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### **EAST AFRICA**

#### **Ethiopia**

##### **At African Union Summit, Guterres outlines UN-AU approach to combatting terrorism**

Violent extremists have carried out bombings in the Somali capital of Mogadishu on various occasions. Shown here is the aftermath of a car bomb attack on the city's Banadir Beach hotel on 25 August 2016. Photo: UN Somalia (file) 27 January 2018  
#150 No single nation, institution, or....

*un-org 28 Jan 2018*

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=58495>

##### **Uhuru faults withdrawal of Amisom troops**

President Uhuru Kenyatta says Somalia is not yet ready to take on full responsibility for security. He urged the United Nations and the African Union to consider “practical” timelines for the withdrawal of the Africa Union Mission to Somalia (Amisom) troops.

*businessdailyafrica 28 Jan 2018*

<https://www.businessdailyafrica.com/news/Uhuru-faults-withdrawal-of-Amisom-troops-539546-4282210-521r7i/index.html>

##### **How to end killings, terrorism – Buhari**

President Muhammadu Buhari has stated that terrorism financing must be curtailed in order to halt senseless killings by extremists. His spokesman, Garba Shehu, in a statement said Buhari spoke Saturday evening at the meeting of the African Union Peace and Security Council in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

*dailypost 28 Jan 2018*

<http://dailypost.ng/2018/01/28/end-killings-terrorism-buhari/>

##### **President, UN boss Guterres discuss peace, stability in the Great Lakes region**

President Yoweri Museveni and the United Nations Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, have held bilateral discussions on the sidelines of the 30th African Union Heads of State summit happening in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The principals discussed issues of peace and stability in the Great Lakes Region....

*statehouse-ug 28 Jan 2018*

<http://www.statehouse.go.ug/media/news/2018/01/28/president-un-boss-guterres-discuss-peace-stability-great-lakes-region-0>

### **African leaders join hands to counter terrorism**

This picture shows a general view during the opening of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union in Addis Ababa on January 28, 2018. Leaders plan to establish a National Counter-Terrorism Centre. Defence Forces are part of the AU mission....

*nation-ke 28 Jan 2018*

<https://www.nation.co.ke/news/African-leaders-join-hands-to-counter-terrorism-/1056-4282532-12rfan8/index.html>

### **Kenya**

#### **Kenya has instituted measures to fight terror, President Kenyatta says**

President Kenyatta told the African Union Peace and Security Council (PSC) meeting in Addis Ababa on Saturday evening that one of the measures was the establishment of a National Counter-Terrorism Centre (NCTC), a multi-agency mechanism that ensures Kenya's counter-terrorism policies are implemented.

*capitalfm 28 Jan 2018*

<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2018/01/kenya-instituted-measures-fight-terror-president-kenyatta-says/>

#### **Poor communication, low morale derail battle against Shabaab**

Linda Boni Operation Director Joseph Kanyiri speaks to journalists about an attack by suspected Al-Shabaab militants at Maleli village in Lamu West on August 18, 2017. The fight against Shabaab is still operational. On January 19, then Coast regional....

*nation-ke 28 Jan 2018*

<https://www.nation.co.ke/news/war-on-Shabaab-has-dragged-on-in-three-counties-/1056-4282534-8wi48hz/index.html>

#### **Attack against Kenyan Soldiers Near Somalian Border**

Two soldiers of the Kenyan Defense Force (KDF) died when their truck activated a home-made explosive device in Handaro, in the area of Holugho, Garissa county, according to reports in this capital.

*plenglish 28 Jan 2018*

<http://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=rn&id=23981&SEO=attack-against-kenyan-soldiers-near-somalian-border>

### **Somalia**

#### **AU's Somalia mission to train, mentor local security forces**

African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) said Sunday a multinational team of newly deployed police officers will mentor and train local police forces in the management of law and order as the country rebuilds its security institutions.

