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EAST AFRICA

Somalia

Al-Shabaab members killed in Qoryoley fighting

A Somali official says at least five Al-Shabaab members were killed during a fierce gunfight in the town of Qoryoley in Lower Shabelle region on Sunday night. Ibrahim Malable, a local official in the town said an Al-Shabaab commander who spearheaded the attack has been beheaded by the government after capturing him alive.

shabelle 1:40:00 AM CEST

<http://radioshabelle.com/al-shabaab-members-killed-in-qoryoley-fighting/>

Sudan

U.S. high court to hear Sudan appeal on damages in 2000 USS Cole bombing

The U.S. Supreme Court agreed on Monday to hear Sudan's appeal of \$314.7 million in damages awarded in a lawsuit seeking compensation for American sailors injured in 2000 in the deadly al Qaeda bombing of the Navy destroyer USS Cole in Yemen.

reuters 25 Jun 2018

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-court-sudan/u-s-high-court-to-hear-sudan-appeal-on-damages-in-2000-uss-cole-bombing-idUSKBN1JL1PJ?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29

South Sudan

South Sudan Rivals In New Peace Talks To End Deadly War

KHARTOUM, 26 June 2018 [Gurtong]-Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir is hosting in Khartoum the second round of talks between the two bitter rivals, aimed at ending South Sudan's four-and-a-half year brutal civil war. A first round brokered by Ethiopian premier Abiy Ahmed in Addis Ababa on Thursday failed to achieve any breakthrough.

gurtong 8:51:00 AM CEST

<http://www.gurtong.net/ECM/Editorial/tabid/124/ID/21514/Default.aspx>

WEST AFRICA

Mali

Establishing a regional security architecture in the Sahel

The force has since been attracting donors from across the globe: from the outset, the European Union (€100 million), Saudi Arabia (€100 million), the United Arab Emirates (€30 million), and most recently Turkey and Rwanda, among others. The coalition of Sahel states shied away from integrating the...

reliefweb 25 Jun 2018

<https://reliefweb.int/report/mali/establishing-regional-security-architecture-sahel>

Nigeria

Boko Haram video being circulated as Igbeagu, Ukelle crisis

The Ebonyi State Government on Monday reacted to footages on social media purportedly showing the border crisis between Igbeagu community of the state and Ukelle community of Cross River State. Emmanuel Onwe, Commissioner for Information, insisted that the video was posted by some wicked individuals with ulterior motives.

dailypost 10:11:00 AM CEST

<http://dailypost.ng/2018/06/26/boko-haram-video-circulated-igbeagu-ukelle-crisis-ebonyi-govt/>

Nigeria and the ISIS threat alert

Recent reports by a United Kingdom newspaper, The Sun, that leaders of the terrorist group, Islamic State, are sneaking battle-hardened jihadists from Syria into Nigeria to train terrorists for possible attacks in Britain, should be a source of great concerns to all well meaning Nigerians.

nrguardiannews 9:32:00 AM CEST

<http://guardian.ng/opinion/nigeria-and-the-isis-threat-alert/>

Rescue Of Leah Sharibu, Chibok Girls Not A Favour, BBOG Insists

Bring Back Our Girls (BBOG) group has insisted that its continuous advocacy for the safe rescue of abducted Chibok Schoolgirls, Leah Sharibu and other Nigerians held captive by Boko Haram is not a favour but a demand for the enforcement of their fundamental human rights.

leadership 5:37:00 AM CEST

<https://leadership.ng/2018/06/26/rescue-of-leah-sharibu-chibok-girls-not-a-favour-bbog-insists/>

Boko Haram, not herdsmen may be responsible for Plateau, Benue killings

-NHRC has claimed that herdsmen may not have been responsible for the recently killings in Benue and Plateau states. - Unknown gunmen had reportedly killed 120 people in Plateau state on Saturday, June 23. - The NHRC's boss, Tony Ojukwu, said that the killings could be the handiwork of Boko Haram and not herdsmen as being speculated.

onlinenigeria 3:10:00 AM CEST

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/745937-boko-haram-not-herdsmen-may-be-responsible-for-plateau-benue-killings-nhrc.html>

Outrage over Plateau killings

Plateau killings show Nigeria isn't safe, says Saraki. On his part, Saraki advised the President to direct his security chiefs to immediately produce quick-response measures aimed at tackling the spate of killings in the country. Saraki, in a statement by his Special Adviser on Media and Publicity....

