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EAST AFRICA

Somalia

Drought raises specter of talking to al-Shabab

Just hours after Somalia's new prime minister named his first cabinet at the presidential compound....

msn-uk 26 Mar 2017

<http://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/somalia-drought-raises-specter-of-talking-to-al-shabab/ar-BByMW3A>

Military exercises by Amisom and US focus on Somalia exit

The exercise involving 100 participants from African and European militaries took place amidst concerns over the Somali national army's readiness to take primary responsibility for the country's security. Many weapons imported by the Somali Government are reported to have been sold on the black....

nation-ke 26 Mar 2017

<http://www.nation.co.ke/news/world/Military-exercises-by-Amisom-and-US-focus-on-Somalia-exit/1068-3865656-6deapw/index.html>

Sudan

Sudan working with Chad, France over kidnapped Frenchman

Sudan is working with Chadian and French authorities on the case of a French citizen who was kidnapped in Chad and taken into Sudan, Foreign Minister Ibrahim Ghandour told state news agency SUNA on Sunday. An unidentified Frenchman was kidnapped on Thursday south of Abeche, a mining area about 800....

thestarkeya 4:24:00 AM CEST

http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/03/27/sudan-working-with-chad-france-over-kidnapped-frenchman_c1532257

Recherches pour retrouver le Français enlevé au Tchad

Les forces de sécurité soudanaises ont lancé une opération de recherche pour tenter de retrouver l'otage français enlevé au Tchad, après que le ministre tchadien de la Sécurité eut déclaré qu'il se trouvait au Soudan, a annoncé dimanche le ministre soudanais des Affaires étrangères Ibrahim Ghandour.

journalducameroun 8:59:00 AM CEST

<http://journalducameroun.com/soudan-recherches-pour-retrouver-le-francais-enleve-au-tchad/>

South Sudan

Six Aid Workers Are Killed in South Sudan Ambush

Six aid workers were ambushed and killed over the weekend in South Sudan, a United Nations official said, the deadliest attack on humanitarian workers since the East African nation's civil war began in 2013. The attack took place Saturday on the road from Juba, the capital, to....

nytimes 1:33:00 AM CEST

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/26/world/africa/south-sudan-aid-workers-killed.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

Uganda

Uganda to help train Somalia security officers

President Yoweri Museveni and his counterpart, the newly elected Somalia President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed 'Farmaajo' have held a bilateral meeting during which they discussed the security situation in the horn and development in Somalia. "I congratulate you on two counts; One, your recent victory....

shabelle 26 Mar 2017

<http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/03/uganda-to-help-train-somalia-security-officers/>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon

Focus On Cameroon in Boko Haram's Latest Propaganda Video, Analysis

This Day The latest video from hardline Islamist group Boko Haram has a specific focus on the militants' operations in Cameroon, according to an expert on Boko Haram's use of the media. Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau appeared in a video obtained by news agencies last week and....

allafrica 26 Mar 2017

<http://en.rfi.fr/africa/20170323-focus-cameroon-boko-haram-s-latest-propaganda-video-analysis>

Avant que les pays attaqués n'aillent en guerre contre les groupes terroristes

Ainsi, les Etats affectés par ces groupes doivent tout faire pour mettre la sécurité de leurs pays et leurs citoyens au-dessus de tous les cris et conventions hypocrites internationaux. La paix dans le monde est devenue quasi impossible parce que le souci du bien-être des populations et de leur....

cameroun24 9:33:00 AM CEST

<http://www.cameroun24.net/actualite-cameroun-Avant-que-les-pays-attaqu%C3%A9s-n%E2%80%99aillent-en-guerre-4-4-38155.html>

Democratic Republic of Congo

Kamuina Nsapu Insurgency Adds to Dangers in DR Congo

The Kamuina Nsapu insurgency arose last year as a locally rooted conflict in the Kasai-Central province of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), but has since gained intensity and is spreading to neighbouring provinces. By January, 216,000 people had been displaced, and more than 400 killed, according to humanitarian sources.

