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EAST AFRICA

Kenya

Kenyan police intensify search for 2 kidnapped teachers in Dadaab refugee camp

Police in the sprawling Dadaab refugee camp in northern Kenya have intensified an operation aimed at rescuing two teachers who were abducted by Al-Shabaab militants a fortnight ago. Local police boss Aaron Moriasi told reporters on Monday there are suspicions the....

xinhuanet_en 20 Mar 2017

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/21/c_136143674.htm

Somalia

Several Grenade blasts heard in Mogadishu

Several grenade blasts were heard in Mogadishu on Monday evening, targeting some military base in the northern of the capital. Witnesses said the explosions happened near the defense ministry compound, which now house to hundreds of Somali and AMISOM forces.

shabelle 20 Mar 2017

<http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/03/several-grenade-blasts-rock-mogadishu/>

Gunmen shoot dead civilian in Mogadishu

Unidentified gunmen have shot and killed a civilian in Mogadishu, the latest in a string of targeted assassinations in the capital since the election of the new President Farmajo. The victim – Muheydin Amadi was gunned down by at Suuq Bacad area in Mogadishu by men armed with pistols, who later....

shabelle 20 Mar 2017

<http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/03/gunmen-shoot-dead-civilian-in-mogadishu/>

How Mogadishu's Stagnation Benefits al-Shabab

As of late, Somalia's counterterrorism efforts have enjoyed some notable successes. Security services in Puntland, an autonomous region of northern Somalia, fought off a large seaborne assault from al Shabab last March, killing 300 militants and capturing 100 fighters in the process. The same month, a U.

foreignaffairs 20 Mar 2017

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/somalia/2016-05-15/somalias-governance-problem>

Somali security forces that freed pirated ship say NATO must do more

Somali officials whose forces freed a hijacked oil tanker and its eight Sri Lankan crew said on Sunday that NATO ships must do more to prevent the illegal fishing that locals say sparked the latest attack. Monday's hijacking was the first time that Somali pirates had successfully hijacked a commercial ship since 2012.

hellenicshippingnews 20 Mar 2017

<http://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/somali-security-forces-that-freed-pirated-ship-say-nato-must-do-more/>

Turkey Will Open Its Military Base in Somalia in April

According to the Yeni Safak newspaper, the Turkish Army will train Somalia troops and troops from other African countries at the base, which has been under construction near Somalia's airport in Mogadishu since March 2015. Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and General Staff's Chief Gen.

allafrica 20 Mar 2017

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201703200208.html>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon

Fighting Boko Haram: President Biya makes another offer to vigilante groups

The consignment was handed to the group representatives during a ceremony in Mokolo. Governor of the Far North Region Midjiyawa Bakari who presided over the ceremony transmitted the Head of State's message of congratulation and encouragement to group leaders.

crtv 20 Mar 2017

<http://crtv.cm/fr/nouvelles/politique-7/figting-boko-haram-president-biya-makes-another-offer-to-vigilante-groups-18861.htm>

Central African Republic

Deux personnes tuées et sept autres enlevées par la LRA à l'est du pays

Deux commerçants sont tués et sept personnes enlevées par l'Armée de Résistance du Seigneur (LRA) de Joseph Kony au village Koumbadoulé, localité située à 16 km de la ville de Zémio vers l'est du pays.

journaldebangui 20 Mar 2017

<http://www.journaldebangui.com/article.php?aid=11919>

Rebel group's deadly havoc in CAR, DRC

The resurgent Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) is carrying out a campaign of deadly terror in the crisis-torn Central African Republic and Democratic Republic of Congo. Civilians and United Nations peacekeepers are bearing

20 Mar 2017

<http://cajnewsafrica.com/2017/03/20/rebel-groups-deadly-havoc-in-car-drc/>

WEST AFRICA

Burkina Faso

Djibo : un gendarme blessé dans une embuscade

Un gendarme a été blessé dans la nuit de dimanche à lundi à Petega (25km de Djibo, Nord), lors d'une embuscade tendue contre son unité, a appris l'AIB de sources sécuritaires. Une unité motorisée de la gendarmerie est tombée dans une embuscade à Pétéga (25km de Djibo,....

