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AFRICAN UNION NEWS

Union africaine : « Le terrorisme entrave la libre circulation des personnes et des biens »

Le constat est de la commissaire de l'UA aux Affaires juridiques, Samata Cessouma Minata, qui l'a indiqué le 26 janvier, à Addis-Abeba. « Le terrorisme rend les pays plus réticents à l'idée d'autoriser la libre circulation des personnes et des marchandises au travers de leurs frontières.

adiac-congo 27 Jan 2018

<http://www.adiac-congo.com/content/union-africaine-le-terrorisme-entrave-la-libre-circulation-des-personnes-et-des-biens-78576>

EAST AFRICA

Ethiopia

African leaders consider coalition against Boko Haram

President Muhammadu Buhari on Saturday joined 14 other members of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union to strategise on how to combat the dreaded Boko Haram insurgents in the continent. The Nigerian leader is a member of a standing committee of the AU, which is....

punchng 2:33:00AM CET

<http://punchng.com/african-leaders-consider-coalition-against-boko-haram/>

L'Algérie propose une conférence africaine sur le financement du terrorisme

Pour vaincre les terroristes, il faut s'attaquer à leurs sources de financement. C'est l'idée principale du mini-sommet anti-terrorisme qui a réuni samedi 27 janvier, à Addis-Abeba, les chefs d'Etat du Conseil paix et sécurité de l'Union africaine.

rfi-fr 5:55:00AM CET

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20180128-algerie-conference-africaine-financement-terrorisme>

Modern terrorism becomes 'unprecedented threat' to peace — UN chief

Modern terrorism has become an unprecedented threat to peace and security, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said on Saturday during an African Union meeting in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa. "Nothing justifies terrorism.

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<http://tass.com/world/987247>

Somalia

Kids Rescued From Al-Shabab Sent to Radical Rehab

Somalia's government says it will send 35 children rescued from an Al-Shabab camp last week to rehabilitation centers for ex-militants before reuniting them with their families. Abdirashid Ibrahim Mohamed directs the government program to re-integrate....

reliefWeb 27 Jan 2018
<https://reliefweb.int/report/somalia/kids-rescued-al-shabab-sent-radical-rehab>

US drones 'wiping out' Al-Shabab in Somalia: AU mission head

Drone strikes by the US military are "wiping out" Shabab militants in Somalia, the head of the African Union mission in the country said in an interview. The US has stepped up its operations in the war-torn Horn of Africa nation, targeting the Al-Qaeda linked Al-Shabab, which has fought....

arabnews 27 Jan 2018
<http://www.arabnews.com/node/1234286/middle-east>

Urgent help sought for AU force's planned Somalia withdrawal

The head of the African Union mission in Somalia says its planned withdrawal of 21,000 troops from the extremist-threatened Horn of Africa nation by 2020 cannot be met without urgent help from the international community. Francisco Madeira told The Associated Press he fears....

foxnews 27 Jan 2018
<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/01/27/urgent-help-sought-for-au-forces-planned-somalia-withdrawal.html>

Shabaab militants weakened in Somalia, UN official says

He said Al-Shabaab is able to exploit conflicts among Somali clans by making deals for reciprocal support. The country's feeble justice system gives Shabaab militants additional "entry points," Mr Keating said, noting that "in many parts of the country they can out-perform state and local authority....

nation-ke 27 Jan 2018
<https://www.nation.co.ke/news/Al-Shabaab-militants-weakened-UN-says/1056-4280822-878glnz/index.html>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon

Kids Used in Cameroon Suicide Bomb Blasts

The Boko Haram sect has used children to carry out at least 60 suicide bomb attacks in Cameroon over the past year. The children are believed to be among thousands the terror group from Nigeria has kidnapped in a violent campaign to establish as Islamic state.

allafrica 27 Jan 2018
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201801250424.html>

Democratic Republic of Congo

De violents combats font fuir des milliers de Congolais au Burundi

Ils sont déjà près de 3500 Congolais à avoir franchi la frontière en l'espace de deux jours pour se réfugier en territoire burundais. Ils fuient les combats qui opposent l'armée congolaise à la milice des Yakutumba qui sème la terreur dans la région de Fizi, à proximité du lac Tanganyika.

francetvinfo 26 Jan 2018

<http://geopolis.francetvinfo.fr/sud-kivu-de-violents-combats-font-fuir-des-milliers-de-congolais-au-burundi-177257#xtor=RSS-3-%5bmonde%5d>

Pakistani peacekeeper killed in DRC

A Pakistani UN peacekeeper was killed by "members of an armed group" in the Democratic Republic of Congo on Saturday, a United Nations spokesman said.

