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### **AFRICAN UNION NEWS**

#### **New African Union Chief Puts Peace Back On the Agenda**

The scene is not a familiar one at the African Union (AU): the AU Commission (AUC) chairperson, in shirtsleeves, walking in the blazing sun down an unpaved alley in a war-torn country. Yet this picture of Moussa Faki Mahamat, the new AUC chairperson, on a visit to South Sudan, is probably the first of many.

*allafrica 23 Apr 2017*

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201704230032.html>

### **EAST AFRICA**

#### **Djibouti**

##### **Washington compte sur la France pour continuer ses opérations au Sahel**

Les Etats-Unis comptent sur la France pour continuer ses opérations contre les réseaux extrémistes au Sahel après ses élections, a déclaré dimanche à Djibouti le secrétaire américain à la Défense, Jim Mattis. "Je n'ai pas de doute que les Français continueront de prendre les meilleures...."

*acotonou 23 Apr 2017*

<http://news.acotonou.com/h/98628.html>

#### **Kenya**

##### **Militant groups lure youth into terrorism, sex slavery**

The young men have been killed in battles in Libya while the young women were sold off as sex slaves to terrorist militants and are now struggling to return home. The Nation has learnt that security agencies – Kenya Police Service, Immigration department, Directorate of Criminal Investigations,....

*nation-ke 23 Apr 2017*

<http://www.nation.co.ke/news/Terror-groups-lure-students-into-terrorism-and-slavery/1056-3900092-uly0eu/index.html>

#### **Somalia**

## **Piracy Is Making A Comeback In Somalia**

Suspected Somali pirates sit with their faces covered during a media interaction on board an Indian Coast guard ship off the coast of Mumbai on February 10, 2011. Twenty eight suspected pirates were brought to Mumbai on February 10 for questioning over an alleged attack as Coastguard Inspector General S.

*dailycaller 12:50:00 AM CEST*

<http://dailycaller.com/2017/04/23/pentagon-piracy-is-making-a-comeback-in-somalia/>

## **Landmine blast kills 9 soldiers, injures 3 in Somalia**

At least nine Puntland soldiers were killed and three others injured in a landmine explosion on Sunday in Galgala town in Bari region of northern Somalia. Abdirahman Farah Gurhan, Police Commander in Galgala said the explosion targeted the soldiers who were fighting....

*xinhuanet\_en 23 Apr 2017*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/23/c\\_136230096.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/23/c_136230096.htm)

## **Tanzania**

### **Tanzania's Security Wings On High Alert On Inputs Of Potential Terror Attack**

National Tanzania's Parliamentary Defence and Security Committee has a crisis meeting recently alerting all the top security organs following information an international terrorist group is planning an attack. Earlier eight policemen of Kibiti District were killed by gunmen and the attack....

*24Tanzania 7:25:00 AM CEST*

<https://24tanzania.com/tanzanias-security-wings-high-alert-inputs-potential-terror-attack/>

## **CENTRAL AFRICA**

### **Cameroon**

#### **«Boko Haram a subi de cuisantes défaites»**

Le chef de l'État camerounais, Paul Biya, a déclaré que le groupe terroriste nigérian «Boko Haram a subi de cuisantes défaites et n'en est réduit qu'à lancer des attaques sporadiques contre les populations civiles, ou à essayer de perpétrer de lâches attentats» alors qu'il présidait, le 21 avril....

*lesafriques 23 Apr 2017*

<http://www.lesafriques.com/actualite/cameroun-boko-haram-a-subi-de-cuisantes-defaites.html?Itemid=89>

### **Central African Republic**

#### **Central African Republic holds unprecedented disarmament talks with rebel groups**

The Central African Republic held unprecedented talks with armed groups this past week seeking to speed up disarmament in a country struggling to turn the page on years of bloodshed, officials said Saturday. For the first time since the disarmament process began, the government — facing a....

