricken Somalia on Wednesday. The convoy was travelling in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, when the attack occurred, with the charity's workers lucky to avoid injury.

thenational 19 Apr 2017

<http://www.thenational.ae/uae/government/terror-attack-will-not-deter-uaes-aid-mission-to-somalia>

Uganda

Uganda pull troops out of CAR as LRA rebel commander Joseph Kony 'no longer a threat'

LRA notorious for having abducted tens of thousands of children to serve as fighters and sex slaves. Uganda's army has said that the country's rebel group, the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), is no longer posing a threat in Central African Republic (CAR) – where the group fled under international military pressure.

ibtimes-uk 19 Apr 2017

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/uganda-pull-troops-out-car-lra-rebel-commander-joseph-kony-no-longer-threat-1617671>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon

3 dead in suicide attack in Cameroon border town

Three people were killed and four others wounded on Wednesday in a suicide attack in Cameroon's restive Far North, a local official said. "Just before 10:00 am, a suicide bomber who crossed from Nigeria entered Kolofata and blew himself up," a source from the town's vigilante committee said.

nrguardiannews 19 Apr 2017

<https://guardian.ng/news/3-dead-in-suicide-attack-in-cameroon-border-town/>

Democratic Republic of Congo

S. Sudan ex-rebels release UN hostages in DR Congo

16 UN staff were finally released after being held by former South Sudanese rebels for several hours in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The combatants, who were disarmed when they entered the camp, have for months demanded to be relocated, but UN officials have been unable to find countries willing to take them in.

nation-ke 19 Apr 2017

<http://www.nation.co.ke/news/africa/ex-rebels-release-United-Nations-hostages/1066-3895054-i29jw/index.html>

UN discovers another 17 mass graves in central DRC's Kasai region

UN investigators have discovered 17 more mass graves in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)'s restive Kasai region, bringing the total of mass graves documented to 40 in an area where the Congolese army has clashed with local militants for the past eight months. , since August 2016.

ibtimes-uk 19 Apr 2017

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/un-discovers-another-17-mass-graves-central-drcs-kasai-region-1617642>

Displaced Congolese Exposed to Mass Atrocities

The Democratic Republic of Congo and the global community have been urged to secure the safety of millions at risk of mass atrocity crimes in the dangerous eastern parts of the country. Armed groups plus tensions between authorities and a local militia following the....

allafrica 4:28:00 AM CEST

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201704190804.html>

WEST AFRICA

Mali

UN peacekeepers, Malian forces targeted in ‘cowardly’ terrorist attacks

The head of the United Nations peacekeeping mission in Mali has strongly condemned the “cowardly” attacks that took place against its personnel as well as members of the national armed forces, and voiced deep concern at ongoing insecurity in the northern and central parts of the country.

panapress 19 Apr 2017

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

Enlèvement de sœur Gloria: les enquêteurs colombiens font le point sur l'enquête

Au Mali, on est toujours sans nouvelles de sur Gloria, la religieuse colombienne enlevée dans le sud du pays par des hommes armés le 7 février dernier.

rfi-fr 19 Apr 2017

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20170419-mali-avancees-enquete-enlevement-soeur-gloria>

Sur la piste des jihadistes... comment Barkhane traque Ag Ghaly, Belmokhtar et les autres

Sans oublier Abou Walid Al Sahraoui, l'émir de l'État islamique au Sahara, Ibrahim Malam Dicko, qui sème la terreur dans le nord du Burkina Faso, et le plus célèbre d'entre eux, responsable de nombreuses attaques meurtrières dans plusieurs pays de la sous-région : Mokhtar Belmokhtar, dont personne....

cridem 12:23:00 AM CEST

http://www.cridem.org/C_Info.php?article=697009

Mali extends state of emergency as jihadist attacks persist

The measure has been renewed several times since jihadists stormed the Radisson Blu hotel in Bamako in November 2015, killing 20 people in an attack claimed by Al-Qaeda's regional branch. The west African nation's troubled north has witnessed a spate of jihadist strikes despite the emergency.