*xinhuanet\_en 28 Jan 2018*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/28/c\\_136931588.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/28/c_136931588.htm)

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Mali**

#### **Fresh attack kills four Malian soldiers**

Suspected militants killed four Malian soldiers on Sunday in the second deadly attack this weekend in the country's troubled north, local and military officials told AFP.

Mali's deteriorating security situation is of growing concern as al Qaeda-linked groups mount increasingly ferocious attacks on domestic and foreign forces.

tribune 28 Jan 2018

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1620439/3-fresh-attack-kills-four-malian-soldiers/>

### **Quatre soldats tués dans le nord-est du Mali**

Quatre soldats maliens ont été tués dimanche lors d'une attaque contre leur base dans le nord-est du Mali, près de la frontière nigérienne, au lendemain d'une attaque qui avait fait 14 tués parmi les soldats, a-t-on appris de source militaire. "Les terroristes ont tué quatre soldats à Menaka, ils....

slateafrique 28 Jan 2018

<http://www.slateafrique.com/819943/quatre-soldats-tues-dans-le-nord-est-du-mali>

### **Menaka: Les FAMAs repoussent une attaque, quatre soldats maliens tués**

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abamako 28 Jan 2018

<http://news.abamako.com/h/179554.html>

### **Un kamikaze à la ceinture d'explosifs abattu à Ménaka**

Un terroriste kamikaze a été tué ce dimanche lorsqu'il a tenté de faire exploser sa ceinture explosive aux abords du poste de la Garde nationale à Ménaka (nord), a annoncé dans un communiqué de l'armée malienne. Selon l'armée malienne, quatre membres des forces armées du pays ont perdu la vie lors de l'incident.

mali-web 7:42:00AM CET

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/mali-un-kamikaze-a-la-ceinture-d-explosifs-abattu-a-menaka-nord>

### **Attaques de Boni et Soumpi : Menaces contre les ennemis et encouragements pour les FAMa et ses alliés**

Le Mali a connu son nième attaque terroriste sur son territoire. Moins pire et plus pire que d'autres, cette attaque a une fois de plus suscité la colère des autorités maliennes et l'indignation de son peuple et du monde entier. Humainement, il n'y a pas de qualificatif à l'acte barbare, ignoble....

mali-web 8:12:00AM CET

<http://mali-web.org/crise-malienne/attaques-de-boni-et-soumpi-menaces-contre-les-ennemis-et-encouragements-pour-les-fama-et-ses-allies>

### **Cinq ans après l'opération Serval, al-Qaida gangrène le Mali**

Envoyé spécial à Bamako et Tombouctou. Les commerçants ont verrouillé la porte de fer de leurs échoppes. Le marché central, plaque tournante du négoce, est silencieux. Les chaussées tapissées de sable sont vides. Tombouctou, cité de légendes, est une «ville morte».

mali-web 5:41:00AM CET

<http://www.lefigaro.fr/international/2018/01/28/01003-20180128ARTFIG00144-au-mali-le-djihadisme-fleurit-sur-la-decomposition-de-l-etat.php>

## **Nigeria**

### **Fish business in Lake Chad region ruined by Boko Haram**

A motley crowd pushing and shoving its way through a narrow path to access a trailer parked at the edge of a popular market in Maiduguri, Borno State capital.

sunnewsonline 28 Jan 2018

<http://sunnewsonline.com/fish-business-in-lake-chad-region-ruined-by-boko-haram/>

### **Nigerian police rescue two kidnapped South Africans**

The commander of the Police Intelligence Response Team (IRT), Assistant Commissioner of Police, Abba Kyari, said the two South-Africans were rescued while some members of the kidnap gang were arrested. According to the police commissioner, the victims were rescued on Saturday morning following an....

*iol 28 Jan 2018*

<https://www.iol.co.za/news/africa/nigerian-police-rescue-two-kidnapped-south-africans-12976278>

### **Boko Haram, farmer-herder violence in Nigeria leaves 6 dead**

Separate outbreaks of violence attributed to a Boko Haram attack and clashes between Muslim herders and Christian farmers left at least six people dead in Nigeria, police and local authorities said Saturday. At least three people were killed late Friday when Boko Haram attacked the Hyambula....

