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### **EAST AFRICA**

#### **Rwanda**

##### **Two dead in armed attack in Nyaruguru District**

Armed attackers Tuesday night raided Nyabimata Sector Nyaruguru District in the Southern Province killing two and injuring three.

*newtimes-RW 20 Jun 2018*

<http://www.newtimes.co.rw/news/two-dead-armed-attack-nyaruguru-district>

#### **Somalia**

##### **Airstrikes target South Somalia grouping of al-Shabab militants**

Unidentified airstrike targeted suspected Al-Shabab militants in their hideouts in two locations of southern Somalia on Sunday, residents and security officials confirmed on Monday. The security officials said the airstrikes bombarded the insurgents' hideouts in El-Adde....

*coastweek 7:46:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.coastweek.com/4124-Unidentified-airstrikes-target-al-Shabab-militants-in-southern-Somalia.htm>

##### **Al-Shabab Militant Group Getting Lucky, Not Stronger in Somalia**

Somalia's most dangerous terror group is likely not getting any stronger despite a series of deadly attacks, including one that claimed the life of a U.S. special operations soldier earlier this month. The assessment, by U.S.

*globalsecurity 6:08:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2018/06/mil-180620-voa04.htm>

### **CENTRAL AFRICA**

#### **Cameroon**

**Cameroon government reports 81 police, soldiers dead in country's anglophone crisis**

Anglophone separatists in Cameroon have killed 81 members of the security forces and more than 100 civilians in their months-long campaign for independence, according to a government report released on Wednesday. Seventy-four soldiers and seven police have been killed by separatists since clashes erupted in the two regions in late 2017.

*enca 10:03:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.enca.com/africa/cameroon-government-reports-81-police-soldiers-dead-in-countrys-anglophone-crisis>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **ECOWAS Economic Community of West African States : Why West African Security architecture has to be sensitive to new threats of Terrorism**

Because of the complexities surrounding its operations, terrorism is a threat to all states of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Sahel whose decimation requires a holistic approach. Such an approach, according to the ECOWAS Commission's....

*4-traders 11:01:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.4-traders.com/news/ECOWAS-Economic-Community-of-West-African-States-Why-West-African-Security-architecture-has-to-be--26802039/?utm\\_medium=RSS&utm\\_content=20180621](http://www.4-traders.com/news/ECOWAS-Economic-Community-of-West-African-States-Why-West-African-Security-architecture-has-to-be--26802039/?utm_medium=RSS&utm_content=20180621)

## **Mali**

### **Discours du président de la République à l'occasion du troisième anniversaire de la signature de l'Accord pour la paix et la réconciliation au Mali : UN APPEL À LA MOBILISATION POUR SA MISE EN OEUVRE**

Mes Chers Compatriotes, Permettez-moi, tout d'abord, en cette fin du mois béni de Ramadan de rendre grâce à Allah (SWT) pour nous avoir permis de nous retrouver afin de célébrer, dans la concorde, le troisième anniversaire de l'Accord pour la Paix et la Réconciliation au Mali, issu du processus....

*mali-web 11:08:00 AM CEST*

<http://mali-web.org/politique/discours-du-president-de-la-republique-a-loccasion-du-troisieme-anniversaire-de-la-signature-de-laccord-pour-la-paix-et-la-reconciliation-au-mali-un-appel-a-la-mobilisation-pour-sa>

## **Nigeria**

### **Jubilation hits Zamfara as Air Force rescue 3 kidnap victims**

Three kidnap victims have been rescued in Gusau, Zamfara state. - The victims were rescued by operatives of the Nigerian Air Force on Wednesday, June 20. - According to NAF, the rescue mission was successful following human intelligence reports and subsequent confirmation by NAF Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) aircraft.

*onlinenigeria 8:29:00 AM CEST*

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/745157-jubilation-hits-zamfara-as-air-force-rescue-3-kidnap-victims.html>

### **Nigeria's territorial integrity not under threat, says Defence Headquarters**

The Defence Headquarters has dismissed reports making the rounds that the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) had been sending its members to Nigeria to train members of the Boko Haram sect. In a statement yesterday in Abuja, the Acting Director, Defence Information, Brigadier-General John Agim....

