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### **EAST AFRICA**

#### **Kenya**

##### **Jaysh al-Ayman: A ‘Local’ Threat in Kenya**

After a series of deadly attacks, Jaysh al-Ayman, an elite al-Shabaab unit formed about five years ago to carry out operations inside Kenya, has emerged as the deadliest terrorist cell in the East African nation. Although it started life in Somalia, the al-Qaeda affiliate’s Kenya wing portrays....

*jamestown 12:03:00 AM CEST*

<https://jamestown.org/program/jaysh-al-ayman-a-local-threat-in-kenya/>

##### **Kenyan father agonises after losing daughter to ISIS in Syria**

Yusuf Abdi Noor is painfully coming to terms with the death of his eldest daughter who was killed in Syria while fighting for ISIS in 2016. All the 50-year-old is left with is a call log that reminds him of the final moments he had with his daughter Shamisa Noor in December 2016.

*thestarkenya 23 Apr 2018*

[https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2018/04/23/kenyan-father-agonises-after-losing-daughter-to-isis-in-syria\\_c1748429](https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2018/04/23/kenyan-father-agonises-after-losing-daughter-to-isis-in-syria_c1748429)

## **Au nord du Kenya, les femmes sont la proie facile des shebabs somaliens**

Aujourd'hui 226 000 somaliens vivent dans le camp du même nom, qui fut jusque récemment le plus grand camp de réfugiés au monde. La sécurité dans la région est très volatile car les....

*rfi-fr 4:22:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20180423-nord-kenya-femmes-proie-facile-shebabs-somaliens-dadaab>

## **Somalia**

### **AMISOM and Partners Agree On Measures to Tackle Effectively the Threat of IEDs**

A two-day conference on Improvised Explosive devices (IEDs), ended yesterday in Mogadishu, with a call to partners to help Somalia develop a capacity to tackle the potent threat. The Bi-annual conference acknowledged that the indiscriminate use of IEDs by Al-Shabaab militants posed a major risk to....

*allafrica 23 Apr 2018*

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201804200254.html>

### **Somali Troops Launch Military Operation Near Jowhar**

Somali national army [SNA] has launched an operation aimed at rooting out Al Shabaab presence in the areas between Bal'ad and Jowhar towns in Middle Shabelle region. Speaking in an interview with Radio Shabelle, Qasim Ali Nur who is the commissioner of Bal'ad said the operation is jointly carried out by Somali forces backed by AU soldiers.

*allafrica 23 Apr 2018*

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201804200255.html>

### **Two soldiers killed in military base clash in Mogadishu**

Two soldiers died and five others were injured in a clash between troops trained by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the Somali National Army (SNA) at a military base in Mogadishu on Monday. The two died in a fierce gunfight that broke out when a group of UAE-trained....

*xinhuanet\_en 23 Apr 2018*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/24/c\\_137131670.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/24/c_137131670.htm)

## **Rival groups from Somalia's army fight at former UAE training facility**

Rival forces from Somalia's army shot at each other in the capital Mogadishu on Monday, with one group trying to storm a training center the United Arab Emirates left behind after it ended a training program there, soldiers and residents said. The clash was an indication of the difficulty in....

*iran-daily 23 Apr 2018*

<http://www.iran-daily.com/News213817.html>

## **CENTRAL AFRICA**

### **Cameroon**

#### **Lutte contre le terrorisme : Le Nigéria et le Cameroun vont intensifier leur coopération**

Déclaration du chef d'état-major des forces armées nigérianes après le tête-à-tête avec son homologue, le général de corps d'armée René Claude Meka, hier à Yaoundé. Le chef d'état-major des forces armées nigérianes, général Abayomi Gabriel Olonisakin était à Yaoundé hier 23 avril 2018. Exactement deux ans après son dernier séjour au Cameroun.

*camer 7:33:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.camer.be/67664/1:11/lutte-contre-le-terrorisme-le-nigeria-et-le-cameroun-vont-intensifier-leur-cooperation-cameroon.html>

#### **SW Governor's Convoy Survives Double Attacks From 'Amba Boys'**

The convoy of the Governor of the Southwest Region, Bernard Okalia Bilai, Friday, April 20, came under attack en route to and from Lebialem Division. Governor Okalia Bilai was leading a powerful delegation; with security officers armed to teeth to Lebialem Divisional headquarter...

