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EAST AFRICA

Kenya

UK announces anti-terror support for Kenya

British Secretary of State Boris Johnson has assured Kenya of the U.K.'s support in the fight against terrorism and also offered humanitarian aid to mitigate the impact of drought in the African country. Speaking at a joint press conference in the capital Nairobi on Friday, Johnson said: "We have....

shabelle 19 Mar 2017

<http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/03/uk-announces-drought-aid-anti-terror-support-for-kenya/>

Puntland MP dies of blast wounds at Kenya hospital

A member of Puntland parliament Farah Abdikadir Botan has passed away on Sunday in a hospital in Kenya, as a result of wounds sustained in a car bomb attack in Galkayo town earlier this month. MP Botan was critically wounded in a bomb fitted into his vehicle which exploded outside a hotel in the....

shabelle 19 Mar 2017

<http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/03/puntland-mp-dies-of-blast-wounds-at-a-hospital-in-nairobi/>

Somalia

President Uhuru makes surprise visit to KDF in Somalia

President Uhuru Kenyatta on Saturday made a historic visit to Somalia meeting the Kenyan troops serving under the African Union Mission at Dhobley Military in Somalia. The Commander-in-Chief, who was dressed in full military gear, thanked the troops for their sacrifice and service to their motherland.

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<http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/03/president-uhuru-makes-surprise-visit-to-kdf-in-somalia/>

Radio Shabelle reporter wounded in Mogadishu

A reporter working for the Independent Radio Shabelle station was slightly wounded in a shootout between two groups within Somali Military in Mogadishu on Sunday

morning. Mahad Mohamed Abdirahman "Mutawakil" has sustained gunshot wounds at the left and immediately taken to a hospital for medical treatment.

shabelle 19 Mar 2017

<http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/03/radio-shabelle-reporter-wounded-in-mogadishu/>

Ship hijacked and then freed by Somali pirates, at safe port

The captain of the crew of a Comoros-flagged oil tanker that was hijacked and then released by Somali pirates said he feels like he was "dead and born," after the ship reached a port in northern Nicholas Anthony said Sunday he is grateful for efforts by the semiautonomous Puntland state in northern Somalia to secure their release.

ABCnews 19 Mar 2017

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/ship-hijacked-freed-somali-pirates-safe-port-46239460>

7 Al-Shabaab militants killed in battle with Somalia troops

Seven Al-Shabaab fighters died during a fierce gun battle with Somali troops on Saturday night near Bay region in southwest Somalia. Local officials revealed that a number of soldiers from Somalia National Army also sustained injuries during an overnight gun battle with the Al-Qaida-linked militants.

xinhuanet_en 19 Mar 2017

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/20/c_136140793.htm

CENTRAL AFRICA

Democratic Republic of Congo

Mass graves in central Congo bear witness to growing violence

The increasingly brutal nature of fighting in central Congo between the army and local militia is on vivid display in the village of Tshienke, where the bodies of rebel fighters last month were dumped into a mass grave following intense clashes.

reuters 7:56:00 AM CET

http://www.reuters.com/article/us-congo-violence-idUSKBN16R0D4?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29

WEST AFRICA

Côte d'Ivoire

Lutte contre le terrorisme : Un convoi de matériels a quitté Abidjan pour le Mali

La compagnie de protection ivoirienne qui sera déployée très bientôt, est forte de 150 hommes et femmes réparties en une section de commandement, trois sections d'infanterie et un peloton blindé. Lutte contre le terrorisme : Un convoi de matériels a quitté Abidjan pour le Mali Certifié par les....

abamako 19 Mar 2017

<http://news.abamako.com/h/155729.html>

Mali

Tenue fin mars d'une conférence d'entente nationale pour mettre au point une charte pour la paix

Une conférence d'entente nationale se tiendra du 27 mars au 2 avril prochains au Mali, selon un communiqué publié ce samedi à l'issue d'un conseil des ministres extraordinaire présidé par le président malien Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta. Conformément à l'Accord pour la paix et la réconciliation au Mali....

abamako 19 Mar 2017

<http://news.abamako.com/h/155720.html>

Sécurité "préoccupante" malgré les moyens déployés

La sécurité au Mali "reste préoccupante" en dépit des moyens déployés et des dernières avancées sur l'accord de paix, a déclaré samedi à Bamako le chef des opérations de maintien de la paix de l'ONU. "La situation sécuritaire reste globalement préoccupante.

abamako 19 Mar 2017

<http://news.abamako.com/h/155719.html>

Security in Mali 'worrying'

The security situation in Mali "remains worrying" despite recent troop deployments and some progress on a peace accord, the head of the UN's peacekeeping force said in Bamako on Saturday.

enca 19 Mar 2017

<http://www.enca.com/africa/security-in-mali-worrying-un-peacekeeping-mission>

Nigeria

Nouvel attentat près de Maiduguri, Boko Haram refuse de s'avouer vaincu

Trois kamikazes, un homme et deux femmes, ont tué quatre personnes dans une localité proche de la ville de Maiduguri, dans le nord-est du Nigeria, rapporte la police. Ils ont fait sauter leurs charges explosives samedi soir dans le village....