dailymaverick 7:15:00 AM CEST

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2017-04-20-mali-extends-state-of-emergency-as-jihadist-attacks-persist/>

L'état d'urgence rétabli au Mali pour dix jours

L'état d'urgence au Mali, en vigueur avec de rares interruptions depuis près de 17 mois, a été rétabli pour dix jours à compter de la nuit de mercredi à jeudi, a annoncé le gouvernement. Cette mesure d'exception a été instaurée à plusieurs reprises dans le pays depuis l'attaque djihadiste contre....

lameuse 6:36:00 AM CEST

<http://www.lameuse.be/1828881/article/2017-04-20/l-etat-d-urgence-retabli-au-mali-pour-dix-jours>

Nigeria

Boko Haram: Troops eliminate 6 terrorists in Dissa, Borno

Troops of 192 Battalion, 26 Task Force Brigade, deployed for Operation LAFIYA DOLE, on Tuesday, carried out clearance operation of suspected Boko Haram terrorists' hideouts at Dissa and Patawe general area, Borno State. During the operation, the troops neutralized 6 Boko Haram terrorists and wounded several others.

dailypost 19 Apr 2017

<http://dailypost.ng/2017/04/19/boko-haram-troops-eliminate-6-terrorists-dissa-borno-photos/>

Northern leaders link suicide bomb attacks to desperate insurgents

The Northern Delegates Forum (NDF), a body of representatives of the region to the 2014 National Conference has commended the Nigerian Armed Forces for their remarkable feats in decimating Boko Haram insurgents in the North East, even as it linked the spate of suicide bombing in Borno State to the routing of the terrorists.

sunnewsonline 19 Apr 2017

<http://sunnewsonline.com/northern-leaders-link-suicide-bomb-attacks-to-desperate-insurgents/>

Boko Haram's Leader's Wife Arrested

An ex-wife of the factional leader of Boko Haram, Mamman Nur has been arrested by the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Borno State Command. The teenager, Fatima Muhammad Kabir was one of the two teenage suspected suicide bombers paraded before journalists by the NSCDC in Maiduguri on Tuesday.

onlinenigeria 19 Apr 2017

<http://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/614117-boko-haram%E2%80%99s-leader%E2%80%99s-wife-arrested.html>

Niger Police deploys 800 men to track kidnappers

The Niger State Police Command says it has deployed 800 personnel to flush out kidnappers and armed robbers terrorising residents of Suleja, Tafa, Gurara and Lapai Local Government Areas of the state. Its spokesman, Mr. Bala Elkalla said, on Tuesday, in Minna, that the forces were drawn from the....

sunnewsonline 19 Apr 2017

<http://sunnewsonline.com/niger-police-deploys-800-men-to-track-kidnappers/>

NORTH AFRICA

Egypt

Islamic State in the Sinai: a new base after Mosul?

Egypt has been locked in a battle to control Islamic State for several years and especially since President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi deposed Islamist president Mohamed Morsi in 2013 but the country has been unable to contain the terrorists' almost weekly attacks.

brisbanetimes 4:19:00 AM CEST

<http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/world/islamic-state-in-the-sinai-a-new-base-after-mosul-20170419-gvnq7z.html>

Arrestation d'un nouveau suspect dans le double attentat contre les églises coptes en Egypte

Les forces de police égyptiennes ont arrêté un nouveau suspect dans le double attentat qui avait frappé deux églises coptes le 9 avril courant à Alexandrie et Tanta, dans le nord de l'Egypte, a-t-on appris de source sécuritaire mercredi au Caire. Ce suspect qui porte le nom d'Aly Mahmoud Mohamed....

journalducameroun 19 Apr 2017

<http://journalducameroun.com/arrestation-dun-nouveau-suspect-dans-le-double-attentat-contre-les-eglises-coptes-en-egypte/>

INTERNATIONAL

America

US

Scrutiny over terrorism funding hampers charitable work in ravaged countries

During the bloody siege, the medical society had tried to wire \$80,000 to a vendor in Turkey so its hospitals could stock up on medical supplies. But the U.S.-based bank, in its diligence to ensure the funds weren't being funneled to overseas terrorists, was holding up the transfer.