allafrica 26 Mar 2017

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201703220739.html>

WEST AFRICA

Burkina Faso

« L'islam a toujours été une religion de paix. Aucune religion ne peut être terroriste, ce n'est pas possible », vice-président de l'Assemblée nationale, Bénéwendé Stanislas Sankara

Il se tient, du 24 au 26 mars 2017, à Kouba, sortie sud de la capitale du Burkina, la 26ème Jalsa Salana de la Jama'at Islamique Ahmadiyya du Burkina autour du thème : « Pour une nécessaire solidarité entre les religions afin de contrer l'expansion du terrorisme ».

lefaso 25 Mar 2017

<http://lefaso.net/spip.php?article76330>

Côte d'Ivoire

Ivory Coast boosts port security over attack threat

Ivory Coast has ordered an increase of security levels at its ports of Abidjan and San Pedro due to information indicating "probable terrorist attacks" on its national territory, according to a transportation ministry document. The document, which was seen by Reuters on Sunday....

reuters-af 26 Mar 2017

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFKBN16X0NI-OZATP>

Alerte à la sécurité en Côte d'Ivoire

Les autorités ivoiriennes ont ordonné un renforcement des mesures de sécurité dans les ports d'Abidjan et de San Pedro à la suite d'informations faisant état de "probables attaques terroristes", selon un document émanant du ministère des Transports. Cette note, que Reuters a pu consulter dimanche et....

lorientlejour 26 Mar 2017

<https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1043046/alerte-a-la-securite-en-cote-divoire.html>

Ghana

It is time to increase counter-terrorism security in Ghana

Member of Parliament for North Tongu, Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa says it is time the nation increases its counter-terrorism security. He noted that the terrorists choose tourist destinations as their locations to effect maximum damage to numerous nationalities and make sure they catch world attention.

myjoyonline 25 Mar 2017

<http://www.myjoyonline.com/news/2017/March-25th/it-is-time-to-increase-counter-terrorism-security-in-ghana-ablakwa.php>

Mali

Le gouverneur de Mopti interdit la circulation en moto dans la région

Le Mali interdit la circulation à moto dans la région de Mopti, c'est le gouverneur de la zone qui a pris cette décision pour lutter contre la recrudescence des terroristes dans la région qui utilisent ce moyen de transport pour disparaître rapidement. Ce n'est pas la première fois qu'une telle mesure est prise.

maliweb 26 Mar 2017

<http://www.maliweb.net/la-situation-politique-et-securitaire-au-nord/mali-gouverneur-de-mopti-interdit-circulation-moto-region-2140862.html>

Dix djihadistes tués et 8 arrêtés dans une vaste opération de l'armée dans le centre du pays

Dix djihadistes ont été tués et 8 autres arrêtés dans une vaste opération des forces armées maliennes (FAMA) dans le centre du Mali, a annoncé dimanche la Direction de l'information et des relations publiques des armées (DIRPA). L'opération a été menée

samedi de Sévaré à 20 km de Kouakourou (cercle de Djenné, région de Mopti), a précisé la DIRPA.

abamako 9:27:00 AM CEST

<http://news.abamako.com/h/156372.html>

Au moins six morts dans trois attaques distinctes au Mali

Au moins trois soldats, deux douaniers et un civil ont été tués dans deux attaques distinctes au Mali, deux dans le Nord et l'autre dans le Sud. Une première attaque a visé dans la nuit de vendredi à samedi un poste de sécurité de l'armée malienne à Almoustarat, localité située à environ 120 km au....

abamako 9:27:00 AM CEST

<http://news.abamako.com/h/156375.html>

Quels groupes armés participeront à la Conférence d'entente nationale ?

