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### **EAST AFRICA**

#### **Somalia**

##### **Somali National Army says Al-Shabaab supreme leader dead**

The report could not be independently confirmed; The US is known to have placed \$6m bounty on the head of the Al-Shabaab leader; The Al-Qaeda-linked Al-Shabaab emerged as the armed wing of the Islamic Courts Union The report could not be independently confirmed, but the local media outlets have....

*EastAfrican 27 Jun 2018*

<http://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/news/africa/Army-radio-says-Shabaab-supreme-leader-dead/4552902-4634154-j9qi4k/index.html>

### **WEST AFRICA**

#### **Mali**

##### **Le processus de paix au Mali “avance très bien”**

“(…), le processus avance et il avance très bien. Il ne faut pas confondre entre la mise en œuvre des accords de Bamako nés du processus Alger -donc la solution politique avance très bien-, et la lutte contre le terrorisme. Ca, ce sont deux situations différentes. Il y a un processus politique qui avance”, a expliqué M.

*mali-web 9:03:00 AM CEST*

<http://mali-web.org/crise-malienne/le-processus-de-paix-au-mali-avance-tres-bien-messahel>

#### **Nigeria**

##### **Before ISIS berths in Nigeria**

A new report that the ferocious terror group, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, is infiltrating fighters into Nigeria has for once jolted officials into some action. According to The Sun (newspaper) of London, ISIS is sneaking battle-hardened jihadists from Syria into the country to train Boko....

*punchng 3:27:00 AM CEST*

<http://punchng.com/before-isis-berths-in-nigeria/>

### **Boko Haram: Nigerian troops battle insurgents in Borno, kill six, rescue 33**

Troops of 242 Battalion deployed in operation LAFIYA DOLE have killed four Boko Haram terrorists at Bulabulin and Falamari villages in Damboa Local Government Area of Borno State during an exchange of fire. They also recovered dangerous weapons such as, four AK 47 rifles, four magazines, 52 rounds of 7.

*dailypost 10:03:00 AM CEST*

<http://dailypost.ng/2018/06/28/boko-haram-nigerian-troops-battle-insurgents-borno-kill-six-rescue-33/>

### **Dealing with IS's presence in Nigeria**

The Islamic State, one of the major terrorist networks ravaging the Middle East and other parts of the world, has now established a beachhead in Nigeria. The Department of State Services, DSS, confirmed this after the 2018 New Year Day Benue massacres.

*vanguardngr 9:15:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/06/dealing-iss-presence-nigeria/>

### **Nigeria herders, farmer's conflict highlights squeeze on arable land**

Fertile land is dwindling due to climate change combined with a population boom and is fueling conflicts across the continent. The violent conflicts between farmers and semi-nomadic herders in Nigeria that left dozens of people dead....

*reliefweb 8:47:00 AM CEST*

<https://reliefweb.int/report/nigeria/nigeria-herders-farmers-conflict-highlights-squeeze-arable-land>

### **New Death Toll from Weekend Clashes in Central Nigeria**

The governor of Nigeria's central Plateau state has revised the death toll from last weekend's clashes between mostly Muslim herders and Christian farmers. Speaking to reporters Tuesday after a meeting with President Muhammadu Buhari, Governor Simon Lalong said the....

*globalsecurity 7:20:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2018/06/mil-180627-voa05.htm>

### **ISIS: Immigration doubles passengers' screening at Lagos airport**

Following threat by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) to attack commercial flights which has triggered watertight security at airports, the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) has strengthened screening of in-bound and out-bound passengers at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA), Lagos.

*dailytrust 27 Jun 2018*

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/isis-immigration-doubles-passengers-screening-at-lagos-airport-258319.html>

## **Sahel**

### **Violent extremism driven mostly by state abuse in central Sahel**

The rise in violent extremism in the central Sahel is mainly a reaction to states' inability to provide security and services, and has little to do with religious ideology, our new research reveals. Drawing on extensive interviews with Fulani communities in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger, the report, ....

*international-alert 27 Jun 2018*

<https://www.international-alert.org/news/violent-extremism-driven-mostly-state-abuse-central-sahel>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Libya**

**UN calls for de-escalation in Libya's 'Oil Crescent' region**

The United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for de-escalation in Libya's "Oil Crescent" region. In a statement issued late Wednesday, Guterres urged for the return of all natural resources, their production and revenues to the control of the recognized Libyan authorities.

