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EAST AFRICA

Ethiopia

Ethiopia briefs oppositions on anti-terrorism law

Ethiopian political parties that are negotiating on the country's anti-terrorism law on Thursday agreed to hear the ruling party's response to their proposal regarding the law. The opposition political parties have tabled a proposal to amend the law, saying it is....

coastweek 20 Jan 2018

<http://www.coastweek.com/4103-focus-02.htm>

Kenya

Al-Shabaab destroys telcom mast in Mandera

Elwak residents said Al-Shabaab destroyed the communication mast after accusing them of informing Kenyan and Somali security agents of their activities.

nation-ke 20 Jan 2018

<https://www.nation.co.ke/counties/mandera/Al-Shabaab-destroys-communication-mast-in-Elwak-Mandera/1183298-4271376-9263nd/index.html>

Police hunt for five Shabaab militants

Security agents have launched a manhunt for five Al Shabaab militants of Kenyan origin who escaped from the terror groups' cells in southern Somalia and entered the country.

standardmedia 19 Jan 2018

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001266567/police-hunt-for-five-shabaab-militants>

Somalia

Somali troops rescued 32 children from 'terrorist school' says government

Somali authorities say troops rescue 32 children from 'terrorist school' Somali authorities said troops stormed a school run by al-Shabab on Thursday night and rescued 32 children who had been taken as recruits by the Islamist militant group. "The 32 children are safe and the government is looking after them.

scmp 20 Jan 2018

<http://www.scmp.com/news/world/africa/article/2129776/somali-authorities-say-troops-rescue-32-children-terrorist-school>

L'armée libère 32 enfants recrutés par les shebabs

L'armée somalienne a pris d'assaut jeudi soir une école administrée par les shebabs et secouru 32 élèves recrutés par le groupe djihadiste, annoncent vendredi les autorités. "Les 32 enfants sont sains et saufs et le gouvernement prend soin d'eux. Il est malheureux de voir des terroristes recruter des enfants.

lorientlejour 19 Jan 2018

<https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1095193/somalie-larmee-libere-32-enfants-recrutes-par-les-shebabs.html>

Al Shabaab Denies Forcibly Recruiting Children to Fight

Somalia's Islamist militant group al Shabaab on Thursday denied that it was threatening and abducting civilians to hand over their children for indoctrination and military training. Al Shabaab has been fighting for years to topple....

allafrica 3:10:00 AM CET

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201801200119.html>

US-backed Somalia commandos kill 4 al-Shabab extremists

A second official confirmed the raid, which was carried out with the support of helicopters that later evacuated the young recruits. Human Rights Watch earlier in the week accused al-Shabab of the forced recruitment of hundreds of children in recent months.

siouxcityjournal 19 Jan 2018

http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/world/us-backed-somalia-commandos-kill-al-shabab-extremists/article_f75ed265-508e-584b-a017-6b4b114fd5f8.html

Quatre shebab tués dans une frappe américaine en Somalie

Quatre militants islamistes somaliens shebab ont été tués lors d'une frappe aérienne opérée par l'armée américaine dans le cadre de l'offensive menée contre ces rebelles jihadistes, a annoncé vendredi le commandement américain pour l'Afrique. Cette frappe s'est déroulée jeudi dans le sud de la....

lorientlejour 19 Jan 2018

<https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1095226/quatre-shebab-tues-dans-une-frappe-americaine-en-somalie.html>

US says four Shabaab militants killed in Somalia strike

US forces in Somalia said Friday that four Al-Shabaab militants were killed in an airstrike as part of the ongoing offensive against the jihadist rebels.

capitalfm 20 Jan 2018

<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2018/01/us-says-four-shabaab-militants-killed-somalia-strike/>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Democratic Republic of Congo

At least a dozen Congo soldiers killed in battle with Ugandan rebels

At least a dozen soldiers were killed in Democratic Republic of Congo's volatile eastern borderlands where the army is battling Ugandan Islamist rebels, Congo lese security and diplomatic sources said on Friday. The armies of Congo and Uganda launched a military offensive last month against the....

thestarkenya 19 Jan 2018

https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2018/01/19/at-least-a-dozen-congo-soldiers-killed-in-battle-with-ugandan-rebels_c1700967

DR Congo army 'at war' with two militia groups, minister says

The defence minister for the Democratic Republic of Congo on Friday said the army was waging 'war' against two militia forces in the country's troubled east. Crispin

Atama Thabe told journalists that government forces were tackling rebels in both South Kivu province and neighbouring North....

gulfnews 20 Jan 2018

http://gulfnews.com/news/africa/dr-congo-army-at-war-with-two-militia-groups-minister-says-1.2160042?utm_source=Feeds&utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=DR

