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EAST AFRICA

Kenya

Shabaab attacks in Lamu diverting KDF's attention from Somalia, experts warn

The Mpeketoni assistant county commissioner's office which was torched by Al-Shabaab militants on June 15, 2014 in one of the deadliest terror attacks in Lamu. Since that attack happened, the Jaysh Ayman brigade has continued to launch a constant terror attacks at the Coast.

nation-ke 23 Jan 2018

<https://www.nation.co.ke/news/Jaysh-Ayman-Shabaab-brigade/1056-4274990-1fjuo7/index.html>

Somalia

Blast Near Mogadishu Kills 4, Including Child

Four people have been killed and six others wounded in a remote-controlled improvised explosive device explosion near the Somali capital on Tuesday, officials and witnesses said. Three government soldiers and a seven-year-old-boy were killed after the explosion hit a military vehicle at K-13, a suburb near Mogadishu, witnesses said.

voanews 23 Jan 2018

<https://www.voanews.com/a/somalia-attack-al-shabab/4220353.html>

Somalia lures defectors in new push against insurgents

As an undercover operative for Somalia's al Shabaab militia, Nasteh spied on the insurgent group's senior commanders to ensure their loyalty and planned bombings and assassinations in government-controlled territory. But late last year, the government officials he once hunted....

reuters 8:28:00 AM CET

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-somalia-defections-exclusive/exclusive-somalia-lures-defectors-in-new-push-against-insurgents-idUSKBN1FD0KO?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29

Somali citizens count cost of surge in US airstrikes under Trump

Somali citizens count cost of surge in US airstrikes under Trump. Dozens of civilians have been killed and wounded in Somalia as US-led airstrikes against Islamist militants increase to unprecedented levels, a Guardian investigation has found, raising fears that Washington's actions could bolster support for extremists.

shabelle 23 Jan 2018

<http://radioshabelle.com/somali-citizens-count-cost-surge-us-airstrikes-trump/>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Central African Republic

Unprecedented numbers flee as CAR violence surges

Ngakouma Anatol and his wife Djikaidé Marina arrived in Chad three weeks ago with their five children after walking for 24 hours from their home in the north-western Central African Republic. They are among thousands of people who have crossed the border since a surge in violence in the....

unhcr-org 23 Jan 2018

<http://www.unhcr.org/5a673ece4.html>

WEST AFRICA

Mali

Accord de paix : Groupes armés et gouvernement veulent des élections en 2018

Mais

La 23ème session du Comité de suivi s'est achevée ce mardi à Bamako. A l'issue de cette réunion du CSA, le gouvernement, la Plateforme et la Coordination des mouvements de l'azawad ont affiché une volonté de voir les futures échéances électorales se tenir aux dates prévues.

abamako 8:09:00 AM CET

<http://news.abamako.com/h/179221.html>

Comment la Dawa à l'origine très modérée a basculé vers le radicalisme au Mali : – Iyad Ag Ghaly , figure emblématique de la secte et Amadou Koufa son représentant dans la région de Mopti

Les récentes attaques perpétrées au Mali notamment dans les régions de Ségou, Sikasso et dont la plus récente est la prise d'otages de Sévaré ont porté la signature de la Dawa, une secte en nette proportion au Mali. Ces attaques ont du coup jeté au devant de la scène cette secte aux relents fanatiques et radicaux.

mali-web 23 Jan 2018

<http://mali-web.org/societe/mali-comment-la-dawa-a-lorigine-tres-moderee-a-bascule-vers-le-radicalisme-au-mali-iyad-ag-ghaly-figure-emblematisque-de-la-secte-et-amadou-koufa-son-representant-dans-la-regio>

Niger

Tillabery : Au moins un gendarme tué et plusieurs blessés dans une nouvelle attaque

Au moins un (1) gendarme a été tué et plusieurs autres blessés dans l'attaque d'un détachement de la gendarmerie nationale par des assaillants armés dans la nuit du lundi 22 au mardi 23 janvier vers Kokoloukou, dans le département de Torodi (Région de Tillabéry) à la frontière avec le Burkina Faso.

actuniger 3:47:00 AM CET

<http://www.actuniger.com/societe/13734-insecurite-tillabery-au-moins-un-gendarme-tue-et-plusieurs-blesses-dans-une-nouvelle-attaque.html>