rfi-fr 19 Mar 2017

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20170319-nigeria-attentat-kamikaze-boko-haram-umariri-maiduguri>

3 suicide bombers kill 4 in northeastern Maiduguri

Three suicide bombers suspected to be members of Boko Haram detonated explosive devices strapped on their bodies Saturday night, killing at least four people in Maiduguri, the Borno state capital. One member of the civilian militia, a woman and two children were killed and 8 others were injured, officials said.

expressindia 19 Mar 2017

<http://indianexpress.com/article/world/nigeria-3-suicide-bombers-kill-4-in-northeastern-maiduguri-4576342/>

NORTH AFRICA

Algeria

Guerre méthodique contre l'hydre terroriste

La lutte antiterroriste que mènent l'armée et les différents services de sécurité enregistre sur le terrain des résultats conséquents qui ouvrent une voie à l'éradication de ce fléau qui mine la stabilité de l'Algérie dans un contexte international déstabilisateur pratiquement dans l'ensemble de nos frontières.

lexpressiondz 4:12:00 AM CET

<http://www.lexpressiondz.com/actualite/262824-guerre-methodique-contre-l-hydre-terroriste.html>

Egypt

Egypt's army says killed 18 terrorists, arrested 37 suspects in North Sinai.....

Egypt's army said it killed 18 "highly dangerous terrorists" in different parts of the restive North Sinai as well as arrested 37 suspects, two different statements on the army spokesman's official Facebook page read. Army forces killed the 18 terrorist in airstrikes in North Sinai's Al-Arish, Rafah and Sheikh Zuwayed cities.

ahram-EN 19 Mar 2017

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/1/64/261239/Egypt/Politics-/Egypt%e2%80%99s-army-says-killed--terrorists--arrested--su.aspx>

Libya

East Libyan forces take Benghazi stronghold

East Libyan forces said they captured the final holdout of Islamist-led rivals in the south-west of Benghazi on Saturday, ending weeks of resistance by fighters camped in a cluster of apartment blocks.

thenational 19 Mar 2017

<http://www.thenational.ae/world/middle-east/east-libyan-forces-take-benghazi-stronghold---video>

Un MiG-21 des forces de Khalifa Haftar abattu à Benghazi

Un avion de chasse appartenant aux forces armées du maréchal Khalifa Haftar a été abattu samedi à Benghazi, dans l'est de la Libye, où il menait un raid contre des positions jihadistes, a-t-on appris de source militaire.

19 Mar 2017

http://www.jeuneafrique.com/418564/politique/libye-mig-21-forces-de-haftar-abattu-a-benghazi/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=Articles&utm_campaign=PostFB_18032017

Body of rebel leader exhumed and displayed in Benghazi Libya

According to the Libya Herald there is a widely shared social media video showing the decomposing body of Makhzoum strapped to the front of a car. It was kicked and then paraded by LNA fighters. They also shoot guns in the air in celebration. The LNA just recently captured a 12-building apartment....

digitaljournal 19 Mar 2017

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/body-of-rebel-leader-exhumed-and-displayed-in-benghazi-libya/article/488308>

Tunisia

Attaque du Musée du Bardo : la plaie est toujours béante

Deux ans ont passé depuis l'attaque terroriste contre le musée du Bardo. La Tunisie commémore, aujourd'hui 18 mars, le deuxième anniversaire de l'événement funeste. Avec l'attaque contre le musée du Bardo, on commence déjà à parler de terrorisme urbain et pour cause, c'est la première fois que le terrorisme a frappé au coeur même de la capitale.

leconomistmaghreb 18 Mar 2017

<http://www.leconomistmaghreb.com/2017/03/18/attaque-de-bardo-la-plaie-est-toujours-ouverte/>

INTERNATIONAL

America

US

Trump's travel ban may do little to prevent terror attacks

U.S. President Donald Trump's ban on immigration from six majority Muslim countries may do little to deter the terror threat, a U.S. expert told Xinhua in a recent interview. Trump recently revised the controversial visa ban to bar entry of citizens from six countries - Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan ...

china.org.cn 19 Mar 2017

http://www.china.org.cn/world/2017-03/19/content_40473315.htm

Asia

Afghanistan

Three U.S. troops wounded after Afghan soldier opens fire

Three U.S. troops were wounded on Sunday after an Afghan soldier opened fire on them at a base in the southern province of Helmand, the NATO-led Resolute Support

mission said. The soldiers are receiving medical care, the NATO-led training and assistance mission said on Twitter.

thestar-my 19 Mar 2017

<http://www.thestar.com.my/news/world/2017/03/19/three-us-troops-wounded-after-afghan-soldier-opens-fire/>

Iraq

Battle for west Mosul could be deadliest yet for Iraqis

By comparison, some 1,600 civilians were killed or wounded during the 100 days of fighting to recapture Mosul's less densely populated east, according to reports from nearby hospitals. Mosul's east was declared fully liberated in January. Airwars, a London-based group that tracks civilian deaths....