*japantimes 23 Apr 2017*

[http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2017/04/23/world/central-african-republic-holds-unprecedented-disarmament-talks-rebel-groups/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+japantimes+%28The+Japan+Times%3A+All+Stories%29](http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2017/04/23/world/central-african-republic-holds-unprecedented-disarmament-talks-rebel-groups/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+japantimes+%28The+Japan+Times%3A+All+Stories%29)

#### **Négociations sans précédent en vue du désarmement des milices**

Des négociations sans précédent sous l'égide de l'ONU entre le gouvernement centrafricain et l'ensemble des groupes armés du pays ont eu lieu en fin de semaine à

Bangui en vue d'accélérer le désarmement de ces milices, responsables de nombreuses exactions.

*slateafrique 22 Apr 2017*

<http://www.slateafrique.com/740890/centrafrique-negociations-sans-precedent-en-vue-du-desarmement-des-milices>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Nigeria**

#### **Boko Haram: Army commanders escape buried explosives**

The Nigerian Army has said the Chief of Administration (Army), Major General IM Alkali and the Acting General Officer Commanding 7 Division Nigerian Army, Brigadier General VO Ezugwu's convoy encountered and cleared 4 Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).

*dailytrust 23 Apr 2017*

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/news/general/boko-haram-army-commanders-escape-buried-explosives/194717.html>

#### **Boko Haram insurgency not over – Buhari**

President Muhammadu Buhari has declared that the war against Boko Haram insurgency in the North East is not over until the remaining Chibok girls are found and returned to their parents. Buhari said this while inducting two newly purchased Russian Mi-35M attack helicopters, at the Nigerian Air Force....

*dailypost 23 Apr 2017*

<http://dailypost.ng/2017/04/23/boko-haram-insurgency-not-buhari/>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Tunisia**

#### **Tunisia Prevented 27,000 Youths from Joining Terror Groups**

Tunisia announced on Saturday that authorities had prevented over 20,000 youths from joining terrorist organizations. Interior Minister Hadi al-Majdoub said that since 2012 security forces succeeded in preventing over 27,000 youths from joining the ranks of these groups.

*aaawsat 23 Apr 2017*

<http://english.aaawsat.com/almunji-alsaidani/news-middle-east/tunisia-prevented-27000-youths-joining-terror-groups>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **America**

#### **US**

#### **Sec Kelly: 'I Don't Know How To Stop' Homegrown Terror**

Kelly's emphasis on the threat of terrorism to commercial aviation also follows the Trump administration's implementation of a March laptop ban on flights to the U.S. from several Middle Eastern countries. A senior homeland security official indicated at the time that intelligence indicated that....

*dailycaller 23 Apr 2017*

<http://dailycaller.com/2017/04/23/sec-kelly-i-dont-know-how-to-stop-homegrown-terror/>

### **Canada**

#### **Terrorism concerns lead to security changes at passport offices**

The federal government has been quietly making changes to passport offices in a bid to improve security and address concerns that the facilities could be easy targets for a terrorist attack. Civil servants in passport and other government offices have for years faced bomb threats, and hostility from individuals who are disgruntled, drunk or suffering mental illnesses.

23 Apr 2017

<http://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/terrorism-concerns-lead-to-security-changes-at-passport-offices-1.3381274>

## **Asia**

### **Afghanistan**

#### **Afghanistan Mourns Victims of Deadly Taliban Assault on Army Base**

Afghanistan observed a national day of mourning Sunday after a Taliban suicide assault killed scores of soldiers in the deadliest insurgent raid on an military base in 16 years. Friday's coordinated attack on the regional headquarters of the Afghan National Army in Mazar-i-Sharif,....

voanews 23 Apr 2017

<http://www.voanews.com/a/afghanistan-in-morning/3821989.html>

#### **Le pays demande des sanctions après le carnage de Mazar-è-Charif**

Les familles endeuillées enterraient leurs fils, dimanche, après le carnage des talibans dans une base militaire du nord de l'Afghanistan qui a fait 130 morts au moins et face à ce nouveau désastre, le pays réclame que des têtes tombent. Le bilan reste flou deux jours après la tuerie survenue....