aib 20 Mar 2017

<http://www.aib.bf/m-9051-djibo-un-gendarme-blesse-dans-une-embuscade.html>

Forces de défense et de sécurité : 200 motos pour contrer le terrorisme

Le ministre de la Sécurité, Simon Compaoré, a remis, le vendredi 17 mars 2017, 200 motos à la police nationale et à la gendarmerie pour lutter contre le grand banditisme et le terrorisme. L'exécutif burkinabè continue de doter les forces de l'ordre et de sécurité de moyens roulants pour répondre à leur besoin de mobilité.

aouaga 20 Mar 2017

<http://news.aOuaga.com/h/107094.html>

Nigeria

Army kills two Boko Haram fighters in Mafa, destroys hideout

Troops of the Nigerian Army have reportedly killed two Boko Haram fighters at Gujari village in Mafa Local Government Area in the early hours of Monday. The Army announced this in a statement released on Monday, saying that the insurgents were killed as they were planning to attack some communities in that area of the northeast.

sunnewsonline 20 Mar 2017

<http://sunnewsonline.com/army-kills-two-boko-haram-fighters-in-mafa-destroys-hideout/>

Fact sheet on Suicide Attacks reported in Nigeria and Neighboring Countries, January 2017

Situation Analysis: UNICEF Nigeria with the support of donors listed above, lead the collection and analysis of data on suicide attacks by the Boko Haram in North-East Nigeria and the neighbouring countries of Cameroon, Chad and Niger. The analysis presented below covers the reporting period of January 2017.

reliefWeb 20 Mar 2017

<http://reliefweb.int/report/nigeria/fact-sheet-suicide-attacks-reported-nigeria-and-neighboring-countries-january-2017>

NORTH AFRICA

Algeria

4 casemates détruites à Béjaïa

Quatre (4) casemates pour terroristes ont été détruites dimanche à Béjaïa par un détachement de l'Armée nationale populaire (ANP), alors que sept éléments de soutien aux groupes terroristes ont été appréhendés à Boumerdès et Sidi Bel Abbés, indique lundi le ministère de la Défense nationale dans un communiqué.

allafrica-fr 6:05:00 AM CET

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201703200880.html>

INTERNATIONAL

America

US

Trump Keeps Obama Strategy of Having Allies Do the Fighting

From Yemen to Syria to here in Central Africa, the Trump administration is relying on Special Operations forces to intensify its promised fight against the Islamic State and other terrorist groups as senior officials embrace an Obama-era strategy to minimize the American military's footprint overseas.

msn-uk 20 Mar 2017

<http://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/trump-continues-us-use-of-special-forces-keeping-wars-at-arm%e2%80%99s-length/ar-BByohiG>

US begins process to revoke citizenship of Pakistani-American

In a rare move, the US has initiated the process to revoke the citizenship of a Pakistani-American who was involved in militancy in Kashmir and is serving a 20-year prison term on terrorism charges. Iyman Faris, who became an American citizen in 1999, was in 2003 convicted of conspiracy to provide....

thehindu 8:30:00 AM CET

http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/us-begins-process-to-revoke-citizenship-of-pakistani-american/article17551947.ece?utm_source=RSS_Feed&utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=RSS_Syndication

Asia

Iraq

Mossoul: le noyau dur des djihadistes étrangers se bat jusqu'au bout

Encerclés par les forces de sécurité irakiennes qui ont progressé jusqu'aux abords de la vieille ville, les djihadistes perdent chaque jour un peu plus de terrain. Daech compterait encore entre 1 500 et 2 000 combattants dans Mossoul-Ouest, sur la rive droite du Tigre.

la-croix 20 Mar 2017

<http://monde.blogs.la-croix.com/mossoul-le-noyau-dur-des-djihadistes-etrangeurs-se-bat-jusquau-bout/2017/03/17/>

15 killed in Baghdad car bomb attack

At least 15 people were killed and 33 others wounded on Monday in a car bomb explosion at a marketplace in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, a police source told Xinhua. The attack occurred in the evening when a booby-trapped car parking at a....