Les tractations impliquant autorités maliennes et médiateurs se sont poursuivies ce dimanche pour tenter de convaincre groupes armés et membres de l'opposition de....

jeuneafrique 9:12:00 AM CEST

<http://www.jeuneafrique.com/421421/politique/nord-mali-participera-a-conference-dentente-nationale/>

Nigeria

Boko Haram raids stoke fear of fresh attacks

The raid under Barnawi is significant as no civilians were killed or injured. The Islamic State group last year announced Barnawi was in charge of Boko Haram instead of its long-time leader Abubakar Shekau. Boko Haram Islamists raided a village in northeast....

enca 6:52:00 AM CEST

<http://www.enca.com/africa/boko-haram-raids-stoke-fear-of-fresh-attacks>

Senegal

Lutte contre l'extrémisme violent en Afrique, la presse en ligne a pris acte chez Timbuktu Institute

La première session de formation des professionnels de la presse en ligne du Sénégal sur les enjeux de la prévention contre l'extrémisme violent en Afrique a été organisée par Timbuktu Institute – African Center for Peace Studies en partenariat avec la Fondation Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung.

mali-web 3:48:00 AM CEST

<http://mali-web.org/societe/lutte-contre-lextremisme-violent-en-afrique-la-presse-en-ligne-a-pris-acte-chez-timbuktu-institute>

NORTH AFRICA

Algeria

Algerian forces kill terror group chief in eastern province

Chief of the terrorist group Daesh in Algeria was killed on Saturday overnight by Algerian counterterrorism forces in the eastern province of Constantine, local media reported on Sunday. TSA news website quoted a security source as saying that counterterrorism unit shot....

xinhuanet_en 26 Mar 2017

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/26/c_136159292.htm

L'armée algérienne abat deux terroristes islamistes, dont «l'émir local de Daesh»

Dans un communiqué, les autorités algériennes se sont félicitées de l'élimination de deux terroristes à Constantine, dans le nord-est du pays. L'un d'eux est présenté par la presse algérienne comme le chef de la branche locale de l'Etat islamique.

26 Mar 2017

<https://francais.rt.com/international/35838-armee-algerienne-abat-deux-terroristes-emir-daesh>

Egypt

Egyptian forces kill 5 terrorists in north Sinai campaign

Five militants including a terrorist leader have been killed in a military campaign in Egypt's restive North Sinai province, the Egyptian army announced Sunday. A spokesman for the Egyptian army said sixteen suspects were arrested as part of a military campaign to curb terrorist acts in the province.

xinhuanet_en 26 Mar 2017

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/26/c_136159081.htm

Libya

Africom : La présence de Daech en Libye réduite par les frappes US à "100 ou 200 terroristes"

Le chef du commandement militaire en Afrique (Africom), le général Thomas D. Waldhausser a estimé la présence des terroristes de l'organisation terroriste autoproclamée Etat Islamique (EI/Daech) en Libye ente 100 à 200 éléments.

26 Mar 2017

<https://www.algerie1.com/actualite/africom-la-presence-de-daech-en-libye-reduite-par-les-frappes-us-a-100-ou-200-terroristes>

SOUTHERN AFRICA

South Africa

How not to fight terrorism in Africa

By any measure, Africa's fight against terrorism has been a failure. Since it launched the fight in earnest 25 years ago in 1992, in the aftermath of a wave of violence from Islamist groups in Algeria, there has been a dramatic rise in incidents and fatalities perpetrated by militant groups.

iol 26 Mar 2017

<http://www.iol.co.za/news/opinion/how-not-to-fight-terrorism-in-africa-8349344>

INTERNATIONAL

America

US

General favors more aggressive approach in Somalia

Vowing he won't turn Somalia into a "free fire zone," the commander of U.S. Africa Command said Friday he wants greater authority to conduct airstrikes and use military forces in the African country to allow the U.S. to strike al-Qaida-linked militants more quickly. Marine Gen.

news-yahoo 25 Mar 2017

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/africom-chief-favors-more-aggressive-approach-somalia-174109668.html>