punchng 2:34:00 AM CEST

<http://punchng.com/outrage-over-plateau-killings/>

NORTH AFRICA

Algeria

UN lauds Algeria for helping African countries tackle security challenges

A United Nations official on Monday hailed Algeria's role in helping countries of the Sahel and West Africa tackle security challenges including terrorism and violent extremism. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, special representative of the UN secretary general for West Africa and Sahel, made the remarks in....

newtimes-RW 9:27:00 AM CEST

<http://www.newtimes.co.rw/africa/un-lauds-algeria-helping-african-countries-tackle-security-challenges>

INTERNATIONAL

Asia

Indonesia

Why is radicalism growing among students? After terror suspects were arrested at an Indonesian university, there is concern that the country's educational institutions are harboring extremism.

Earlier this month, Indonesian counterterrorism police conducted a raid at the University of Riau, located in the city of Pekanbaru on Sumatra Island. The police seized crude bombs and other explosive material. Three suspects were arrested. Read more: Indonesian foreign minister: "Trying to create a....

deutschewelle-en 10:12:00 AM CEST

<https://www.dw.com/en/why-is-radicalism-growing-among-indonesian-students/a-44159778>

Army begins anti-terrorist ops in Kashmir; nine killed

Security forces in Jammu and Kashmir have increased anti-terrorist operations ever since the governor's rule was imposed in the state. Lt Gen A K Bhatt, General-Officer-Commanding of Srinagar-based Chinari Corps (15 Corps), recently informed media that around 250 terrorists are camping in the....

ibtimes-in 25 Jun 2018

<https://www.ibtimes.co.in/army-begins-anti-terrorist-ops-kashmir-nine-killed-772995>

Iraq

Iraq makes arrests in kidnapping of security men by Daesh terror group

Iraq's security police say they have placed a number of suspects under arrest related to the abduction and holding hostage of several of their personnel by remnants of the Daesh Takfiri terrorist group. The security forces announced the news on Monday,....

globalsecurity 6:14:00 AM CEST

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/iraq/2018/iraq-180625-pressv01.htm>

Stabilizing The Fertile Crescent After The Fall Of The Caliphate

In October 2006, al-Qaeda in Iraq consolidated its alliances and declared itself a state—the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI). Despite the fact that ISI created ministries and other

trappings of a state, it never controlled territory in a manner that states do. As such, the world mostly ignored its claim of statehood.

eurasiareview 7:21:00 AM CEST

<http://www.eurasiareview.com/26062018-stabilizing-the-fertile-crescent-after-the-fall-of-the-caliphate-analysis/>

Syria

Thousands continue to flee Deraa as Syria assault intensifies

Tens of thousands of people have so far fled a week-long government offensive on rebel-held areas in Syria 's southern province of Deraa, according to local sources Forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad launched the military push on June 19 aiming to retake the southern provinces of...

aljazeera-en 25 Jun 2018

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/06/thousands-continue-flee-deraa-syria-assault-intensifies-180625115803218.html>

U.S. Forces Failed Attempts to Seize Territory in Southern Syria. U.S. Backed Al Qaeda Fighter Fleeing from SAA Forces

The expectation when Donald Trump The U.S. has relied heavily upon Al Qaeda in southern Syria, to lead the jihadist groups against Syria's Government, ever since 2012 came into the U.S. White House had been that his predecessor's war to conquer Syria or at least to seize territory there, would end.

globalresearch 8:28:00 AM CEST

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/u-s-forces-failed-attempts-to-seize-territory-in-southern-syria/5645401>

UN

UN chief urges Security Council to act with one voice on Middle East, North Africa

Wu Haitao (Front), China's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, addresses the Security Council meeting on the maintenance of international peace and security at the UN headquarters in New York, on June 25, 2018. United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Monday urged the....

xinhuanet_en 2:25:00 AM CEST

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-06/26/c_137280372.htm

Conseil de sécurité: le Secrétaire général appelle les pays du Moyen-Orient et d'Afrique du Nord à parler et coopérer pour résoudre les conflits

Ouvrant aujourd'hui, au Conseil de sécurité, un débat intitulé « Maintien de la paix et de la sécurité internationales: examen d'ensemble de la situation au Moyen-Orient et en Afrique du Nord », le Secrétaire général de l'ONU, M.

reliefWeb 10:29:00 AM CEST

<https://reliefweb.int/report/world/conseil-de-s-curit-le-secr-taire-g-n-ral-appelle-les-pays-du-moyen-orient-et-d-afrique>

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