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EAST AFRICA

Somalia

Senior Al-Shabab Leader Defects, Surrenders to Somali Government

Somali officials say a senior al-Shabab official has defected from the group and surrendered to the Somali government in the southwestern Gedo region. Officials say Aden Abdi Mohamed known as "Aden Obe" surrendered Tuesday near the main Bardhere town.

globalsecurity 7:25:00 AM CEST

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2019/04/mil-190423-voa01.htm>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon

Le bilan de la dernière attaque de Boko Haram passe à huit morts

Le bilan de la récente attaque menée par la secte islamiste nigériane Boko Haram dans la région camerounaise de l'Extrême-Nord s'est alourdi, passant à huit morts, tous civils, d'après des sources locales concordantes. L'incursion a eu lieu dans la nuit de lundi à mardi....

french-news 3:15:00 AM CEST

http://french.xinhuanet.com/afrique/2019-04/24/c_138004100.htm

Democratic Republic of Congo

La RDC, prochaine cible djihadiste africaine?

Plus grand pays d'Afrique sub-saharienne, l'instable République démocratique du Congo est-elle dans le viseur de l'islam radical ou des mouvements affiliés à l'internationale djihadiste qui opèrent dans de nombreux pays sur le continent, du Mali à la Somalie? La question vient de se poser dans....

tdg 9:22:00 AM CEST

<https://www.tdg.ch/monde/La-RDC-prochaine-cible-djihadiste-africaine/story/13830295>

WEST AFRICA

Burkina Faso

Lutte contre le terrorisme : Les épouses des FDS apportent leur contribution

L'Union des épouses de corps habillés du Burkina Faso (UECH-BF) organise une tournée de sensibilisation sur l'incivisme, l'insécurité dans les douze arrondissements de Ouagadougou. Le lancement officiel de la dite activité est intervenu le lundi 22 avril 2019 à la mairie de l'arrondissement 9 de Ouagadougou.

aouaga 5:43:00 AM CEST

<http://news.aOuaga.com/h/123588.html>

Mali

Mali jihadists say army base attack was revenge for village massacre

Al Qaeda-linked militants in Mali claimed responsibility on Tuesday for an attack on a military base that killed at least 11 soldiers, saying it was revenge for the massacre of some 160 Fulani civilians last month, the SITE Intelligence Group said.

reuters-in 23 Apr 2019

https://in.reuters.com/article/mali-security/mali-jihadists-say-army-base-attack-was-revenge-for-village-massacre-idINKN1RZ2AQ?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FINworldNews+%28News+%2F+IN+%2F+World+News%29

Nigeria

Nigerian Army Employing Maximum Intelligence To Contain Insurgency

The Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Lieutenant General Yusuf Tukur Buratai yesterday disclosed that the Nigerian Army is employing maximum intelligence in her efforts to contain all forms of insurgency particularly in the hinterlands. General Buratai stated this yesterday in his address to declare open....

leadership 23 Apr 2019

<https://leadership.ng/2019/04/23/nigerian-army-employing-maximum-intelligence-to-contain-insurgency-coas/>

Cybersecurity conference returns to Nigeria

Nigeria's acclaimed largest annual technical Cyber-Security Conference, NaijaSecCon Cybersecurity Conference, has returned to Lagos. This year's edition will hold at Ace Olivia Hall, City Mall, Opposite Muson Centre, in May 2019. It is expected to be better than the last edition,....

vanguardngr 7:20:00 AM CEST

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2019/04/najaseccon-cybersecurity-conference-returns-to-nigeria/>

NORTH AFRICA

Egypt

Egyptian summit calls for end to violence in Libya

A summit held in Egypt's capital Tuesday to discuss the political and security situation in Libya called on the warring parties to reach a truce and launch negotiations. In the summit's closing declaration, Libya's UN-recognized Government of National Accord (GNA) and forces led by commander Khalifa Haftar were urged to stop fighting.

aa-en 8:21:00 AM CEST

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/egyptian-summit-calls-for-end-to-violence-in-libya/1461094>

Libya

IS and the Libyan vacuum

The so-called Islamic State has lost its last scrap of land in Syria, but the group remains active across the Middle East and North Africa and still poses a threat to the West. The West cannot afford to declare victory yet. The origins of the so-called Islamic State can be traced to George W.

timesofmalta 7:12:00 AM CEST

<https://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20190424/opinion/is-and-the-libyan-vacuum-martin-scicluna.708068>

