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WEST AFRICA

Benin

Le Bénin déclenche une opération militaire pour sécuriser la zone frontalière avec le Burkina Faso

L'armée béninoise a déclenché une opération militaire, baptisée "Djidjoho", dans la zone frontalière avec le Burkina Faso, en vue de ratisser cette région où des forces hostiles venues d'autres pays pourraient s'être réfugié, a indiqué lundi à Cotonou, à la Radio officielle du Bénin, le chef....

acotonou 2:39:00 PM CEST

<http://news.acotonou.com/h/117351.html>

Mali

Mali's security crisis: A cycle of exploitation and corruption

"There are practically no leaders at the local level, no mayors or village leaders," Peul spokesman Abdoul Aziz Diallo told DW. "Local communities are left alone to fend for

themselves." This rise in anti-government sentiment has made the group an easy target for jihadists looking to recruit.

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<https://www.dw.com/en/malis-security-crisis-a-cycle-of-exploitation-and-corruption/a-48067929>

Nigeria

Insurgency: Army pushing hard to stabilise North East

According to him, "Today, we have fully initiative and in collaboration with the multi-national joint task force, we are pushing hard to ensure that we finally sanitize the northern part of Borno and with our borders including Niger, Chad and Cameroon.

dailytrust 5:44:00 PM CEST

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/insurgency-army-pushing-hard-to-stabilise-north-east-buratai.html>

Buratai to Nigerians: We must work collectively to win Boko Haram, bandits, kidnappers

The Chief of Army Staff, Lt Gen. Tukur Buratai, said on Tuesday that Nigerians must work together and offer maximum support to government to secure the country from insurgents, bandits and other criminals. Chief of Army Staff, Gen. Tukur Buratai. The Army chief made the plea at the opening of the....

vanguardngr 7:30:00 PM CEST

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2019/04/buratai-to-nigerians-we-must-work-collectively-to-win-boko-haram-bandits-kidnappers/>

Troops eliminate 5 militia, avert conflict between 2 Tiv clans

The Nigerian Army said on Tuesday that troops of 72 Special Forces (SF) Battalion in Makurdi killed suspected mercenaries and averted a clash between two Tiv clans – the Shitile and the Ikyora. Army spokesman Col. Sagir Musa explained in a statement that the troops laid the ambush on Monday after....

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<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2019/04/troops-eliminate-5-militia-avert-conflict-between-2-tiv-clans/>

Senegal

Sénégal-Mauritanie : des patrouilles militaires mixtes pour sécuriser la frontière commune

La Mauritanie et la Sénégal sécurisent leur frontière commune longue de 700 km par le biais de patrouilles conjointes des deux côtés du fleuve Sénégal, frontière naturelle entre les deux pays. Cette coordination vise à lutter contre le terrorisme et la criminalité transfrontalière.

adakar 3:31:00 PM CEST

<http://news.aDakar.com/h/108177.html>

NORTH AFRICA

Libya

Tripoli airport reopens as fighting rages on in Libya

Authorities in Tripoli said Sunday that the only functional airport in the Libyan capital has been reopened after it was temporarily shut down due to an air strike in the city. Clashes between forces backing the country's unity government and strongman Khalifa Haftar's self-proclaimed Libyan National Army (LNA) have intensified in Tripoli.

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<https://www.dw.com/en/tripoli-airport-reopens-as-fighting-rages-on-in-libya/a-48424965>

At least 264 dead in battle for Libya capital: WHO

A Libyan fighter loyal to the Government of National Accord in clashes with forces loyal to strongman Khalifa Haftar south of the capital Tripoli. At least 264 people have been killed and 1,266 wounded, including civilians, in an offensive by military strongman....

capitalfm 5:45:00 PM CEST

<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2019/04/at-least-264-dead-in-battle-for-libya-capital-who/>

Morocco

Morocco trains foreign students in its practice of moderate Islam

Naminata Koulibaly, 30, receives training in a Moroccan Muslim teaching institute, founded by King Mohammed VI in 2015, and hopes to return to her home in Ivory Coast better equipped to advise women on religious issues. She is one of 100 women admitted every year to study for up to three....

channelnewsasia 5:40:00 PM CEST

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/morocco-trains-foreign-students-in-its-practice-of-moderate-islam-11472072>