Two Niger police killed in attack

Two policemen have been killed and seven wounded in an attack in southwest Niger, local media reported Wednesday. It was not clear if the attack overnight Monday-Tuesday near the village of Kokoloukou, in Tillaberi region bordering Burkina Faso, was the work of jihadists or armed bandits.

enca 7:51:00 AM CET

<http://www.enca.com/africa/two-niger-police-killed-in-attack>

Nigeria

Monitor repentant Boko Haram insurgents, Activist warn FG

A civil society activist in Maiduguri, Mr. Ahmed Idris, has called for proactive measures to monitor repentant Boko Haram insurgents recently handed over to Borno Government. Idris said in an interview with newsmen on Tuesday that the monitoring was imperative to ensure that the de-radicalised....

vanguardngr 23 Jan 2018

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/01/monitor-repentant-boko-haram-insurgents-activist-warn-fg/>

Mbasogo congratulates Buhari for defeating Boko Haram

Equatorial Guinea President, Theodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, has congratulated the President Muhammadu Buhari for defeating Boko Haram, but for pockets of attacks on soft targets. He described Boko Haram terrorists as 'dogs', insisting that only dogs that kill people mercilessly for their selfish reasons.

sunnewsonline 8:54:00 AM CET

<http://sunnewsonline.com/mbasogo-congratulates-buhari-for-defeating-boko-haram/>

CSOs reaffirm commitment to preventing violence, extremism

Abuja based Civil Society Organisation, the Sahel Network on Preventing Violent Extremism (SNPVE) has reaffirmed its commitment to preventing violence extremism in Nigeria. The Group in a Communiqué issued yesterday in Abuja, said their goal is to promote an environment of....

peoplesdaily-online 8:08:00 AM CET

<http://www.peoplesdailyng.com/csos-reaffirm-commitment-to-preventing-violence-extremism/>

NORTH AFRICA

Algeria

Une conférence sur le financement du terrorisme prochainement à Alger

Le ministre des Affaires étrangères, Abdelkader Messahel a annoncé sur les ondes de la chaîne III de la radio nationale, lundi le 22 janvier 2018, la tenue les prochains mois à Alger, d'une conférence sur le financement du terrorisme, pour examiner les moyens de tarir les sources de financement pour les groupes terroristes.

ENTV-fr 23 Jan 2018

<http://www.entv.dz/tyfr/news/index.php?voir=512&id=0>

Déradicalisation : l'Algérie veut partager son expérience au Forum de Davos

S'exprimant, lundi, sur les ondes de la chaîne 3, Messahel y a soutenu que «l'Algérie est prête à partager son expérience en matière de déradicalisation, qui peut être utile, et est prête aussi à partager ce qu'elle a vécu comme réformes et politiques», a-t-il dit en substance.

23 Jan 2018

<http://www.algerie1.com/actualite/deradicalisation-l-algerie-veut-partager-son-experience-au-forum-de-davos>

Egypt

Two militants killed, hideouts destroyed in military operations in Sinai

The official spokesperson of the Armed Forces Tamer al-Refai stated on Tuesday that the Second Field Army's law enforcement forces in North Sinai have launched several anti-terror operations. Military forces killed two highly Islamist militants and arrested another two while they were going to....

egyptindependent 9:28:00 AM CET

<http://www.egyptindependent.com/two-militants-killed-hideouts-destroyed-in-military-operations-in-sinai/>

Libya

Twin car bombs kill dozens outside Benghazi, Libya, mosque

The second, larger blast went off around 10 to 15 minutes across the street later as security and other emergency officials were on the scene. Officials believe the second blast targeted responders to the first event. Between 22 and 33 people died in the blast and up to 50 were injured.

upi 3:11:00 AM CET

https://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2018/01/23/Twin-car-bombs-kill-dozens-outside-Benghazi-Libya-mosque/3051516753243/

Au moins 22 morts dans un double attentat à Benghazi

Au moins 22 personnes ont été tuées et une vingtaine blessées mardi soir à Benghazi dans un double attentat à la voiture piégée devant une mosquée dans le centre de cette ville de l'est libyen, selon un nouveau bilan. Le nouveau bilan ne prend en compte que les victimes admises à l'hôpital al-Jala à....