Libyan forces push back Haftar's troops south of Tripoli: witnesses

Rebel Fighters crowd a truck as they leave Bin Jawwad, Libya. (Courtesy) Forces supporting Libya's internationally recognised government pushed back troops loyal to eastern commander Khalifa Haftar to more than 60 km (37 miles) southwest of the capital, Tripoli, on Tuesday, Reuters reporters said.

standardmedia 7:30:00 AM CEST

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001322406/libyan-forces-push-back-haftar-s-troops-south-of-tripoli-witnesses>

Egypt's president calls for enabling Libya's eastern-based army to eradicate terrorism

Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi called on Tuesday for enabling Libya's eastern-based army to eradicate terrorism in the war-torn North African country. Sisi's remarks came during a meeting in Cairo with African heads of state, official Ahram Online news website reported.

xinhuanet_en 12:21:00 AM CEST

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/24/c_138002875.htm

Morocco

Une cellule terroriste liée à Daech démantelée au Maroc

Ils sont âgés de 22 à 28 ans. Cinq jeunes, soupçonnés d'appartenir à une cellule terroriste active, ont été interpellés mardi à Salé, près de la capitale Rabat au Maroc. Une autre personne, suspectée d'entretenir des liens avec les membres de cette fraction liée à Daech, a été arrêtée plus tard dans la journée à Dakhla, dans le Sahara occidental.

leparisien 3:19:00 AM CEST

<http://www.leparisien.fr/faits-divers/une-cellule-terroriste-liee-a-daech-demantelee-au-maroc-23-04-2019-8059101.php#xtor=RSS-1481423633>

ASIA

Sri Lanka

Sri Lankan suicide bomber studied in UK and Australia, officials say

Sri Lankan Army soldiers respond to the Easter Sunday bombings in the Sri Lankan capital of Colombo AP. One of the suicide bombers who carried out the deadly Easter attacks in Sri Lanka studied in the UK and Australia, authorities in the country said Wednesday.

nypost 9:52:00 AM CEST

<https://nypost.com/2019/04/24/sri-lankan-suicide-bomber-studied-in-uk-and-australia-officials-say/>

Ambassador: US had 'no prior knowledge' of Sri Lanka threat

The U.S. ambassador to Sri Lanka says America had “no prior knowledge” of the Easter bombings that killed over 350 people in the island nation, despite local claims that foreign officials had been warned that an attack was looming.

TorontoStar 9:54:00 AM CEST

<https://www.thestar.com/news/world/asia/2019/04/24/ambassador-us-had-no-prior-knowledge-of-sri-lanka-threat.html>

Sri Lanka bombings death toll nears 360 as police make more arrests

The death toll from the Easter suicide bombings in Sri Lanka has risen to 359 and more suspects have been arrested, police in Colombo have said. Islamic State has claimed responsibility and released images that purported to show the seven bombers who blew themselves up at three churches and three hotels on Sunday.

wandsworthguardian 9:55:00 AM CEST

<https://www.wandsworthguardian.co.uk/news/national/17593388.sri-lanka-bombings-death-toll-nears-360-as-police-make-more-arrests/?ref=rss>

ISIS claim for Sri Lanka bombings supported by 'some of the evidence,' PM says

The Islamic State has claimed responsibility for Sunday's deadly string of bombings in Sri Lanka, for the attacks. providing a photo and the noms de guerre of the eight men it says were responsible While only one man's face is visible — Zahran Hashim, a radical imam known for his fiery....

CBC 23 Apr 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/thenational/national-today-newsletter-isis-sri-lanka-telecommuting-1.5107802?cmp=rss>

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6951599/Sri-Lankan-suicide-bombers-film-pledging-allegiance-ISIS.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

The attacks in Sri Lanka and the threat of foreign fighters

If Sri Lankan foreign fighters played a significant role in the Easter Sunday terrorist attacks, it would be the largest killing by foreign fighters linked to the Islamic State ever, and the largest foreign fighter-linked attack since 9/11, writes Daniel Byman.

brookings 23 Apr 2019

https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2019/04/23/the-attacks-in-sri-lanka-and-the-threat-of-foreign-fighters/?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=brookingsrss/topfeeds/latestfrombrookings

The threat of ISIS has not disappeared, it might even have grown Sri Lanka attacks show

commission the attacks in Sri Lanka? Did the terror group sub-contract the killings to a local jihadist organisation or did the suicide bombers only have a loose ideological alignment? These are some of the most important questions in global counter-terrorism.

itv 9:53:00 AM CEST

<https://www.itv.com/news/2019-04-24/the-threat-of-isis-has-not-disappeared-it-might-even-have-grown-sri-lanka-attacks-show/>

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