*gulfnews 28 Jan 2018*

[http://gulfnews.com/news/africa/nigeria/boko-haram-farmer-herder-violence-in-nigeria-leaves-6-dead-1.2164156?utm\\_source=Feeds&utm\\_medium=RSS&utm\\_campaign=Boko](http://gulfnews.com/news/africa/nigeria/boko-haram-farmer-herder-violence-in-nigeria-leaves-6-dead-1.2164156?utm_source=Feeds&utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=Boko)

### **Army alerts Nigerians over Boko Haram members escaping from Sambisa forest into communities**

The Nigerian Army has alerted members of the public to be wary of escaping members of Boko Haram finding their way into isolated communities. - This is due to the heavy casualties suffered by the terrorists in Sambisa forest. - The army's Operation Deep Punch II in the area has been largely successful.

*onlinenigeria 28 Jan 2018*

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/698583-army-alerts-nigerians-over-boko-haram-members-escaping-from-sambisa-forest-into-communities.html>

## **Senegal**

### **Le « planificateur » de la tuerie de Casamance arrêté, affirment les autorités**

Un homme soupçonné d'avoir "planifié" le massacre de 14 jeunes venus chercher du bois en Casamance le 6 janvier a été placé en garde-à-vue, ont annoncé les autorités sénégalaises. Au total, ce sont vingt-quatre personnes qui sont maintenant détenues dans le cadre de l'enquête.

*9:06:00 AM CET*

[http://www.jeuneafrique.com/520363/politique/senegal-le-planificateur-de-la-tuerie-de-casamance-arrete-affirment-les-autorites/?utm\\_source=Newsletter JA Actu&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=Newsletter JA Actu 26 01 18](http://www.jeuneafrique.com/520363/politique/senegal-le-planificateur-de-la-tuerie-de-casamance-arrete-affirment-les-autorites/?utm_source=Newsletter%20JA%20Actu&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Newsletter%20JA%20Actu%2026%2001%2018)

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Algeria**

#### **Un des terroristes abattus à Khenchela était au maquis depuis 1995**

Deux autres terroristes parmi les huit abattus vendredi à Khenchela ont été identifiés par les services de sécurité, indique le MDN dans un communiqué, publié ce dimanche 28 janvier.

*9:00:00 AM CET*

<https://www.tsa-algerie.com/un-des-terroristes-abattus-a-khenchela-etait-au-maquis-depuis-1995/>

#### **Un dangereux terroriste arrêté à Khenchla**

Outre l'élimination de neuf (09) terroristes, les éléments de l'Armée nationale populaire ont également arrêté, dimanche dans la zone de El Rakhouch, commune de Chechar (Khenchla), un autre terroriste présenté comme dangereux, a-t-on appris de sources bien informées.

ech-chorouk-fr 8:20:00 AM CET

<https://www.echoroukonline.com/ara/articles/547347.html>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **America**

#### **Colombia**

##### **Colombia rebels suspected in deadly police blasts**

Authorities initially blamed drug gangs over the attacks which began early Saturday in the northern coastal city of Barranquilla. Five police officers were killed and 41 injured by a bomb that exploded at their station during the morning roll call. It was one of the deadliest attacks on security personnel in recent years.

digitaljournal 8:20:00 AM CET

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/bomb-attacks-in-colombian-city-target-police/article/513351>

### **US**

##### **Man accused in terror plot asked for deportation over prison**

A man accused of plotting an attack on a federal medical facility in Texas asked a judge in December to deport him instead of sending him to prison, saying he didn't deserve to spend time behind bars, records show. Abdirahman Sheik Mohamud told federal Judge Michael Watson that....

nzherald 5:43:00 AM CET

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=2&objectid=11984109&ref=rss](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=11984109&ref=rss)