*cameroonpostline 23 Apr 2018*

<http://www.cameroonpostline.com/sw-governors-convoy-survives-double-attacks-from-amba-boys/>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Mali**

## **Le modèle afghan menace le Mali**

Sur les faits, l'attaque est d'une forme et d'une ampleur inattendue, qui n'est pas sans rappeler d'autres théâtres de conflits, tels l'Afghanistan ou le Moyen Orient. L'objectif, selon les mots même du communiqué français est de « prendre le contrôle du camp », dans cette ville qui a été un des....

*mali-web 10:10:00 AM CEST*

<http://mali-web.org/crise-malienne/le-modele-afghan-menace-le-mali>

## **UN says Canada needs more helicopters to fully meet its peacekeeping commitments in Mali**

Canada is taking over a key role in the peacekeeping mission in Mali, but United Nations officials worry it may not be able to fully implement its mandate because it plans to send limited helicopter support. Ottawa has said it will supply two CH-147 Chinook transport helicopters for logistical....

*CBC 10:10:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/un-says-canada-needs-more-helicopters-to-fully-meet-its-peacekeeping-commitments-in-mali-1.4632036?cmp=rss>

## **Niger**

### **Eyes Over Africa: US Building Huge New Drone Base in Central Niger**

The US military is building a new overseas military base in Niger, adding to its existing inventory of more than 800 bases in more than 70 countries, according to a recent dispatch from central Niger. The Associated Press reported Monday that the US Air Force was constructing....

*globalsecurity 3:31:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2018/04/mil-180423-sputnik01.htm>

### **US builds drone base in Niger, crossroads of extremism fight**

On the scorching edge of the Sahara Desert, the U.S. Air Force is building a base for armed drones, the newest front in America's battle against the growing extremist threat in Africa's vast Sahel region. Three hangars and the first layers of a runway command a sandy, barren field.

*news-yahoo 3:43:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-builds-drone-niger-crossroads-extremism-fight-090624861.html>

## **Nigeria**

### **Boko Haram: Security operatives foil suicide bomb attack in Bama**

Security Operatives in Bama town of Bama local government area of Borno State, northeast Nigeria, monday night foiled a suicide attack in the town. This came less than 48 hours after bombs detonated at a mosque killed 7 people. A statement from DSP Edet Okon, PPRO Borno State Command on Tuesday....

*dailypost 10:14:00 AM CEST*

<http://dailypost.ng/2018/04/24/boko-haram-security-operatives-foil-suicide-bomb-attack-bama/>

### **Boko Haram: CDS visits wounded soldiers in N'Djamena**

The Chief of Defence Staff, General Gabriel Olonisakin has visited Nigerian, Cameroonian and Chadian troops who are undergoing treatment for injuries sustained in the ongoing Operation AMNI FAKAT in Lake Chad. General Olonisakin was received at the Chadian Air Force Base in N'Djamena by the Force....

*dailypost 10:14:00 AM CEST*

<http://dailypost.ng/2018/04/24/boko-haram-cds-visits-wounded-soldiers-ndjamena/>

### **21 dead in NE Nigeria Boko Haram attacks**

Suspected Boko Haram militants killed 21 people in separate attacks in a remote northeastern region of Nigeria, security officials and a witness told AFP on Monday. The jihadists shot dead 18 forest workers who had been collecting firewood in Borno state, close to the town of Gamboru, on the border....

*nation-ke 9:25:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.nation.co.ke/news/africa/21-dead-in-NE-Nigeria-Boko-Haram-attacks/1066-4495776-mgus6lz/index.html>

### **Military Kills Boko Haram Terrorists in Lake Chad**

The Air Task Force (ATF) of Operation Lafiya Dole has conducted an interdiction mission and killed undisclosed numbers of Boko Haram terrorists in Lake Chad region. The Air Force spokesman, Air Vice Marshal Olatokunbo Adesanya, in a statement, said: "in the night of April 13, 2018, the Nigerian Air....

*allafrica 5:54:00 AM CEST*

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201804180229.html>

## **Troops destroy Boko Haram training camp**

Troops of Operation Lafiya Dole deployed at a Forward Operational Base in Benisheikh have uncovered a Boko Haram training camp where instructional training was provided to its foot soldiers. Members of the Nigerian Armed Forces Sniper Unit stand in their ghillie suits at the African Land Forces....