mid-day 7:58:00 AM CET

<http://www.mid-day.com/articles/15-killed-in-baghdad-car-bomb-attack/18093154>

Syria

Terrorists Try to Break Siege Near Damascus

Terrorist groups try to break the army siege in Jobar area, a suburb close to the Syrian capital, and clashes which remain very strong today, according to military sources. Since early Sunday, elements of the so-called Levant Liberation Board, a....

plenglish 20 Mar 2017

<http://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=r&id=10585&SEO=terrorists-try-to-break-siege-near-damascus>

Syrian warplanes pound rebel-held Damascus

Syrian warplanes hammered opposition-held neighbourhoods of Damascus yesterday after regime....

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<http://www.mid-day.com/articles/syrian-warplanes-pound-rebelheld-damascus/18091194>

Turkey

Turkish Antiterrorist Campaign Kills 13, Arrests 126

At least 13 terrorists were killed and 126 were detained in Turkey during 230 police operations carried out over the last few days, according to a statement from the Ministry of Interior released today.

plenglish 20 Mar 2017

<http://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=rm&id=10600&SEO=turkish-antiterrorist-campaign-kills-13-arrests-126>

Europe

Belgium

Attentats de Bruxelles: des mafias au jihad, une histoire du Rif

Les membres du réseau jihadiste franco-belge qui ont frappé Paris et Bruxelles gravitaient autour de la commune bruxelloise de Molenbeek, où la population originaire du Rif, montagne pauvre du nord du Maroc, a importé une longue tradition de défiance envers l'autorité et des pratiques mafieuses....

LePoint 20 Mar 2017

http://www.lepoint.fr/monde/attentats-de-bruxelles-des-mafias-au-jihad-une-histoire-du-rif-20-03-2017-2113257_24.php#xtor=RSS-221

France

Les biens culturels détruits par le terrorisme et la guerre

Rappel des principaux biens culturels détruits par des extrémistes ou lors de conflits, alors qu'est lancée lundi à Paris une alliance internationale pour la protection du patrimoine culturel menacé par le terrorisme et la guerre. Depuis sa montée en puissance en 2014, le groupe Etat....

leparisien 20 Mar 2017

<http://www.leparisien.fr/flash-actualite-culture/les-biens-culturels-detruits-par-le-terrorisme-et-la-guerre-20-03-2017-6779118.php#xtor=RSS-1481423633>

Patrimoine menacé par le terrorisme: plus de 75 M de dollars mobilisés

Sept pays, parmi lesquels la France, l'Arabie saoudite et les Émirats arabes unis ainsi qu'un donateur privé ont promis lundi 75,5 millions de dollars pour la sauvegarde du patrimoine culturel menacé par la guerre et le terrorisme, principalement au Moyen-Orient, lors d'une conférence au Louvre.

ladepeche 20 Mar 2017

<http://www.ladepeche.fr/article/2017/03/20/2539779-conference-paris-voler-secours-patrimoine-menace.html>

UK

Jihadi faces jail after hiding Islamic State data in cufflink

A cyber jihadi is facing jail for hiding his online support for the Islamic State's campaign of terror in a James Bond-style cufflink. Samata Ullah, 34, pleaded guilty to five terror offences, including membership of IS, training, and preparation of terrorist acts.

wandsworthguardian 20 Mar 2017

<http://www.wandsworthguardian.co.uk/uk-national-news/15168752.Jihadi-faces-jail-after-hiding-Islamic-State-data-in-cufflink/?ref=rss>

Terrorist plotting carnage in Europe duped authorities to secure move here

After being accepted as a refugee in Ireland, the man travelled to France where he was arrested and imprisoned for his involvement in a plot to commit acts of terrorism in

several countries across Europe. He is currently in an Irish jail serving a sentence for possession of forged Belgian identity papers, but is due to be released on Friday.

independent-ie 8:12:00 AM CET

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/courts/terrorist-plotting-carnage-in-europe-duped-authorities-to-secure-move-here-35550305.html>

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