enca 12:40:00 AM CET

<http://www.enca.com/africa/pakistani-peacekeeper-killed-in-drc>

WEST AFRICA

Côte d'Ivoire

Le Centre de formation à la lutte antiterroriste sort des limbes

Un centre international de formation à la lutte antiterroriste ouvrira ses portes près d'Abidjan en septembre 2018. Le premier pas a été franchi hier, jeudi 25 janvier, dans le cadre de cette coopération franco-ivoirienne.

rfi-fr 26 Jan 2018

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20180126-cote-ivoire-centre-formation-lutte-antiterroriste-bakayoko>

Mali

Au moins 14 soldats maliens tués dans l'attaque d'un camp militaire

Au moins quatorze soldats maliens ont été tués samedi 27 janvier lors d'une attaque contre leur camp militaire dans le nord du Mali, a annoncé l'armée malienne en évoquant une action de « terrorisme » « Les (Forces armées maliennes) FAMA ont été attaquées tôt ce matin aux environs de 4 h 00 à Soumpi (Tombouctou).

la-croix 27 Jan 2018

<https://www.la-croix.com/Monde/Afrique/Au-moins-14-soldats-maliens-tues-lattaque-dun-camp-militaire-2018-01-27-1200909280>

Ambush on Mali Army Camp Leaves 14 Soldiers and 17 Attackers Dead

Islamic militants stormed an army camp in northern Mali on Saturday, killing at least 14 soldiers in the worst attack on security forces in the West African country in more than a year, an army spokesman said. The spokesman, Col. Diarran Kone, said that after the attack in the Timbuktu region, the....

nytimes 27 Jan 2018

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/27/world/africa/mali-army-camp-islamic-attack.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

Nouvelle attaque contre le camp militaire de Soumpi, dans le nord du pays

Au Mali, une nouvelle attaque a eu lieu, ce samedi 27 janvier, dans le nord du pays, contre l'armée malienne. Le camp de l'armée de Soumpi, localité située dans la région de Tombouctou, a été attaqué par de présumés jihadistes faisant au moins dix militaires tués.

rfi-fr 27 Jan 2018

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20180127-mali-attaque-camp-militaire-soumpi-niafunke-jihadistes>

Death toll now 26 in Mali truck blast, including 4 children

Burkina Faso's government says the death toll has risen to 26 after a truck hit an improvised explosive device. The government says six women and four children are among the dead in Thursday's blast that occurred shortly after the truck entered Mali from northern Burkina Faso.

startribune 26 Jan 2018

<http://www.startribune.com/death-toll-now-26-in-mali-truck-blast-including-4-children/471296614/>

26 civils tués dans l'explosion d'une mine au passage d'un véhicule de transport

Au Mali, un véhicule provenant du Burkina Faso à destination de la foire hebdomadaire de Boni, dans le centre de ce pays d'Afrique de l'Ouest a sauté sur une mine faisant 26 morts. Drame au Mali où un véhicule provenant du Burkina Faso à destination de la foire hebdomadaire de Boni, dans le centre....

afrik 26 Jan 2018

<https://www.algerie1.com/actualite/mali-26-civils-tues-dans-le-explosion-dune-mine-au-passage-dun-vehicule-de-transport>

Fresh attacks challenge Mali's peace deal

More than two years after a landmark peace deal was signed between Malian authorities and separatist Tuareg rebels, insecurity has not only grown but spread to the center of the country. At least 26 people were killed Thursday in a landmine explosion that was targeting the UN's peacekeeping mission in Mali, known by its French acronym MINUSMA.

rfi-en 26 Jan 2018

<http://en.rfi.fr/afrique/20180126-Fresh-attacks-challenge-Mali-peace-deal>

Why Some Malians Join Armed Groups

More than two years after some of Mali's armed groups signed a peace accord, insecurity in the country is both escalating and spreading. When the latest chapter in Mali's long history of insecurity first broke out in 2012 it was initially restricted to the north, but in recent years the violence....

allafrica 26 Jan 2018

<http://www.irinnews.org/analysis/2018/01/25/why-some-malians-join-armed-groups>

IBK annule son voyage sur Addis-Abeba et se rend à Boni

Aéroport Ambodedjo de Sevaré Mopti centre du Mali, le Président IBK à bord de l'hélicoptère de Combat MI-25 de l'Armée de l'air pour Boni, sur le site de l'attaque terroriste avec explosion de mines contre les populations civiles. Le Président IBK annule son voyage sur Addis-Abeba (Éthiopie Sommet....

mali-web 27 Jan 2018

<http://mali-web.org/politique/ibk-annule-son-voyage-sur-addis-abeba-et-se-rend-a-boni>

Le président IBK redit sa fermeté à lutter contre le terrorisme

Le chef de l'Etat s'est exprimé samedi 27 janvier après s'être rendu à Boni dans le centre du pays où un convoi de commerçants se rendant au marché a sauté sur une mine, jeudi dernier. Hier, un camp militaire a également été lourdement attaqué, à Soumpi, près de Tombouctou.