Asia

Afghanistan

Afghan police defuse car bomb in eastern province

The Afghan National Police personnel defused a car bomb in the country's eastern province of Wardak, the Interior Ministry said on Monday. "On Sunday morning, the ANP forces, based on a tip-off, carried out a special operation in Sayed Abad district, Wardak province.

xinhuanet_en 8:57:00 AM CEST

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/27/c_136161100.htm

India

Terrorism poses great challenge to humanity: Prime Minister Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi. PTI Terrorism has thrown a big challenge to humanity and people should draw inspiration from ancient scriptures to take on the menace, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday. "Terrorism has gripped the entire world. It has thrown a challenge to humanity.

expressindia 26 Mar 2017

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/terrorism-poses-great-challenge-to-humanity-prime-minister-modi-4586671/>

Iraq

ISIS remains a challenge in Iraq post-Mosul liberation

As the final assault on the stronghold of the Islamic State (ISIS) in Mosul is in the works, important questions are going unanswered. Chief among them is: What will ISIS do in Iraq after Mosul falls?

26 Mar 2017

<http://www.thearabweekly.com/News-&-Analysis/8083/ISIS-remains-a-challenge-in-Iraq-post-Mosul-liberation>

Pakistan

Pakistan to build fence along disputed Afghan border

Pakistan says it has started building a fence along the Afghan border in areas where it says militants have launched cross-border attacks, a move that could worsen tensions with Afghanistan, which has never accepted the colonial-era frontier. Gen.

gulfnews 26 Mar 2017

http://gulfnews.com/news/asia/pakistan/pakistan-to-build-fence-along-disputed-afghan-border-1.2000817?localLinksEnabled=false&utm_source=Feeds&utm_medium=RSS&utm_term=News+RSS+feed&utm_content=1.2000817&utm_campaign=Pakistan+to+build+fence+along+disputed+Afghan+border

Syria

IS conflict: Raqqa warning over 'risk to Tabqa dam'

Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) fighters are said to be advancing along the Euphrates towards Raqqa. Fears that a nearby dam might collapse are reportedly causing panic and confusion in the Syrian city of Raqqa, a stronghold of the so-called Islamic State (IS) group.

bbc 26 Mar 2017

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-39399803>

Al-Qaeda, on the rise again, hits Assad where it hurts

Syrian rebel forces led by a swelling jihadist alliance built around al-Qaeda's increasingly powerful affiliate, Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, are pressing the Damascus regime in an offensive that triggered fierce fighting in the capital and in strategic Hama province.

26 Mar 2017

<http://www.thearabweekly.com/News-&-Analysis/8080/Al-Qaeda%2C-on-the-rise-again%2C-hits-Assad-where-it-hurts>

Syrian rebels backed by US take control of Isis-held Tabqa military airport near Raqqa

Kurdish and Arab forces launch 'Euphrates Rage' campaign to retake Raqqa from Isis. The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) backed by the US reportedly gained control of Tabqa military airport, which was held by the Islamic State (Isis), near Raqqa on Sunday (26 March).

ibtimes-uk 9:05:00 AM CEST

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/syrian-rebels-backed-by-us-take-control-isis-held-tabqa-military-airport-near-raqqa-1613822>

Turkey

41 PKK terrorists killed in Turkey, northern Iraq

A total of 41 PKK terrorists were killed in separate operations in Turkey and northern Iraq, according to official sources on Sunday, Anadolu reported. At least 14 terrorists were killed in an air-backed operation by gendarmerie forces in Turkey's eastern Tunceli province early Sunday, the governor's office said in a statement.

azernews 9:12:00 AM CEST

<http://www.azernews.az/region/110588.html>

Yemen

Démonstration de force rebelle deux ans après l'intervention arabe

Deux ans après l'intervention d'une coalition militaire arabe au Yémen, les rebelles qui contrôlent la capitale Sanaa se disent prêts à résister jusqu'au bout, alors que les lignes de front sont figées et les efforts de paix au point mort. Les rebelles chiites Houthis et leurs alliés, les partisans....