lorientlejour 7:46:00 AM CET

<https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1095986/libye-au-moins-22-morts-dans-un-double-attentat-a-benghazi-nouveau-bilan.html>

INTERNATIONAL

America

US

US designates Indian-origin ISIS militant as global terrorist

The US designated Indian- origin Islamic State militant from Britain Siddhartha Dhar along with a Belgian-Moroccan citizen as global terrorists and imposed sanctions on them, the State Department said. The US designated Indian- origin Islamic State militant from Britain Siddhartha Dhar along with a....

mid-day 9:19:00 AM CET

<https://www.mid-day.com/articles/us-designates-indianorigin-isis-militant-as-global-terrorist/18973161>

Asia

Afghanistan

L'ONG Save the Children visée par une attaque en Afghanistan

Une attaque s'est produite mercredi à Jalalabad, en Afghanistan, près du bureau de l'organisation humanitaire Save the Children. Des affrontements ont ensuite éclaté entre assaillants et forces de sécurité. Une attaque était en cours, mercredi 24 janvier dans la matinée, contre le siège de l'ONG....

france24 8:26:00 AM CET

<http://www.france24.com/fr/20180124-afghanistan-attentat-terroriste-jalalabad-ong-save-the-children>

Gunmen attack Save the Children office in east Afghanistan

Afghan TV news channels showed a thick plume of black smoke rising above the compound and what appears to be at least one vehicle on fire outside the office. Another witness told AFP: "It might be a complex attack. I am hearing gunfire from inside Save the Children compound.

egyptindependent 9:28:00 AM CET

<http://www.egyptindependent.com/gunmen-attack-save-children-office-east-afghanistan/>

Save the Children in Afghanistan attacked by gunmen who storm British charity's office

Gunmen blasted their way into Save the Children's office in Afghanistan , in an attack that has wounded at least 11 people. After blowing up a car outside the British charity's compound in Jalalabad city on Wednesday, the attackers used a rocket propelled grenade to storm the complex. "I can hear two attackers.

telegraph 9:27:00 AM CET

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/01/24/save-children-afghanistan-attacked-gunmen-storm-british-charity/>

Kaboul: des failles criantes dans la sécurité de l'hôtel visé par un attentat

Portiques en panne, fouilles distraites des véhicules et inexistantes pour les bagages: les récits des visiteurs du grand hôtel de Kaboul juste avant son attaque samedi révèlent des failles criantes du dispositif de sécurité dans une ville sous menace permanente.

lexpress 23 Jan 2018

https://www.lexpress.fr/actualites/1/monde/kaboul-des-failles-criantes-dans-la-securite-de-l-hotel-vise-par-un-attentat_1978625.html

Indonesia

Pentagon Eyes Expanded Counterterrorism Cooperation with Indonesia

The Pentagon is looking to boost counterterrorism cooperation with an elite Indonesian special forces group, U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Tuesday during a visit to Jakarta. The special forces unit, known as Kopassus, has been accused of a range of human rights abuses,....

voanews 23 Jan 2018

<https://www.voanews.com/a/pentagon-eyes-expanded-counterterrorism-cooperation-with-indonesia/4220099.html>

Pakistan

Suspected U.S. drone kills two Haqqani network militants in Pakistan

A suspected U.S. drone attack on a house in northwestern Pakistan killed two militants from the Afghan Taliban-allied Haqqani network, two Pakistani security officials said on Wednesday. Two missiles hit a house and killed militants Ahsan Khorai and Nasir Mehmood in....

reuters-in 8:28:00 AM CET

https://in.reuters.com/article/pakistan-drones/suspected-u-s-drone-kills-two-haqqani-network-militants-in-pakistan-idINKBNI FD0JJ?feedType=RSS&feedName=southAsiaNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FINsouthAsiaNews+%28News+%2F+IN+%2F+South+Asia+News%29

Pakistan cleric wanted by US claims doing nothing illegal

A radical Pakistani cleric wanted by the United States and released from detention last year claims he is not involved in any illegal activities and is inviting the United Nations to visit the offices of his charity in Lahore.

startribune 23 Jan 2018

<http://www.startribune.com/pakistan-cleric-wanted-by-us-claims-doing-nothing-illegal/470673533/>