romandie 23 Apr 2017

<https://www.romandie.com/news/Afghanistan-le-pays-demande-des-sanctions-apres-le-carnage-de-MazareCharif790059.rom>

#### **Brazen Taliban attack eclipses Trump's "mother of all bombs"**

"The biggest threat to the security and stability of this country is the Taliban insurgents, not Daesh forces," said Mirwais Yasini, an influential Afghan member of parliament from Nangarhar province, using an Arabic term for Islamic State. "You drop your biggest bomb on Daesh, but what about the....

iol 9:13:00 AM CEST

<http://www.iol.co.za/news/world/brazen-taliban-attack-eclipses-trumps-mother-of-all-bombs-8791980>

## **Iraq**

#### **Three Iraqi policemen killed in suicide attack south of Mosul**

Three policemen were killed on Sunday in a suicide attack south of Mosul, the northern Iraqi city where Islamic State is fighting off a US-backed offensive, security sources said. A group of about 10 assailants, including four suicide bombers, had tried to infiltrate a Federal Police....

ynetnews 23 Apr 2017

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4952546,00.html>

#### **Hundreds flee Mosul fighting as others return to liberated areas**

Families paid no heed to the sound of heavy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire raging in the background as US-trained Iraqi forces battled Daesh some two km (about a mile) away, Reuters reported. Some had walked kilometers to a government checkpoint where the men were placed in army trucks and....

iran-daily 23 Apr 2017

<http://www.iran-daily.com/News/191405.html>

## **Philippine**

### **Abu Sayyaf militants behead kidnapped Philippine soldier**

A Filipino soldier kidnapped last week in the southern Philippines by Abu Sayyaf militants was found beheaded, the military said on Sunday, hours after government troops killed three more members of the Islamic State-linked group in a clash elsewhere.

reuters 23 Apr 2017

[http://www.reuters.com/article/us-philippines-militants-](http://www.reuters.com/article/us-philippines-militants-idUSKBN17P04G?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FtopNews+%28News+%2F+US+%2F+Top+News%29)

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### **Duterte wants remaining terrorists in Bohol dead**

President Rodrigo Duterte on Sunday said he has ordered the military to kill the remaining terrorists who are still hiding in Bohol. Speaking during the opening ceremony of the Palarong Pambansa 2017, Duterte slammed terrorists as "animals" and said he wants them dead. "I want them dead. Huwag niyong ibigay sa akin nang buhay," he said.

abs-cbnnews 23 Apr 2017

<http://news.abs-cbn.com/news/04/23/17/duterte-wants-remaining-terrorists-in-bohol-dead>

### **Les Philippines renforcent la sécurité pour le Sommet de l'ASEAN**

Environ 41.000 membres du personnel de sécurité et des forces armées des Philippines sont prêts à assurer la sécurité du 30e Sommet de l'Association des nations de l'Asie du Sud-Est (ASEAN) qui aura lieu du 26 au 29 avril dans la ville philippine de Pasay. Le chef de la police de Manille, Oscar Albayalde, a déclaré qu'environ 26.

vietnamplus-fr 23 Apr 2017

<http://fr.vietnamplus.vn/les-philippines-renforcent-la-securite-pour-le-sommet-de-lasean/88089.vnp>

### **Bomb-making notes found inside Taguig jail**

Police raided the cells in Metro Manila District Jail (MMDJ) in Taguig City Monday and recovered various contrabands, including a notebook containing written instructions on how to make a bomb. National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) Director Oscar Albayalde said around 300 cops conducted a....

sunstar 9:00:00 AM CEST

<http://www.sunstar.com.ph/manila/local-news/2017/04/24/bomb-making-notes-found-inside-taguig-jail-538175>

## **Syria**

### **Syrian Army gains ground against terrorists north of Hama**

Government forces captured the town of Halfaya and nearby villages, taking back territory that terrorists seized last year from government forces, Reuters reported. "We gained control of Halfaya and several hills in the area," the Syrian military source said. "The army will of course continue its fight."

iran-daily 23 Apr 2017

<http://www.iran-daily.com/News/191409.html>

## **Tajikistan**

### **La robe traditionnelle pour éviter le foulard islamique**

Confronté à la montée de l'intégrisme religieux, le Tadjikistan, pays d'Asie centrale à majorité musulmane, multiplie les mesures pour lutter contre la radicalisation. Les autorités mènent entre autre une campagne contre le port du hijab, le foulard islamique, et incitent les femmes à opter pour la robe traditionnelle.