Suspects to face trial for terrorism-linked murders of Scandinavian hikers

The killing of Danish student Louisa Vesterager Jespersen, 24, and 28-year-old Norwegian Maren Ueland in December was deemed a "terrorist" act by Moroccan authorities. Twenty-four defendants will face trial -- for charges including promoting terrorism, forming a terrorist cell or causing....

thelocal-dk 5:31:00 PM CEST

<https://www.thelocal.dk/20190423/suspects-to-face-trial-for-terrorist-murders-of-scandinavian-hikers>

Morocco arrests 6 IS-linked suspects

The Moroccan police arrested on Tuesday six people with suspected links to the Islamic State (IS) extremist group in the northern city of Sale. The six suspects, aged between 22 and 28, swore allegiance to the IS leader and joined a cell to propagate the terrorist ideology, the interior ministry said in a statement.

xinhuanet_en 5:22:00 PM CEST

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/23/c_138002548.htm

Tunisia

Council of Arab Interior Ministers calls for cooperation to alleviate suffering of terrorism victims

Not only does the harm caused by terrorist crimes affect innocent victims, it also leaves their families and communities with psychological and social pain, the Secretary-General of the Council of Arab Ministers of the Interior has said. This situation requires the cooperation of all to....

arabnews 3:12:00 AM CEST

<http://www.arabnews.com/node/1486566/middle-east>

AMERICA

Mexico

Militias aren't patrolling the border. Domestic terrorists are.

It speaks volumes about today's political climate that anti-immigrant domestic terrorists have begun calling themselves border militias, holding unarmed people at gunpoint and feeling so emboldened that they post videos of their activities on social media, including Luckily, the hubris of at least....

nbcnews 12:42:00 PM CEST

https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/u-s-mexico-border-isn-t-protected-militias-it-s-ncna997056?cid=public-rss_20190423

ASIA

Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka minister: Easter bombings a response to NZ attacks

Sri Lanka's state minister of defence said Tuesday that the Easter attack on churches, hotels and other sites in the South Asian nation was "carried out in retaliation" for the shooting massacre at two New Zealand mosques last month, according to a statement.

timescolonist 12:43:00 PM CEST

<https://www.timescolonist.com/sri-lanka-minister-easter-bombings-a-response-to-nz-attacks-1.23799072>

‘Our reward to you’: Chilling IS video

An anti-terror officer told the paper NTJ, which “had barely managed to deface Buddhist statues in the past, could not have carried out these blasts on their own”. “The entire country, it seems, was wired,” they said. “The explosives, detonators and other material needed to carry out bombings on....

news_com_au 10:25:00 AM CEST

https://www.news.com.au/world/asia/this-bloody-day-is-our-reward-to-you-islinked-group-posts-chilling-video-claiming-responsibility-for-sri-lanka-massacre/news-story/5d58461246724e06fce2d54b3eb60460?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+newscomauworldnewsndm+%28News.com.au+%7C+World+News%29

Les autorités sri-lankaises, averties du risque terroriste, accusées de grave négligence

Les autorités sri-lankaises ont été massivement alertés sur une menace terroriste élevée... Mais des rivalités au sommet de l'Etat sont venues compromettre la sécurité du pays. Deux jours après le carnage ayant frappé le Sri Lanka et sa capitale Colombo, difficile de parler d'union nationale sur cette île de vingt millions d'habitants.

leparisien 4:39:00 PM CEST

<http://www.leparisien.fr/international/les-autorites-sri-lankaises-averties-du-risque-terroriste-accusees-de-grave-negligeance-23-04-2019-8058750.php#xtor=RSS-1481423633>

Syria

MICHAEL BURLEIGH on the extremists who are attracted to IS despite its weakened form

Just last month, Islamist extremists were driven out of their last stronghold deep in the Syrian desert. Amid much relief, the probability of Islamic State's 'caliphate' seemed over as its infamous black flags were ground into the earth by government soldiers.

mailonsunday 1:53:00 AM CEST

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6948641/MICHAEL-BURLEIGH-extremists-attracted-despite-weakened-form.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

International Organisations

Attacks targeting peacekeepers may constitute war crimes: UN

The UN Security Council on Tuesday condemned "in the strongest terms" the attack on April 20 against a convoy of United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA). The attack, which took place between Douentza and Boni, in the....

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http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/23/c_138002595.htm

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