*petra-en 10:12:00 AM CEST*

[http://petra.gov.io/Public\\_News/Nws\\_NewsDetails.aspx?Site\\_Id=1&lang=2&NewsID=359542&CatID=-1](http://petra.gov.io/Public_News/Nws_NewsDetails.aspx?Site_Id=1&lang=2&NewsID=359542&CatID=-1)

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **America**

#### **US Official on T&T and Isis**

There is a direct link between crime and efforts to recruit people to commit terrorism. That's according to the Director of the US State Department's Office of Countering Violent Extremism. He also says recruitment of terrorists in prisons around the world, is at an all-time high.

*tv6mt 5:16:00 AM CEST*

[https://www.tv6mt.com/news/7pmnews/us-official-on-t-t-and-isis-part-two/article\\_55b5f694-7a7d-11e8-a6a3-fb700ffc2b19.html](https://www.tv6mt.com/news/7pmnews/us-official-on-t-t-and-isis-part-two/article_55b5f694-7a7d-11e8-a6a3-fb700ffc2b19.html)

#### **International community gathers in New York, discusses coordinated action to tackle terrorism, violent extremism worldwide**

During the first-ever United Nations Counter-Terrorism Week, the General Assembly adopted by consensus a resolution stressing the need for countries to join forces as no one could tackle the scourge of terrorism alone. Introducing the resolution, Assembly President Miroslav Lajčák....

*unodc 10:21:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/frontpage/2018/June/international-community-gathers-in-new-york--discusses-coordinated-action-to-tackle-terrorism--violent-extremism-worldwide.html>

### **Australia**

#### **Australian special forces cleared to rapidly join terror responses**

Australian states and territories will have faster access to military personnel and resources to deal with domestic terror threats, under legislation to be introduced to federal parliament on Thursday. Amendments to the Defence Act will enable the rapid deployment of....

*xinhuanet\_en 9:17:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-06/28/c\\_137286856.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-06/28/c_137286856.htm)

#### **Muslim convert allegedly radicalised in prison is granted bail**

A man who allegedly told another inmate he wanted to attack a police station after he was radicalised in prison has been granted bail in the Supreme Court. Greg Ceissman, 24, is the first person in NSW to be subject to an Interim Supervision Order (ISO) under new legislation which allows suspected....

*brisbanetimes 10:12:00 AM CEST*

[https://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/nsw/muslim-convert-allegedly-radicalised-in-prison-is-granted-bail-20180628-p4zoa6.html?utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_source=rss\\_feed](https://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/nsw/muslim-convert-allegedly-radicalised-in-prison-is-granted-bail-20180628-p4zoa6.html?utm_medium=rss&utm_source=rss_feed)

#### **Sydney teenager jailed over Anzac Day terror plot**

A Sydney teenager who said he wanted to attack and terrorise "infidels" at a memorial service on Anzac Day in 2016 has been sentenced to 12 years' jail. The boy, who cannot be identified because he is a child, was sentenced last Friday. The case was suppressed, but the judge's sentencing remarks are now public.

*abc-au 6:46:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-06-28/sydney-teenager-jailed-over-anzac-day-terror-plot/9919464>

## **Asia**

### **Afghanistan**

#### **Afghans Dispute Russia's Islamic State Claims**

Authorities in Afghanistan have rejected latest Russian claims that thousands of Islamic State fighters are "consolidating" their presence in nine out of 34 provinces of the war-hit country. Afghan Defense Ministry spokesman, Mohammad Radmanish, at a news conference....

*globalsecurity 7:20:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2018/06/mil-180627-voa02.htm>

#### **Not all teen terrorists radicalised by social media**

A desire to understand how Australians become radicalised has created some popular ideas about the creation of jihadists that are misleading or completely incorrect, a leading expert on terror networks has warned. At the heart of this misunderstanding is the idea that terrorists can be created in a....

*abc-au 27 Jun 2018*

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-06-28/debunking-the-myths-of-how-australians-become-jihadists/9917094>

### **India**

#### **Bodies taken away on trucks, loud explosions, eyewitnesses give graphic details**

Five eyewitnesses were contacted by The Indian Express through their kin living on the Indian side of the LoC and questions were sent to them using a commercially available encrypted chat system. The eyewitnesses' identities are being withheld for their safety at the request of their families.