rtl-BE 26 Mar 2017

http://www.rtl.be/info/monde/international/yemen-demonstration-de-force-rebelle-deux-ans-apres-l-intervention-arabe-902853.aspx?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+RTLInternational+%28RTL+info+%3E++Monde%29

Europe

UK

WhatsApp's message encryption unacceptable, should be accessible to police

Technology companies must cooperate more with law enforcement agencies and should stop offering a "secret place for terrorists to communicate" using encrypted messages, British interior minister Amber Rudd said on Sunday. Local media have reported that British-born Khalid Masood sent an encrypted....

expressindia 26 Mar 2017

<http://indianexpress.com/article/world/khalid-masood-london-terror-attack-whatsapps-message-encryption-unacceptable-uk-minister-4586648/>

WhatsApp sert-elle de "cachette aux terroristes" ?

La ministre britannique de l'Intérieur Amber Rudd a jugé "totalement inacceptable", dimanche sur la BBC, le fait que des communications entre suspects d'actes de terrorisme puissent échapper aux services de renseignement parce qu'elles sont encryptées.

levif 26 Mar 2017

<http://www.levif.be/actualite/international/whatsapp-sert-elle-de-cachee-aux-terroristes/article-normal-635025.html>

L'assaillant a utilisé WhatsApp avant l'attaque

Quatre jours après l'attentat au Parlement de Londres, les enquêteurs cherchaient toujours dimanche de possibles complicités, la ministre de l'Intérieur appelant les services de messagerie sécurisée comme WhatsApp à collaborer avec les autorités pour ne pas fournir de «cachee aux terroristes».

24heures 26 Mar 2017

<http://www.24heures.ch/monde/europe/L-assaillant-a-utilise-WhatsApp-avant-lattaque/story/15498115>

Ban on laptops could be extended to ALL flights, says Rudd

The move to beef up UK security covers all direct flights from Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia, and Saudi Arabia. The shake-up comes after America imposed similar but wider restrictions on flights from eight countries - based on the same intelligence information the UK authorities had seen.

mailonsunday 26 Mar 2017

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4350570/Ban-laptops-extended-flights-says-Rudd.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490

Khalid Masood sent WhatsApp message minutes before London attack

Westminster Bridge attacker Khalid Masood sent a WhatsApp message that cannot be accessed because it was encrypted by the popular messaging service, a top British security official said Sunday. British press reports suggest Masood used the easily available messaging service just minutes....

nydailynews 26 Mar 2017

http://www.nydailynews.com/news/world/khalid-masood-whatsapp-message-minutes-london-attack-article-1.3009666?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+NydnRss+%28Top+Stories+-+NY+Daily+News%29

London terror attacker probed over remote-controlled car bomb plot on army base

London terror attacker Khalid Masood was once investigated as part of a plot to blow up an army base using a remote-controlled car, it has been claimed. The 52-year-old was investigated by MI5, according to the Daily....

metro-uk 9:03:00 AM CEST

<http://metro.co.uk/2017/03/27/london-terror-attacker-linked-to-remote-controlled-car-bomb-plot-on-army-base-6535636/>

After Terror Attack a British City Linked to Jihadis Asks Why

The minaret of a mosque in Birmingham, England, where Khalid Masood resided before he attacked Parliament in London last week. Outside the Maasha'Allah internet cafe, Mohammed Hussain raised his voice over the recorded Quranic verses blaring from the abaya shop two doors down.

msn-uk 6:23:00 AM CEST

<http://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/after-terror-attack-a-british-city-linked-to-jihadis-winces-and-asks-why/ar-BByQ5pW>

Terrorism fears hit visitor numbers at London tourist attractions

Visitor numbers at some of London's most popular tourist attractions plummeted last year over fears the city "might be next" for a terror attack. One million fewer people

visited The British Museum, the Natural History Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum in 2016 compared with the previous....

msn-uk 9:12:00 AM CEST

<http://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/other/terrorism-fears-hit-visitor-numbers-at-london-tourist-attractions/ar-BByQBF5>

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