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<http://geopolis.francetvinfo.fr/tadjikistan-la-robe-traditionnelle-pour-eviter-le-foulard-islamique-141295#xtor=CSI-746>

## Yemen

### **Suspected US strike kills 3 al-Qaida operatives**

Yemeni tribal and security officials say a suspected US airstrike has killed three al-Qaida operatives on Yemen's southern coast. The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media, say the operatives killed in Shabwa province on Sunday were....

ynews 23 Apr 2017

<http://www.ynews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4952693,00.html>

## Europe

### France

### **Terrorism in France: What ISIS Hopes to Get out of Attacking France so Close to the Elections**

On Friday Paris prosecutor François Molins announced the name of the man who had fatally shot a police officer on the Champs-Élysées Thursday night before being shot dead as he tried to flee the scene. Karim Cheurfi, the prosecutor said, was a convicted criminal

23 Apr 2017

<http://www.newsweek.com/france-islamic-state-police-shooting-elections-587874>

## Germany

### **Terrorism for financial gain is a real threat – but it's also nothing we haven't seen before**

The suspect in the attack on the Borussia Dortmund Team bus on 11 April was looking to profit financially in a convoluted plan reliant on a share price crash. This is a step change, all be it with

23 Apr 2017

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/dortmund-bus-attack-terrorism-financial-gain-stock-market-fear-a7698001.html>

## Switzerland

### **Le terrorisme pèse sur le choix des vacances**

Le terrorisme est le facteur influençant le plus les Suisses dans le choix d'une destination touristique, selon un sondage. Parmi 14 régions «typiques» du monde entier, les mieux notées sont le Tessin (7,2 sur 10), l'Italie (7), les Grisons (6,9) et le Valais (6,7).

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<http://www.lematin.ch/suisse/Le-terrorisme-pese-sur-le-choix-des-vacances-/story/17771431>

## UK

## **Bomb left at a Belfast school was an attempt to murder police, officer says**

"It's a very significant device more than capable of causing death and serious injury," he said. "There's no doubt that device was there to try and kill community police officers on the beat in their local area, but also it was left in such a reckless manner and in such a reckless location that it...."

telegraph 23 Apr 2017

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/04/23/bomb-left-near-belfast-school-attempt-murder-police-officer/>

## **Police arrest second man in London terrorism inquiry**

A second man has been arrested as part of an investigation in London by counter-terrorism officers. The Metropolitan police's counter-terrorism command detained the 40-year-old man in south-east London on Saturday.

23 Apr 2017

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/apr/23/police-arrest-second-man-in-london-terrorism-inquiry>

## **Overreacting means terrorism will never end**

"It just never ends," says US President Donald Trump, referring to the shooting in Paris Thursday night. He is right, but not as he means it. What never ends is the readiness of politicians to rush to publicise and thus enhance and promote terrorist incidents. Once again Daesh's (the

23 Apr 2017

<http://gulfnnews.com/opinion/thinkers/overreacting-means-terrorism-will-never-end-1.2016000>

## **Ukraine**

### **American monitor killed in Ukraine when mine blasts vehicle**

A land mine blew up a vehicle carrying an OSCE monitoring team in the separatist Luhansk region of eastern Ukraine on Sunday, killing an American observer and wounding two European members of the mission, officials reported. The mission's deputy head, Alexander Hug, said the member killed was from the U.

denverpost 8:29:00 AM CEST

<http://www.denverpost.com/2017/04/23/american-monitor-killed-ukraine/>

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