*onlinenigeria 2:33:00 AM CEST*

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/730260-troops-destroy-boko-haram-training-camp.html>

## **Sahel**

### **Jihadists Gain Strength Even as Troops Arrive in West Africa**

As a convoy of United Nations police on a night patrol stopped to chat with residents on the sand-blown streets of the central Malian city of Sevare, Sada Cissoko could no longer hold back his emotions. “There are soldiers from all around the world in Mali, but despite the drones and the resources....

*bloomberg 2:31:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-24/jihadists-gain-strength-even-as-troops-arrive-in-west-africa>

## **SOUTHERN AFRICA**

### **Mozambique**

#### **Police Deny Alleged Terrorist Infiltration**

Maputo The Mozambican police have categorically denied reports in a South African paper that terrorists from the self-styled “Islamic State”, or ISIS, have infiltrated northern Mozambique. The paper, the “Lowvelder”, published in Mbombela, capital of the eastern South African province of Mpumalanga....

*allafrica 23 Apr 2018*

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201804170155.html>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Egypt**

## **Egypt's Dar Al-Iftaa Establishes World Council to Counter Islamophobia**

The move comes at a time when Muslim minorities abroad face difficulties especially with the rise of Islamophobia. The "The International Council of Muslim Minorities" headquarters will be located in Abu Dhabi. A conference will take place in Abu Dhabi on May 8 and 9, 2018 where a council will....

*albawaba-en 7:32:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.albawaba.com/editorchoice/egypt%E2%80%99s-dar-al-iftaa-establishes-world-council-counter-islamophobia-1121178>

## **Libya**

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*xinhuanet\_en 3:26:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/24/c\\_137131934.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/24/c_137131934.htm)

## **Rocket attack damages a Libyan Airplanes passenger aircraft in Libya's Tripoli**

A passenger aircraft - belonging to state-run Libyan Airlines - was damaged when rockets, fired by unidentified militants, hit Mitiga airport in Libya's capital city of Tripoli early on 19 April, Reuters reported. The airport's arrivals hall was also hit by rockets. Reports did not contain details of any casualties.

*janes 1:32:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.janes.com/article/79515/rocket-attack-damages-a-libyan-airplanes-passenger-aircraft-in-libya-s-tripoli?from\\_rss=1](http://www.janes.com/article/79515/rocket-attack-damages-a-libyan-airplanes-passenger-aircraft-in-libya-s-tripoli?from_rss=1)

## **2 killed in clashes between army, tribal gunmen in Libya**

Clashes between an army unit and tribal gunmen in the southern Libyan city of Sabha on Monday killed two people and wounded five others, a medical source said. "The center on Monday has received two dead bodies and five wounded people, as a result of the clashes," a source of Sabha medical center told Xinhua.

*xinhuanet\_en 1:05:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/24/c\\_137131947.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/24/c_137131947.htm)

## **L'absence prolongée de Khalifa Haftar fragilise son armée à l'est du pays**

Le maréchal Khalifa Haftar, commandant général de l'armée nationale libyenne, (ANL) est absent depuis plus de deux semaines de la scène politique en Libye. Son absence prolongée et les bruits les plus pessimistes qui courent sur son état de....

*rfi-fr 1:00:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20180423-absence-prolongee-marechal-haftar-fragilise-armee-est-pays>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **America**

#### **US**

### **Group blames Trump for jump in attacks on US Muslims**

A Muslim civil rights group blasted President Donald Trump and his administration Monday, saying his words and policies led to a sharp increase in attacks and bias against Muslims in 2017. The Council on American-Islamic Relations said Monday the number of reported anti-Muslim....

*siouxcityjournal 23 Apr 2018*

[http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/national/group-blames-trump-for-jump-in-attacks-on-us-muslims/article\\_99b91480-acd7-57ab-841a-8698e708c55b.html](http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/national/group-blames-trump-for-jump-in-attacks-on-us-muslims/article_99b91480-acd7-57ab-841a-8698e708c55b.html)

### **Europe**

#### **Italy**

### **Sentenced to five years in jail for instigating jihad in Bari**

A Bari judge on Monday convicted a 38-year-old Chechen of terrorism charges at the end of a fast-track trial and sentenced him to five years in jail. Eli Bombataliev, who was arrested in Foggia in July 2017, was found guilty of Islamist international terrorism and jihad instigation.

*lagazzettadelmezzogiorno-en 23 Apr 2018*

<http://www.lagazzettadelmezzogiorno.it/news/english/1006578/chechen-foreign-fighter-convicted-of-terror-charges-2.html>



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