### **Asia**

#### **Afghanistan**

##### **Gunmen attack Kabul military compound, multiple casualties**

Defence ministry spokesman Dawlat Waziri said five soldiers were killed and 10 wounded in the assault claimed by the Islamic State group via its propaganda arm Amaq. "An Afghan army battalion has come under attack this morning. The attackers wanted to breach the battalion," Waziri told AFP, adding the raid had ended.

digitaljournal 8:20:00 AM CET

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/gunmen-attack-kabul-military-compound-multiple-casualties/article/513386>

##### **IS claims Kabul attack on military academy, killing 5 troops**

Afghan security personnel arrive at the site of an attack at the Marshal Fahim academy in Kabul, Afghanistan Monday, Jan. 29, 2018. An Afghan official and an eyewitness say blasts have been heard and a gunbattle is occurring near the military academy in the capital Kabul.

timesdaily 8:38:00 AM CET

[http://www.timesdaily.com/news/nation/is-claims-kabul-attack-on-military-academy-killing-troops/article\\_9125fe74-8bd5-5e46-bad3-7b10e76647b1.html](http://www.timesdaily.com/news/nation/is-claims-kabul-attack-on-military-academy-killing-troops/article_9125fe74-8bd5-5e46-bad3-7b10e76647b1.html)

##### **L'EI revendique l'attaque sur l'Académie militaire d'Afghanistan**

Le groupe Etat islamique a revendiqué lundi une attaque contre le complexe de l'Académie militaire d'Afghanistan à Kaboul, qui a fait au moins cinq morts parmi les soldats, dans un contexte de grande tension qui voit les insurgés multiplier les opérations.

laprovence 8:37:00 AM CET

<http://www.laprovence.com/article/france-monde/4812791/lei-revendique-lattaque-sur-lacademie-militaire-dafghanistan.html>

## **Afghanistan says death toll from Kabul bombing rises to 103**

Afghan authorities have raised the death toll from Saturday's suicide bombing in Kabul to 103, as hundreds of people gathered for funerals or awaited word of loved ones outside hospitals and morgues. The attacker, driving an ambulance filled with explosives, was able to race....

bostonherald 28 Jan 2018

[http://www.bostonherald.com/news/international/2018/01/afghanistan\\_says\\_death\\_toll\\_from\\_kabul\\_bombing\\_rises\\_to\\_103](http://www.bostonherald.com/news/international/2018/01/afghanistan_says_death_toll_from_kabul_bombing_rises_to_103)

## **Attentat de Kaboul: le bilan monte à 103 morts et 235 blessés**

Le bilan de l'attentat à l'ambulance piégée, samedi au centre de Kaboul, atteint désormais 103 morts et 235 blessés et beaucoup de policiers se trouvent parmi les victimes, a annoncé dimanche le ministre de l'Intérieur Wais Barmak. "Malheureusement de nombreux blessés sont décédés depuis leur....

bfmtv 28 Jan 2018

<http://www.bfmtv.com/international/attentat-de-kaboul-le-bilan-monte-a-103-morts-et-235-blesses-1360299.html>

## **Shock gives way to despair in Kabul after ambulance bomb**

Kabul was in despair on Sunday, a day after a Taliban suicide bomber killed more than 100 people and wounded at least 235 in the worst attack in the Afghan capital in months. A week ago, the Taliban killed more than 20 people in a siege of the city's Intercontinental Hotel.

reuters 28 Jan 2018

[https://www.reuters.com/article/us-afghanistan-blast/shock-gives-way-to-despair-in-kabul-after-ambulance-bomb-idUSKBN1FG086?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FtopNews+%28News+%2F+US+%2F+Top+News%29](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-afghanistan-blast/shock-gives-way-to-despair-in-kabul-after-ambulance-bomb-idUSKBN1FG086?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FtopNews+%28News+%2F+US+%2F+Top+News%29)

## **Pakistan**

### **Customs official killed in Quetta firing incident**

One customs official was killed in a firing incident early Monday morning in the outskirts of Quetta. The customs officials were travelling in a car when unknown assailants opened fire at the vehicle near Sheikh Zayed Hospital at Link road resulting in the death of Muhammad Fasim. His body has been moved to Sheikh Zayed Hospital.