TorontoStar 19 Mar 2017

<https://www.thestar.com/news/world/2017/03/19/battle-for-west-mosul-could-be-deadliest-yet-for-iraqis.html>

Syria

Clashes break out in Syrian capital after insurgents attack

Residents said artillery shells and rockets were landing inside the heart of the city, and the activist-run Damascus Today Facebook group reported government air raids over the area of the clashes. Reinforcements arrived on the government side to repel the attack in the afternoon, the group said.

timesdaily 19 Mar 2017

http://www.timesdaily.com/news/nation/clashes-break-out-in-syrian-capital-after-insurgents-attack/article_1088c305-808b-5470-bee8-cef0b7c9655b.html

Syria war: Damascus sees fierce clashes after rebel attack

Rebel-held areas on the outskirts of Damascus have been extensively damaged in recent months. Syrian security forces are engaged in fierce clashes with rebels on the eastern outskirts of the capital Damascus, residents say.

bbc 19 Mar 2017

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-39321098>

Leader of al Qaeda's joint venture in Syria promises to 'escalate' operations

The leader of Hay'at Tahrir al Sham (HTS), al Qaeda's joint venture in Syria, has released a seven-plus minute message to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the Syrian uprising. The video was uploaded online late on Mar. 17 and then disseminated via social media channels the following day.

19 Mar 2017

<http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2017/03/leader-of-al-qaedas-joint-venture-in-syria-promises-to-escalate-operations.php>

Europe

France

'My son was no terrorist': father of French airport attacker

The father of the French man shot dead at Orly airport in Paris after attacking a soldier said Sunday his son was "not a terrorist" and that his actions were caused by drink and drugs. "My son was not a terrorist. He never prayed and he drank.

digitaljournal 19 Mar 2017

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/my-son-was-no-terrorist-father-of-french-airport-attacker/article/488284>

Suspected Islamic extremist drank alcohol and was on drugs before Paris airport attack

He also had 0.93 grams of alcohol per litre of blood when he died on Saturday, the prosecutors' office said. That is nearly twice the legal limit for driving in France. The 39-year-old Frenchman with a long criminal record of drugs and robbery offences stopped at a bar in the early hours of Saturday....

independent-ie 8:30:00 AM CET

<http://www.independent.ie/world-news/europe/suspected-islamic-extremist-drank-alcohol-and-was-on-drugs-before-paris-airport-attack-35546939.html>

French security in focus after shooting

Police are questioning relatives of a man shot dead by soldiers at a Paris airport as they sought clues about why he tried to seize an assault rifle in an incident that has pushed security to the top of France's election campaign. Paris prosecutor Francois Molins said late on Saturday that the man ...

9news 19 Mar 2017

<http://www.9news.com.au/world/2017/03/20/01/23/french-security-in-focus-after-shooting>

Le frère de Mohamed Merah raconte sa marche

Abdelghani Merah, le frère aîné de Mohamed Merah qui a assassiné 7 personnes en 2012 lors d'attaques jihadistes dans le sud de la France, marche (ici à Vitry-le-François) depuis le 8 février contre l'intégrisme religieux. Cinq ans jour pour jour après les attentats de Mohamed Merah, Abdelghani....

lavenir 19 Mar 2017

http://www.lavenir.net/cnt/dmf20170319_00976445

De l'affaire Merah à l'attaque de Nice, les « actions individuelles isolées » vues par la DGSI

De l'affaire Merah à l'attaque de Nice, les actions individuelles isolées vues par la DGSI. Toutes ces attaques présentent le même caractère spontané, répondant aux appels aux meurtres généraux d'organisations terroristes, sans être pour autant soutenues par leur logistique. Le Monde 18.03.2017 à 10h50 • Mis à jour le 19.

LeMonde 19 Mar 2017

http://www.lemonde.fr/police-justice/article/2017/03/18/depuis-l-affaire-merah-la-dgsi-a-compte-six-actions-individuelles-solitaires_5096754_1653578.html

Attentats de Merah: cinq ans après, hommages et recueils à Toulouse

"Il n'y a pas de vie sans souvenir": cinq ans après les attentats de Mohamed Merah, des hommages solennels sont rendus dimanche à Toulouse aux victimes, les sept vies fauchées et les blessés, du "tueur au scooter". En présence du ministre de l'Intérieur Bruno Le Roux, une grande cérémonie est....

LePoint 19 Mar 2017

http://www.lepoint.fr/societe/attentats-de-merah-cinq-ans-apres-hommages-et-recueils-a-toulouse-19-03-2017-2113024_23.php#xtor=RSS-221

UK

UK anti-terror police simulate Thames tourist boat hijacking

Police officers take part in a multi-agency exercise, to test the emergency services' response to a marauding terrorist attack in London, on the river Thames in east London,

Sunday March 19, 2017. British police in inflatable powerboats stormed a River Thames....

washtimes 19 Mar 2017

http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/mar/19/uk-police-simulate-thames-hijacking-in-anti-terror/?utm_source=RSS_Feed&utm_medium=RSS

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