WEST AFRICA

Ghana

‘Ghana not susceptible to attack by external elements’; Antwi-Danso dispels ISIS fears

Security analyst, Dr Vladimir Antwi-Danso, has ruled out a possible attack by the dreaded Islamist terrorist group, ISIS. According to him, internal elements such as vigilante groups and criminal gangs pose a bigger security threat than external elements like the Islamist group. “Internal [attack]...is scarier than ISIS coming in to attack.

myjoyonline 19 Jan 2018

<https://www.myjoyonline.com/politics/2018/January-19th/ghana-not-susceptible-attack-by-external-elements-vladimir-antwi-danso-dispels-isis-fears.php>

Mali

Paix et sécurité au Sahel: le G5 se muscle, les djihadistes jouent à la propagande

La construction de la force conjointe du G5 Sahel entame une nouvelle étape ce lundi 15 janvier, avec la réunion ministérielle de Paris. Au même moment, une rencontre de djihadistes du centre se réclamant de l’Etat islamique dénommé « Etat islamique dans le Grand Sahara » (EIGS), dirigé par Adnan....

abamako 19 Jan 2018

<http://news.abamako.com/h/178853.html>

Défigurée par l’ère djihadiste, la musique reprend des couleurs à Tombouctou

Depuis 2013, l’avancée des forces françaises en 2013 a réussi à ramener une relative normalité dans la ville. Mais les craintes subsistent, car le Nord du Mali reste sous la menace de groupes armés. “Il y a toujours des gens qui ont de mauvaises intentions, alors j’ai peur des bandits, j’ai peur....

mali-web 19 Jan 2018

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/defiguree-par-lere-djihadiste-la-musique-reprend-des-couleurs-a-tombouctou>

La Grande Bretagne s’engage à appuyer la force Barkhane dans la lutte contre le terrorisme dans le Sahel

La Grande Bretagne s’est engagée à appuyer la force Barkhane dans la lutte contre le terrorisme dans le Sahel et à offrir des hélicoptères de transport à la force sous-régionale du G5 Sahel.

mali-web 19 Jan 2018

<http://mali-web.org/politique/cooperation/mali-la-grande-bretagne-sengage-a-appuyer-la-force-barkhane-dans-la-lutte-contre-le-terrorisme-dans-le-sahel>

Niger

Sept soldats tués dans une attaque de Boko Haram

Sept soldats nigériens ont été tués et dix-sept autres blessés mercredi dans une attaque "terroriste" attribuée à Boko Haram dans le sud-est du Niger, proche du Nigeria, a annoncé le gouvernement du Niger dans un communiqué vendredi. "Le bilan provisoire de la lâche attaque terroriste....

romandie 20 Jan 2018

<https://www.romandie.com/news/Niger-sept-soldats-tues-dans-une-attaque-de-Boko-Haram-gouvernement/882373.rom>

Seven Niger troops killed in Boko Haram attack

At least seven Niger soldiers were killed and more than a dozen others wounded this week in an attack by suspected Boko Haram militants in the country's southeast, the government said on Friday. Nigerian Army "The provisional toll for the cowardly terror attack on Wednesday night in Toummour is....

vanguardngr 20 Jan 2018

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/01/seven-niger-troops-killed-boko-haram-attack/>

Boko Haram: Terrorists flee back to Nigeria after hitting military base in Diffa

Gunmen suspected to be members of the dreaded Islamic sect, Boko Haram, have attacked Nigerian Military base in Toumour village, Southeastern part of Diffa Province, military sources in Niger have revealed. Ahmed Salkida, a Nigerian Journalist with access to information on the terrorists group tweeted on Thursday.

dailypost 19 Jan 2018

<http://dailypost.ng/2018/01/19/boko-haram-terrorists-flee-back-nigeria-hitting-military-base-diffa/>

Nigeria

Gunmen abduct two brothers, five others in Niger

The Niger State Commissioner of Police, Dibal Yakadi, on Friday said gunmen kidnapped seven people in Munya Local Government area of the state. Yakadi in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) said two brothers, Alhaji Garba Yakassai and Alhaji Umar Yakassai and five others were kidnapped on two different occasions.

dailypost 19 Jan 2018

<http://dailypost.ng/2018/01/19/gunmen-abduct-two-brothers-five-others-niger/>

Libération des quatre Canadiens et Américains enlevés au Nigeria

Deux Américains et deux Canadiens enlevés cette semaine après être tombés dans une embuscade sur une route du nord du Nigeria ont été libérés samedi, a annoncé la police. Les quatre Nord-Américains kidnappés mardi soir par des hommes armés non identifiés "sont tous en bon état de santé" et ont été....

savoirnews 20 Jan 2018

<http://www.savoirnews.net/Liberation-des-quatre-Canadiens-et>

Police say Canadians, Americans abducted in Nigeria freed and in good condition

A Nigerian police spokesman says two Canadians and two Americans who were kidnapped in north-central Kaduna state on Tuesday have been released. Kaduna state police spokesman Mukhtar Aliyu says they were freed Friday night and are in good condition.