WashingtonPost 19 Apr 2017

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/scrutiny-over-terrorism-funding-hampers-charitable-work-in-ravaged-countries/2017/04/18/146a585a-1305-11e7-9e4f-09aa75d3ec57_story.html

Asia

India

Uttar Pradesh ATS arrests three suspected terrorists

The Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terror Squad on Thursday arrested three persons suspected of plotting terror attacks from multiple locations in the country. The operation was carried out jointly with the Special Cell Delhi police, CI cell Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra ATS, Punjab police and Bihar police.

thehindu 9:40:00 AM CEST

http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/uttar-pradesh-ats-arrests-suspected-terrorists/article18152357.ece?utm_source=RSS_Feed&utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=RSS_Syndication

Indonesia

Indonesian authorities hunt Islamic State operative's cyber recruits

On Mar. 30, the US Treasury Department designated Bahrin Naim, a senior Islamic State figure from Indonesia, as a terrorist. It was the latest in a series of US government designations targeting the self-declared caliphate's network in Southeast Asia.

9:41:00 AM CEST

<http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2017/04/indonesian-authorities-hunt-islamic-state-operatives-cyber-recruits.php>

Philippine

Duterte offers bounty for extremists in foiled island attack

The president of The Philippines has offered a bounty for the capture of Muslim extremists behind a foiled attack on a central resort island. President Rodrigo Duterte also said he ordered the navy to bomb militants who travel by boat from their southern jungle camps in search of kidnapping victims.

breakingnews-ie 19 Apr 2017

<http://www.breakingnews.ie/world/duterte-offers-bounty-for-extremists-in-foiled-island-attack-786346.html>

Syria

Is an ISIS/Al-Qaeda merger on the cards?

As ISIS's "caliphate" crumbles in Iraq and Syria, there has been much focus on what comes next for the militant group after it loses its main source of authority in the global jihadi community: its claim to govern an "Islamic state."

msn-uk 8:33:00 AM CEST

<http://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/is-an-isis-al-qaeda-merger-in-the-cards/ar-BBA3P6z>

Syria war: Sarin used in Khan Sheikhoun attack, OPCW says

"Incontrovertible" test results show sarin gas or a similar substance was used in the chemical weapons attack in Syria earlier this month, the Organisation for the

Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) says. Samples from 10 victims had been analysed at four laboratories, OPCW head Ahmet Uzumcu said.

ekantipur 9:48:00 AM CEST

<http://kathmandupost.ekantipur.com/news/2017-04-20/syria-war-sarin-used-in-khan-sheikhoun-attack-opcw-says.html>

Yemen

New Evidence on Houthi Use of African Migrants as Human Shields

The legitimate Yemeni government has found new evidence on the Houthi militia's involvement in "using displaced foreigners as human shields on the battle frontline." The government also found other evidence that confirms Houthi involvement in attracting non-Yemeni fighters from the Horn of....

aaawsat 19 Apr 2017

<http://english.aaawsat.com/a-alghabiri/news-middle-east/new-evidence-houthi-use-african-migrants-human-shields>

Europe

Greece

Small explosive device damages Eurobank offices in Athens, no injuries

A small explosive device detonated outside a building housing Eurobank offices in central Athens on Wednesday, damaging its entrance and shattering windows, police said. There were no injuries, they added. Eurobank is Greece's third-largest lender by assets.

thehindu 9:40:00 AM CEST

http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/small-explosive-device-damages-eurobank-offices-in-athens/article18152059.ece?utm_source=RSS_Feed&utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=RSS_Syndication

UK

Bomb disposal squad called to Woodstock Close, Allestree

The bomb disposal squad was called to an incident in Derby which involved the discovery of an old grenade. Officers from said they were called to a property, in Woodstock Close, Allestree, yesterday at about 10.35am following reports that an old grenade had been found.

thisisderbyshire 9:39:00 AM CEST

<http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/bomb-disposal-squad-called-to-woodstock-close-allestree/story-30282406-detail/story.html>

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