rfi-fr 5:55:00 AM CET

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20180128-mali-president-ibk-fermete-luttre-terrorisme>

Nigeria

Block payment of ransom to terrorist groups, President Buhari tells African leaders

President Buhari Malam Garba Shehu, the President's Senior Special Assistant on Media and Publicity, in a statement issued in Abuja, said Buhari was speaking at the meeting of the African Union Peace and Security Council in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He said the President spoke under the theme, "Towards....

vanguardngr 2:18:00 AM CET

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/01/block-payment-ransom-terrorist-groups-president-buhari-tells-african-leaders/>

Nigerian Army kills seven terrorists in Sambisa

Seven terrorists of Boko Haram have been killed by soldiers in the latest military assault on the sect's Sambisa Forest hideout. The Army said yesterday that remnants of the terrorists were neutralised in a 'decisive operation.' The Air Force simultaneously rained bombs on the forest as the....

onlinenigeria 7:47:00 AM CET

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/698531-nigerian-army-kills-seven-terrorists-in-sambisa.html>

NORTH AFRICA

Al Qaeda head blames Islamists for failure of Arab uprisings

Ayman al Zawahiri, the head of al Qaeda, discusses the failures of the Arab uprisings in a newly-released audio message. As Sahab, al Qaeda's propaganda arm, released the 12-minute, Arabic recording online earlier today.

8:42:00 AM CET

<https://www.longwarijournal.org/archives/2018/01/al-qaeda-head-blames-islamists-for-failure-of-arab-uprisings.php>

Algeria

Army kills seven 'dangerous terrorists' in NE Algeria

Algeria's army killed eight armed men on Friday in Khenchela province, 700 km (435 miles) east of the capital Algiers, the Defence Ministry said. The gunmen, described as "dangerous terrorists", were killed in an ambush and the soldiers seized assault rifles, the ministry said in a statement. It did not identify the men.

expressindia 26 Jan 2018

<http://aa.com.tr/en/africa/army-kills-seven-dangerous-terrorists-in-ne-algeria/1043479>

L'ANP élimine 8 terroristes au Sud de Khenchela

L'armée algérienne a tué vendredi sept "dangereux" islamistes dans l'est du pays où elle mène régulièrement des opérations qu'elle présente comme "antiterroristes", a indiqué le ministère de la Défense. La nouvelle opération a eu lieu dans la région de Chechar, dans la wilaya de Khenchela, à environ....

lorientlejour 26 Jan 2018

<https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1096473/sept-islamistes-tues-en-algerie-dans-une-operation-de-larmee.html>

INTERNATIONAL

America

Colombia

Five killed in bomb attack at Colombia police station

At least five police officers were killed and 41 others wounded Saturday when alleged drug traffickers detonated a bomb at a station in the northern city of Barranquilla, hours after a car explosion ripped through a security post near the border in neighbouring Ecuador.

GulfDailyNews 8:07:00 AM CET

<http://www.gdnonline.com/Details/304986/Five-killed-in-bomb-attack-at-Colombia-police-station>

Cinq policiers tués dans l'attaque d'un commissariat

Au moins cinq policiers ont été tués et 41 blessés samedi par l'explosion d'une bombe dans un commissariat de Barranquilla, en Colombie, quelques heures après un attentat

similaire visant une caserne de police en Equateur, deux attaques attribuées aux narcotrafiquants.

laprovence 8:06:00 AM CET

<http://www.laprovence.com/article/france-monde/4811431/colombie-cinq-policiers-tues-dans-lattaque-dun-commissariat.html>

US

Donald Trump seeks decisive action against Taliban

US President Donald today asked countries to take decisive action against the Taliban and the terrorist infrastructure that supports them, in an indirect but obvious reference to Pakistan. US President Donald today asked countries to take decisive action against the Taliban and....

mid-day 8:03:00 AM CET

<https://www.mid-day.com/articles/afghan-attack-donald-trump-seeks-decisive-action-against-taliban/18988180>

Man investigated for terrorism sentenced for passport fraud

Federal prosecutors say a 22-year-old Kansas City man who was investigated for possible terrorism was sentenced for four years in prison for passport fraud. Isse Aweis Mohamud, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Somalia, was sentenced Friday for lying on his passport application.

washtimes 27 Jan 2018

https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/jan/27/man-investigated-for-terrorism-sentenced-for-passp/?utm_source=RSS_Feed&utm_medium=RSS

Asia

Afghanistan

Nearly 100 killed in ambulance blast in Afghan capital Kabul

A bomb hidden in an ambulance killed at least 95 people and wounded about 158 in the Afghan capital, Kabul, on Saturday (Jan 27) when it blew up at a police checkpoint. The Taliban claimed responsibility for Saturday's suicide blast. The attacker struck near the old interior ministry....