Philippines

Looted cash, gold helps Daesh recruit in Philippines

Islamist insurgents looted cash, gold and jewellery worth tens of millions of dollars when they occupied a southern Philippines town last year, treasure one of their leaders has used to recruit around 250 fighters for fresh attacks.

gulfnews 23 Jan 2018

http://gulfnews.com/news/asia/philippines/looted-cash-gold-helps-daesh-recruit-in-philippines-1.2161575?localLinksEnabled=false&utm_source=Feeds&utm_medium=RSS&utm_term=News+RSS+feed&utm_content=1.2161575&utm_campaign=Looted+cash%2C+gold+helps+Daesh+recruit+in+Philippines

Philippine troops capture suspected Spanish terror supporter

Philippine army troops have captured a Spanish man they say was carrying grenades and bomb parts and is believed to be supporter of Islamic State group-linked Abu Sayyaf militants on southern Basilan island. Capt. Exequel Panti and two other army special forces officers....

nzherald 9:24:00 AM CET

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=11981412&ref=rss

Syria

‘260 militants neutralized’ in Operation Olive Branch

At least 260 militants of the People’s Protection Units (YPG), Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK) and Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) have been “neutralized” since the beginning of “Operation Olive Branch” in Syria, Turkish General Staff said late on Jan. 23.

hurriyetaidailynews 9:24:00 AM CET

<http://www.hurriyetaidailynews.com/260-militants-neutralized-in-operation-olive-branch-126213>

Europe

France

World powers meet to pressure Syria on chemical attacks

Diplomats from 29 countries including US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson meet in Paris on Tuesday pushing for sanctions and criminal charges against the perpetrators of chemical attacks in Syria.

afp-english 23 Jan 2018

<https://www.afp.com/en/news/205/world-powers-meet-pressure-syria-chemical-attacks-doc-xk38j1>

Menace terroriste: mise à jour des mesures de sécurité pour les écoles

Suite à l'abaissement lundi du niveau de menace terroriste, le cabinet de la ministre de l'Education Marie-Martine Schyns (cdH) va envoyer ce mardi une circulaire aux directions d'école mettant à jour les recommandations de sécurité à appliquer. A la suite des attentats de Paris en novembre 2015,....

rtbf 23 Jan 2018

https://www.rtbf.be/info/belgique/detail_menace-terroriste-mise-a-jour-des-mesures-de-securite-pour-les-ecoles?id=9819354

Attentats de Paris : Jawad le "logueur de Daesh" devant les juges mercredi

Jawad "le logeur de Daesh" avait commencé par s'exprimer devant les caméras. C'est désormais aux juges qu'il devra fournir ses explications. Mercredi s'ouvre en effet devant le tribunal correctionnel de Paris, le premier procès en relation avec les attentats du 13 novembre 2015.

ladepeche 23 Jan 2018

<https://www.ladepeche.fr/article/2018/01/23/2727455-attentats-paris-jawad-logeur-daesh-devant-juges-mercredi.html>

Jawad Bendaoud, le caïd impulsif devenu logeur de terroristes

"Clown", "personnage de guignol", selon les avocats des parties civiles. Dealer, coupable de la mort de son meilleur ami, accro à la coke et au crack, selon son casier judiciaire. Tantôt islamiste, tantôt le diable "car il fumait des joints et avait des posters de cul au mur", selon ses codétenus.

dna-france 9:32:00 AM CET

<http://www.dna.fr/actualite/2018/01/23/jawad-bendaoud-le-caid-impulsif-devenu-logeur-de-terroristes>

International Organisations

UN peacekeepers told to fight back as deaths surge

In the future, peacekeepers should be better prepared to fight back when threatened or initiate the use of force themselves. "Unfortunately, hostile forces do not understand a language other than force," the report argues. "To deter and repel attacks and to defeat attackers, the United Nations needs...."

Stuff 7:03:00 AM CET

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/world/africa/100850051/UN-peacekeepers-told-to-fight-back-as-deaths-surge>

UN Blames Leadership, Inaction for Peacekeeper Killings

A U.N. report on the increase in peacekeepers killed in violent attacks blames many of the fatalities on inaction in the field and "a deficit of leadership" from U.N. headquarters to remote locations. It urges greater initiative, determination, action and use of force when necessary.

voanews 23 Jan 2018

<https://www.voanews.com/a/un-reports-spike-in-peacekeeper-killings/4219779.html>

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