*expressindia 2:08:00 AM CEST*

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/pakistan-border-terror-camps-surgical-strikes-kashmir-loc-indian-army-jihadist-3065975/>

### **Iraq**

#### **Would-be Islamic State female suicide bombers show no remorse**

Two young brides who were set to become the first female suicide bombers in Indonesia did not show any remorse about what they were preparing to do, an Australian-based filmmaker says. Noor Huda Ismail's new documentary The Bride (Pengantin) explores how former Indonesian migrant workers, Dian Yulia Novi and IkaPuspitasari, became radicalised.

*abc-au 3:50:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-06-28/would-be-islamic-state-suicide-bombers-show-no-remorse/9906790>

### **Pakistan**

#### **5 terrorists arrested in SW Pakistan**

Pakistani military has arrested five militants in an operation conducted in the country's southwest Balochistan province on Thursday, official reports said. The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the mouthpiece of Pakistan army, said in a statement that the....

*xinhuanet\_en 10:05:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-06/28/c\\_137287073.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-06/28/c_137287073.htm)

#### **Pakistan placed on FATF's 'grey list' on failing to curb terrorism**

The placement on to grey list could hurt Pakistan's economy as well as its international standing. (File) Pakistan has been placed on the grey list by the Financial Action Task

Force for failing to curb anti-terror financing despite its diplomatic efforts to avert the decision, an official said on Thursday.

*expressindia 11:08:00 AM CEST*

<https://indianexpress.com/article/pakistan/pakistan-placed-on-fatfs-grey-list-on-failing-to-curb-terrorism-5236774/>

## **Syria**

### **Syrian and US-backed forces gain against ISIS, but may fight each other**

**Newsweek**

Democratic Forces have announced sweeping gains against the Islamic State militant group (ISIS) in the last of its major hideouts in eastern Syria. The two rival anti-jihadi campaigns, however, now risk turning against one another.

*msn-uk 9:56:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/us-and-syria-defeating-isis-but-may-face-each-other/ar-AAzhIXz>

## **Europe**

### **France**

#### **Nouvelle visite de Macron en Afrique**

Emmanuel Macron retourne en Afrique la semaine prochaine pour participer au sommet de l'Union africaine en Mauritanie et faire le point sur la lutte antiterroriste au Sahel, avant une visite au Nigeria marquée par une soirée au rythme de l'afrobeat. Le président français attend lundi à la...

*africaguinee 10:17:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.africaguinee.com/articles/2018/06/28/nouvelle-visite-de-macron-en-afrique>

### **Germany**

#### **3 killed in explosion in home in northern Germany**

German authorities say three people have been killed in a massive explosion on the upper floor of a row house in the northern city of Bremen. Police told the dpa news agency that rescue crews had found the bodies of a 41-year-old woman and her seven year old son, as well as that of a...

*nzherald 10:11:00 AM CEST*

[https://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=2&objectid=12079732&ref=rss](https://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=12079732&ref=rss)

## **UN**

### **Uniting the world against terrorism**

Terrorism is a persistent and evolving global menace. No country is immune. Social media, encrypted communications and the dark web are being used to spread propaganda, radicalise new recruits and plan atrocities. The threat ranges from the crude tactics of lone actors to sophisticated coordinated....

*tribune 8:10:00 AM CEST*

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1744651/6-uniting-world-terrorism/>

#### **UN says Malian army 'summarily' killed 12 civilians**

Bamako: The Malian army "summarily" executed 12 civilians in a market in central Mali in May in retaliation for the death of a soldier, a UN investigation into the killings said. Malian Prime Minister Soumeylou Boubeye Maïga said he deplored the bloodshed, adding that the unit in question had now....

*GulfDailyNews 8:17:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.gdnonline.com/Details/369585/UN-says-Malian-army-summarily-killed-12-civilians>

#### **BNPT head attends UN conference on terrorism**

National Counterterrorism Agency (BNPT) head Comr. Gen. SuhardiAlius is attending the UN High Level Conference of Heads of Counterterrorism Agencies of Member States in New York on Thursday and Friday. Suhardi will present a speech on preventing violent extremism by engaging the youth and combating internet abuse by terrorists.

JakartaPost 9:38:00 AM CEST

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2018/06/28/bnpt-head-attends-un-conference-on-terrorism.html>

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