680news 20 Jan 2018

<http://www.680news.com/2018/01/20/police-say-canadians-americans-abducted-in-nigeria-freed-and-in-good-condition/>

NORTH AFRICA

Egypt

VP Pence in Egypt for talks on security, counterterrorism

Vice President Mike Pence left behind the U.S. government shutdown and readied for security and counterterrorism talks Saturday with Egypt's leader. Pence arrived in Cairo hours after the U.S. Congress and President Donald Trump failed to reach agreement on a plan to avert a partial federal closure.

ABCnews 20 Jan 2018

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/vp-pence-egypt-talks-security-counterterrorism-52483646>

Libya

Le maréchal Haftar lance ses troupes dans le sud-libyen

Le porte-parole de l'armée nationale libyenne, dirigée par le maréchal Khalifa Haftar, a annoncé jeudi soir le début d'une offensive dans le désert libyen. L'opération prénommée la colère du désert a lieu au sud-est du pays, près de la frontière....

rfi-fr 20 Jan 2018

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20180119-libye-marechal-haftar-troupes-sud-libyen>

Mauritania

Essai: «L'histoire secrète du djihad d'al-Qaïda à l'Etat islamique»

Lemine Ould Salem, journaliste mauritanien, a publié le 17 janvier chez Flammarion un essai inédit, qui se base sur les mémoires d'Abou Hafs, un ressortissant mauritanien qui fut le numéro trois d'al-Qaïda mais aussi l'ami et confident d'Oussama ben Laden. Un homme dont il a planché sur les mémoires et qu'il a rencontré en Mauritanie.

rfi-fr 19 Jan 2018

<http://www.rfi.fr/hebdo/20180119-djihad-histoire-secret-livre-lemine-ould-salem>

Tunisia

Tunisian forces kill top aide of Al Qaeda leader in Maghreb: Official

Tunisian security forces have killed a top aide of Abu Musab Abdul Wadud, the leader of Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), an official source told Reuters on Saturday. Tunisia has been on high alert since 2015, when Islamic State gunmen killed dozens of foreign tourists in a museum in the....

ahram-EN 9:13:00 AM CET

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/2/8/288494/World/Region/Tunisian-forces-kill-top-aide-of-Al-Qaeda-leader-i.aspx>

INTERNATIONAL

Asia

Afghanistan

At least 18 pro-government militiamen were killed following a Taliban ambush attack in Afghanistan's northern province of Balkh overnight, a local official said Sunday.

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xinhuanet_en 8:58:00 AM CET

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/21/c_136912854.htm

Afghan Forces End Kabul Hotel Siege That Left 6 Dead

A militant attack on a luxury hotel in the Afghan capital of Kabul has ended, leaving six civilians dead, among them a foreigner, according to Afghan officials. At least four assailants raided the Intercontinental Hotel in Kabul at about 21:00 local time (16:30 GMT) on Saturday,....

eurasiareview 8:25:00 AM CET

<http://www.eurasiareview.com/21012018-afghan-forces-end-kabul-hotel-siege-that-left-6-dead/>

Un commando armé attaque un hôtel de luxe et tue six personnes, selon un bilan provisoire

Il a fallu douze heures aux forces de sécurité pour neutraliser les quatre assaillants armés. L'Hôtel Intercontinental de Kaboul. Des hommes armés ont pris d'assaut l'hôtel Intercontinental de Kaboul (Afghanistan), samedi 20 janvier,....

franceinfo 8:30:00 AM CET

<https://www.franceinfo.fr/monde/afghanistan/afghanistan-l-hotel-intercontinental-de-kaboul-attaque-par-des-hommes-armes-2571993.html#xtor=RSS-3-%5blestitres%5d>

12 heures de cauchemar à l'hôtel Intercontinental de Kaboul, ce que l'on sait après l'attaque

Plus de douze heures après son déclenchement, l'attaque contre l'hôtel Intercontinental de Kaboul "est terminée", a annoncé dimanche matin le ministère afghan de l'Intérieur. Au moins cinq personnes, quatre Afghans et un étranger, ont trouvé la mort dans l'attaque mais le bilan est encore très incertain.