*nrguardiannews 5:40:00 AM CEST*

<http://guardian.ng/news/nigerias-territorial-integrity-not-under-threat-says-defence-headquarters/>

## **Togo**

## **Exercice anti-terroriste à l'aéroport de Lomé**

Les forces de sécurité ont participé mercredi à un exercice anti-terroriste à l'aéroport de Lomé afin de tester le dispositif mis en place sur ce site ultra-sensible.

<http://www.republicoftogo.com/Toutes-les-rubriques/Societe/Exercice-anti-terroriste-a-l-aeroport-de-Lome>

## **Sahel**

**« Les difficultés majeures sont liées à la diffusion des terroristes au sein des populations »**

Secrétaire permanent du G5 Sahel (Mali, Niger, Tchad, Mauritanie, Burkina Faso), depuis février dernier, le Nigérien Maman Sambo Sidikou a passé plus de 25 ans d'exercice dans des services nationaux et étrangers, notamment au sein des instances des Nations Unies.

*journaldumali 10:55:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.journaldumali.com/2018/06/21/maman-sambo-sidikou-difficultes-majeures-liees-a-diffusion-terroristes-sein-populations/>

## **Sub-Saharan Africa records sharp rise in Islamist militant attacks**

The number of Islamist militant attacks increased from 317 in 2013 to 1,549 in April in sub-Saharan Africa, an international risk and strategic consulting firm, Control Risks, said in a report released on Wednesday. The risk consultancy firm said while some of the....

*xinhuanet\_en 20 Jun 2018*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-06/20/c\\_137268378.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-06/20/c_137268378.htm)

## **SOUTHERN AFRICA**

### **Malawi**

#### **Malawi security on alert after Mozambique Islamists attacks**

Government has said its security agents are on alert after Islamists attacks in Mozambique. Home Affairs and Internal Security minister Cecilia Chazama said the government was monitoring the situation in northern Mozambique very closely. "We are aware of the attacks on innocent people in some areas....

*nyasatimes 9:39:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.nyasatimes.com/malawi-security-on-alert-after-mozambique-islamists-attacks/>

### **Mozambique**

#### **Attacks in northern Mozambique kill 39 since May**

Residents in Macomia, Cabo Delgado Province in northern Mozambique on June 11, 2018. Cabo Delgado, expected to become the centre of a natural gas industry, has seen a string of assaults on security forces and civilians since October 2017. Cabo Delgado Province, where huge gas reserves....

*EastAfrican 19 Jun 2018*

<http://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/news/africa/Attacks-in-northern-Mozambique/4552902-4620720-lebyxo/index.html>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Algeria**

#### **Seven Islamist militants surrender in southern Algeria**

Seven Islamist militants surrendered to Algerian authorities on Wednesday near the North African country's border with Mali, the defence ministry said. Security forces recovered arms including six Kalashnikov assault rifles, the ministry said in a statement.

ahram-EN 20 Jun 2018

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/2/8/302968/World/Region/Seven-Islamist-militants-surrender-in-southern-Alg.aspx>

## **Libya**

### **Bomb attack kills 4 members loyal to Libya's Haftar**

Four members of security forces loyal to Libya's eastern-based commander Khalifa Haftar have been killed in the city of Derna after an attacker drove his booby-trapped vehicle toward a group of soldiers. A spokesman for Haftar's Libyan National Army (LNA)....

globalsecurity 6:08:00 AM CEST

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/libya/2018/libya-180620-presstv01.htm>

### **British Envoy Says UN May Impose 'Punitive Measures' on Libya's Rebel Leader Ibrahim al-Jathran**

Meanwhile, Libyan National Army (LNA) continues to mobilize its forces in preparation for a military operation, as high-ranking military sources told Asharq Al-Awsat that the army is very close to regaining control over the region. The British Ambassador said Britain is discussing with the....

albawaba-en 11:33:00 AM CEST

<https://www.albawaba.com/news/british-envoy-says-un-may-impose-punitive-measures-libyas-rebel-leader-ibrahim-al-jathran-11483>

## **Morocco**

### **Baisse du nombre d'affaires liées au terrorisme**

Le nombre d'affaires liées au terrorisme au Maroc a enregistré une baisse en 2017, avec 358 personnes déférées devant le parquet, contre 410 en 2016. Le nombre d'affaires liées au terrorisme au Maroc a enregistré une baisse en 2017, avec 358 personnes déférées devant le parquet, contre 410 en 2016,....