channelnewsasia 27 Jan 2018

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/nearly-100-killed-in-ambulance-blast-in-afghan-capital-kabul-9902224>

Massacre à l'ambulance piégée à Kaboul: près de 100 morts et 158 blessés

"C'est un massacre" : l'explosion d'une ambulance piégée samedi dans le centre de Kaboul, revendiquée par les talibans, a fait près de 100 morts et 158 blessés, semant terreur et désolation dans l'un des quartiers les plus animés de la capitale afghane.

laprovence 27 Jan 2018

<http://www.laprovence.com/article/france-monde/4810322/massacre-a-lambulance-piegee-a-kaboul-pres-de-100-morts-et-158-blesses.html>

Attentat de Kaboul: niveau d'alerte toujours maximal, colère sur internet

Le niveau d'alerte restait à son plus haut niveau à Kaboul dimanche au lendemain de l'attentat qui a fait près de 100 morts et 200 blessés, suscitant la colère des Afghans qui interpellent les autorités sur internet. Le dernier bilan publié par le ministère de la Santé fait toujours état de 95 morts....

lorientlejour 8:12:00 AM CET

<https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1096730/attentat-de-kaboul-niveau-dalerte-toujours-maximal-colere-sur-internet.html>

Iran

Iran says 3 Revolutionary Guard members killed in clashes with ISIL

Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard says that three of its soldiers have been killed and 16 ISIL militants arrested in clashes in the south of the country.

8:45:00 AM CET

<https://www.thenational.ae/world/mena/iran-says-3-revolutionary-guard-members-killed-in-clashes-with-isil-1.699377>

16 membres de l'EI arrêtés, 3 militaires tués dans des affrontements

Les Gardiens de la révolution, l'armée d'élite iranienne, ont annoncé samedi l'arrestation de 16 membres présumés du groupe Etat islamique (EI) et la mort de trois militaires lors d'affrontements dans le sud du pays, selon leur site sepahnews.

8:44:00 AM CET

<https://www.tsa-algerie.com/iran-16-membres-de-lei-arretes-3-militaires-tues-dans-des-affrontements/>

Yemen

Drone strike kills 7 Al Qaida suspects in Yemen

A drone strike early Saturday killed seven suspected Al Qaida militants in southern Yemen, a security official said. The US military is the only force known to operate armed drones over Yemen. The official said the strike happened after midnight and targeted a car in Shabwa province.

gulfnews 27 Jan 2018

http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/yemen/drone-strike-kills-7-al-qaida-suspects-in-yemen-1.2163917?utm_source=Feeds&utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=Drone

Separatists clash with government forces in Yemen's Aden

Heavy clashes have erupted between Yemeni government forces and separatists in the southern port city of Aden. An Associated Press journalist heard heavy gunfire in the Khor Maksar district Sunday. President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi's forces, which have been at war with Shiite rebels....

therepublic 8:25:00 AM CET

<http://www.therepublic.com/2018/01/28/ml-yemen-11/>

Europe

Germany

Suspected Boko Haram attacker arrested in Germany

A 27-year-old Nigerian man suspected of being a member of Boko Haram and killing people in Nigeria during attacks on schools and a village has been arrested in Germany, the federal prosecutor said on Friday. The man, named as Amaechi Fred O.

reuters-in 26 Jan 2018

https://in.reuters.com/article/nigeria-security-germany/suspected-boko-haram-attacker-arrested-in-germany-idINKBN1FF1WH?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FInWorldNews+%28News+%2F+IN+%2F+World+News%29

Selon The Sun, Al-Baghdadi s'est réfugié dans le Sahel, où il tente de rassembler ses troupes

Selon le Tabloïd Britannique The Sun, le fondateur du groupe terroriste sanguinaire Daech, Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi s'est réfugié quelque part en Afrique, après les revers encaissés par son organisation extrémiste, dans ses principaux bastions en Syrie et en Irak. Le Sun qui s'appuie sur une source

26 Jan 2018

<https://www.algerie1.com/actualite/selon-the-sun-al-baghdadi-s-est-refugie-dans-le-sahel-ou-il-tente-de-rassembler-ses-troupes>

International Organisations

UNODC launches Handbook on Children Recruited and Exploited by Terrorist Groups

UNODC launched today the Handbook on Children Recruited and Exploited by Terrorist and Violent Extremist Groups: The Role of the Justice System , the first United Nations publication on the topic. The event was attended by representatives of 48 countries.

unodc 26 Jan 2018

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/frontpage/2018/January/unodc-launches-handbook-on-children-recruited-and-exploited-by-terrorist-groups.html>

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