metrofrance 8:47:00 AM CET

<https://www.lci.fr/international/afghanistan-12-heures-de-cauchemar-a-l-hotel-intercontinental-de-kaboul-ce-que-l-on-sait-apres-l-attaque-2076498.html>

Philippines

2 Indonesian hostages released by Philippine militants

An Islamist militant group has released two Indonesian captives to local authorities in the southern Philippines, the military said. Representatives of the Abu Sayyaf Group sent the two Indonesian fishermen — identified as La Utu Bin La Raali and La Hadi La Edi — to the house of former Sulu Governor Abdusakur Tan Sr.

gulfnews 20 Jan 2018

http://gulfnews.com/news/asia/philippines/2-indonesian-hostages-released-by-philippine-militants-1.2160088?utm_source=Feeds&utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=2

Syria

L'ancien rappeur Deso Dogg tué lors une frappe aérienne en Syrie

La mort de ce djihadiste allemand a été confirmée par une agence de presse proche de l'Etat islamique. En 2014, il avait séduit une agente du FBI chargée de l'espionner.

20 Jan 2018

https://www.lexpress.fr/actualite/monde/proche-moyen-orient/l-ancien-rappeur-deso-dogg-tue-lors-une-frappe-aerienne-en-syrie_1977786.html?utm_campaign=Echobox&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook#xtor=CS3-5076

German rapper jihadist Deso Dogg, who once seduced FBI translator, killed by airstrike in Syria

A German rapper who joined Isil and seduced an FBI translator investigating him has reportedly been killed by an airstrike in Syria.

20 Jan 2018

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/01/19/german-rapper-jihadist-deso-dogg-seduced-fbi-translator-killed/>

Erdogan says Turkey has launched new ground operation in Syria

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Saturday that Turkey had “de-facto” launched a new operation on the ground to oust Kurdish militia from a northern Syrian enclave, defying US warnings that the action risked destabilising the area. Turkey has in recent days sent dozens of military....

tribune 20 Jan 2018

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1613794/3-erdogan-says-turkey-launched-new-ground-operation-syria/>

Dix morts dans une attaque turque contre une région tenue par les Kurdes

Des bombardements turcs dans la région d'Afrine dans le nord-est de la Syrie ont tué dix personnes samedi, pour la plupart des civils, a affirmé un porte-parole de la milice kurde qui contrôle la région. "Sept civils ont été tués, dont un garçon âgé de huit ans, ainsi....

armenews 9:00:00 AM CET

http://www.armenews.com/article.php?id_article=152493

Syrian govt forces capture key air base in Idlib

The Latest on developments related to Syria (all times local): 5 p.m. Syrian state TV says government forces have retaken a key air base in northwest Syria that was lost to rebels in 2015. The state broadcaster says Syrian troops fought their way into the strategic Abu Zuhour air base on Saturday, in Idlib province.

wxow 20 Jan 2018

<http://www.wxow.com/story/37309420/the-latest-syrian-govt-forces-capture-key-air-base-in-idlib>

Europe

France

ISIS bomb plot foiled in France as police arrest man 'with explosives'

Thomas Mackie French authorities have charged a 33-year-old man with planning a terrorist attack The man, who had pledged allegiance to the terror group in a video was arrested near the southern city of Nimes on Tuesday. A source close to the investigation said: "This is the first attack foiled this year.

express 8:30:00 AM CET

https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/907678/terrorism-france-nimes-islamic-state-bomb-plot?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+daily-express-world-news+%28Express+%3A%3A+World+Feed%29

Rentrée de Syrie avec ses trois enfants, une Française écrouée

Une Française de 30 ans, partie en Syrie avec son compagnon et revenue en France mardi avec ses trois enfants, a été mise en examen samedi à Paris et écrouée, a appris l'AFP de sources judiciaire et proches du dossier. La jeune femme avait été placée en garde à vue à son arrivée mardi soir à....

lamontagne 8:49:00 AM CET

https://www.lamontagne.fr/france/2018/01/21/rentree-de-syrie-avec-ses-trois-enfants-une-francaise-ecrouee_12708696.html

Projet de départ pour le jihad: un adolescent de 17 ans mis en examen et écroué

Un adolescent de 17 ans, soupçonné d'avoir voulu rejoindre la zone de combats jihadistes en Syrie et en Irak, a été mis en examen samedi à Paris et écroué, a appris l'AFP de source judiciaire. Arrêté à Rennes, le jeune homme avait été placé en garde à vue mardi par les policiers de la Direction....

lamontagne 8:49:00 AM CET

https://www.lamontagne.fr/france/2018/01/21/projet-de-depart-pour-le-jihad-un-adolescent-de-17-ans-mis-en-examen-et-ecroue_12708697.html

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