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<http://www.menara.ma/fr/actualite/C3%A9s/maroc/2018/06/21/2443660-maroc-baisse-du-nombre-d%E2%80%99affaires-li%C3%A9es-au-terrorisme-en-2017.html>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **America**

#### **Tackling Illicit Trafficking of Antiquities and its Ties to Terrorist Financing**

The destruction and looting of Iraqi and Syrian cultural heritage are well documented. Experts agree that terrorist groups intend to obtain artifacts and other material culture to profit from an existing market for ancient Near Eastern art and antiquities, especially ancient coins.

dipnote 3:52:00 AM CEST

<https://blogs.state.gov/stories/2018/06/20/en/tackling-illicit-trafficking-antiquities-and-its-ties-terrorist-financing>

#### **Alabama Man Sentenced to 15 Years For Seeking to Offer Info to ISIS**

The sentence comes after Aziz Ihab Sayyed, 23, pleaded guilty in March to buying bomb-building ingredients in 2017 with "aspirations to conduct Islamic State-inspired attacks on police stations and Redstone Arsenal, a U.S. Army Base in Madison County, Ala. The Justice Department also said that Sayyed, a U.

albawaba-en 11:33:00 AM CEST

<https://www.albawaba.com/editorchoice/alabama-man-sentenced-15-years-seeking-offer-info-isis-1148328>

### **Europe**

**Few Islamic State group fighters return but home-grown attacks rise, Europol says**

Australian female comedian's murder sparks soul-searching about women's safety. Few Islamic State group fighters return but home-grown attacks rise, Europol says. Jihadist attacks on European targets more than doubled last year, Europe's police agency said....

france24-en 10:03:00 AM CEST

<http://www.france24.com/en/20180621-few-islamic-state-fighters-return-but-home-grown-attacks-rise-europol-says>

## **Denmark**

### **Denmark Danish News in Brief: Terror attacks on the increase, but methods becoming less sophisticated**

A report from the European police co-operation organisation Europol reveals that the number of terrorist attacks in Europe has gone up dramatically. In 2017 there were 33 attacks that failed, were prevented or were carried out – as opposed to 13 in 2016, reports DR Nyheder.

copenhagenpost 11:29:00 AM CEST

<http://cphpost.dk/news/danish-news-in-brief-terror-attacks-on-the-increase-but-methods-becoming-less-sophisticated.html>

## **UK**

### **ISIS supporter 'wanted to blow up petrol tanker outside Houses of Parliament'**

An alleged ISIS fanatic wanted to blow up a petrol tanker outside the Houses of Parliament, a court has heard. Naa'imur Rahman, 20, planned to detonate explosives at the security gates of number 10 and decapitate Theresa May, prosecutors claim. They say he told an MI5 spy that if a petrol tanker was....

thefirst 2:42:00 AM CEST

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/isis-supporter-wanted-blow-up-12752635>

### **Terror suspect 'plotted to blow up MI5'**

Rahman's alleged plans were revealed in online conversations with a man he believed was a senior Islamic State figure known as the Amir, the Old Bailey heard. In reality the Amir was an MI5 role player, it was said. Rahman whose uncle was killed fighting for IS in Syria had been on the Prevent....

express 3:24:00 AM CEST

[https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/977323/theresa-may-terrorist-suspect-planned-attack-on-mi5?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+daily-express-uk-news+%28Express+%3A%3A+UK+Feed%29](https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/977323/theresa-may-terrorist-suspect-planned-attack-on-mi5?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+daily-express-uk-news+%28Express+%3A%3A+UK+Feed%29)

## **International Organisations**

## **UN**

### **Les Nations unies dénoncent un contexte sécuritaire fragile**

Malgré un contexte sécuritaire fragile avec de nombreuses pertes en vies humaines, le secrétaire général adjoint des Nations unies aux opérations de maintien de la paix, Jean-Pierre Lacroix, s'est déclaré jeudi dernier, encouragé par les avancées dans le processus de paix au Mali.

mali-web 9:06:00 AM CEST

<http://mali-web.org/crise-malienne/onu-les-nations-unies-denoncent-un-contexte-securitaire-fragile>

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