tribune 8:20:00 AM CET

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1620944/1-customs-officials-killed-firing-incident-quetta/>

## **Syria**

### **ISIS's Media Network in the Era after the Fall of the Islamic State**

Overview [1] This study analyzes ISIS's media network in view of rise and the fall of the Islamic State and to an essential change in ISIS's nature (the transition from the Islamic State to a terrorist organization). The loss of territories and resources, which accelerated in 2017, struck a hard blow to ISIS's media network.

terrorism-info 28 Jan 2018

<http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/en/isiss-media-network-era-fall-islamic-state/>

## **Turkey**

### **Erdogan says Turkey will clean entire Syrian border of terrorists**

Turkey will clean its entire border with Syria of terrorists, President Tayyip Erdogan said on Sunday, in a sign that a nine-day-old Turkish offensive into northern Syria's Afrin region could be extended further. Speaking at a congress of his ruling AK Party in the northern province of....

*jpost 28 Jan 2018*

<http://www.jpost.com/Breaking-News/Erdogan-says-Turkey-will-clean-entire-Syrian-border-of-terrorists-540033>

### **Erdogan : Ankara chassera tous les "terroristes" de la frontière syrienne**

Les forces turques vont purger la totalité de la frontière turco-syrienne des terroristes qui y sont présents, a assuré dimanche le président turc, Recep Tayyip Erdogan. S'exprimant lors d'un congrès de son parti, l'AKP, dans la province d'Amasya dans le nord de la Turquie, le chef de l'Etat a....

*lorientlejour 28 Jan 2018*

<https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1096774/erdogan-ankara-chassera-tous-les-terroristes-de-la-frontiere-syrienne.html>

## **Yemen**

### **Yemen govt warns of coup as separatists take over headquarters**

Yemen's prime minister accused southern separatists of an attempted coup on Sunday after they took over the government headquarters amid fierce clashes in the city of Aden.

*afp-english 28 Jan 2018*

<https://www.afp.com/en/news/23/yemen-govt-warns-coup-separatists-take-over-headquarters-doc-v43zr1>

### **Des séparatistes s'emparent du siège du gouvernement à Aden**

Des forces séparatistes se sont emparées dimanche du siège transitoire du gouvernement yéménite à Aden (sud), la deuxième ville du pays, après des affrontements meurtriers avec l'armée loyaliste qui compliquent encore davantage la recherche d'une solution.

*lexpress 28 Jan 2018*

[https://www.lexpress.fr/actualites/1/monde/yemen-des-separatistes-s-emparent-du-siege-du-gouvernement-a-aden\\_1980045.html](https://www.lexpress.fr/actualites/1/monde/yemen-des-separatistes-s-emparent-du-siege-du-gouvernement-a-aden_1980045.html)

## **Europe**

### **France**

### **«J'ai quitté la France à cause des menaces», reconnaît David Thomson, journaliste spécialiste du djihadisme**

C'est une confession qui fait froid dans le dos. David Thomson, le journaliste spécialiste du djihadisme, explique dans une interview publiée dans Le Figaro ce dimanche, avoir dû quitter « la France à cause de menaces ».

*28 Jan 2018*

<http://www.20minutes.fr/societe/2210295-20180128-quitte-france-cause-menaces-reconnait-david-thomson-journaliste-specialiste-djihadisme>

### **Policier non armé devant les écoles de Nice: "Une cible privilégiée des terroristes en cas d'attaque"**

Le ministre de l'Education nationale, Jean-Michel Blanquer, a validé la demande du maire de Nice, Christian Estrosi, qui veut expérimenter la présence policière à l'école pour renforcer la sécurité. La présence de policiers municipaux non armés à l'intérieur de quelques écoles de Nice va donc bien être expérimentée.

*nicematin 28 Jan 2018*

<http://www.nicematin.com/vie-locale/policier-non-arme-devant-les-ecoles-de-nice-une-cible-privilegiee-des-terroristes-en-cas-d-attaque-203501>

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