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#### **EAST AFRICA**

##### **Somalia**

###### **Police chief at airport in Somalia's Puntland shot dead**

A policeman has shot dead the chief of security at an airport in Somalia's semi-autonomous Puntland region and also his bodyguard, police say. The assailant's motive for killing Colonel Abdisalan Sanyare Owke and his bodyguard at the airport in Galkayo, a city in Puntland, was not immediately clear.

*iran-daily 02 Oct 2017*

<http://wwwiran-daily.com/News/201633.html>

#### **CENTRAL AFRICA**

##### **Democratic Republic of Congo**

###### **Militia clashes kill 16 in eastern DR Congo**

At least 16 members of a militia group have been killed in the troubled North Kivu province of the Democratic Republic of Congo, a military source said Monday. \*One

of the structures burnt down by the militia. The militia group had been engaged in intense fighting against the Congolese army since Friday, when at least four militiamen died.

*onlinenigeria 02 Oct 2017*

<http://www.nation.co.ke/news/africa/Militia-clashes-DR-Congo/1066-4122166-lmc85gz/index.html>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Burkina Faso**

#### **Contre-terrorisme : Des cadres de la police nationale renforcent leurs capacités**

« Il y a quelques années, le terrorisme était juste une menace pour le Burkina Faso. Nous ne savions pas de quel phénomène il s'agissait. Depuis 2015, nous savons ce qu'est le terrorisme parce que chaque année, disons, chaque mois nous sommes frappés par les actes terroristes », a rappelé le....

*lefaso 1:51:00 AM CEST*

<http://lefaso.net/spip.php?article79646>

#### **Attaque contre un poste de gendarmerie au nord du Burkina Faso**

Le poste de gendarmerie de Nassoumbou, dans le nord du Burkina Faso, a été la cible d'une attaque d'individus non identifiés dans la nuit de dimanche à lundi sans faire de victime, selon un habitant joint au téléphone.

*infosplusgabon 02 Oct 2017*

[http://www.infosplusgabon.com/index.php/actualites\\_submenu-1/4354-attaque-contre-un-poste-de-gendarmerie-au-nord-du-burkina-faso](http://www.infosplusgabon.com/index.php/actualites_submenu-1/4354-attaque-contre-un-poste-de-gendarmerie-au-nord-du-burkina-faso)

### **Mali**

#### **Les évêques inquiets après plusieurs attaques contre des églises**

La conférence épiscopale du Mali s'est déclarée inquiète ce 1er octobre après plusieurs attaques commises récemment contre des églises et des chapelles dans le centre du pays.

*02 Oct 2017*

<http://www.jeuneafrique.com/479206/politique/mali-les-eveques-inquiets-apres-plusieurs-attaques-contre-des-eglises/>

### **Nigeria**

## **Boko Haram: Borno government flags off campaign on counter narrative against insurgency**

Borno State Government on Monday charged religious leaders, traditional rulers and stakeholders to key into the campaign on counter narrative against insurgent's ideologies by enlightening the people to desist from extremism and other forms of violence.

*dailypost 02 Oct 2017*

<http://dailypost.ng/2017/10/02/boko-haram-borno-government-flags-off-campaign-counter-narrative-insurgency/>

## **Boko Haram vs. al Shabaab: What do we know about their patterns of violence?**

The United Nations proclaimed Oct. 2 as the International Day of Non-Violence, a reminder that it is irrational to use violence to promote peaceful societies. It's also a reminder of the importance of accurate data on where and why violence occurs in the world, and where the threats are on the rise.

*WashingtonPost 02 Oct 2017*

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/10/02/boko-haram-vs-al-shabaab-what-do-we-know-about-their-patterns-of-violence/>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Egypt**

#### **Egypt says police killed 3 suspected militants in Cairo**

Egypt's Interior Ministry says police have killed three suspected militants in a shootout in a southern Cairo suburb. The ministry said in a statement on Monday that the militants were members of Hasm, a breakaway faction of the Muslim Brotherhood group that has targeted the police and army over the past years in a series of brazen attacks.

*therepublic 02 Oct 2017*

<http://www.therepublic.com/2017/10/02/ml-egypt-5/>

### **Libya**

#### **Abu Khattala, mastermind of Benghazi attack or simple onlooker?**

Sporting a white shirt and a long beard, Ahmed Abu Khattala, 46, sat beside his lawyers in court listening to an Arabic translation of the proceedings through a headset. The surprise attack on the US diplomatic mission in the eastern Libyan port city on September 11, 2012, and the mortar attack on a....

*digitaljournal 3:06:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/abu-khattala-mastermind-of-benghazi-attack-or-simple-onlooker/article/504035>

### **Abou Khattala, cerveau ou spectateur de l'attaque de Benghazi?**

Un Libyen suspecté d'avoir fomenté en 2012 une attaque ayant tué l'ambassadeur des Etats-Unis à Benghazi a comparu lundi à Washington, l'accusation le présentant comme le cerveau de l'opération, la défense comme un simple témoin. Portant une chemise et une longue barbe blanches, Ahmed Abou Khattala....

*maliactu 9:21:00 AM CEST*

<http://maliactu.net/libye-abou-khattala-cerveau-ou-spectateur-de-lattaque-de-benghazi/>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **America**

### **Canada**

#### **Suspect in Canada Terrorist Attack Was Known to Authorities for Extremist Ideologies**

A car and knife attack on a police officer outside a football game and a high-speed chase of a moving van that left four people injured was the work of a Somali refugee who was likely working alone and was known to police for extremist ideology, Canadian authorities said Sunday.

*news-yahoo 02 Oct 2017*

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/suspect-canada-terrorist-attack-known-031600617.html>

### **US**

#### **Las Vegas shooter who killed 59 and injured over 500 people had 23 guns in his hotel room**

Stephen Paddock killed 59 people and injured 527 others in a mass shooting in Las Vegas was a big-spending gambler who took 23 guns into his hotel room before opening fire on crowds attending an outdoor music festival. The gunman sprayed bullets on revellers enjoying the Route 91 Harvest Festival....

*icWales 8:52:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/uk-news/las-vegas-shooter-who-killed-13707973>

### **Isis claims Las Vegas shooting and says attacker was converted months ago**

Stephen Paddock. ISIS has claimed responsibility for the worst mass shooting in US history. The Islamic State claim gunman Stephen Paddock was converted to Islam months ago and was one of their ‘soldiers’. Paddock killed at least 50 people and injured more than 400 who were attending Route 91 Harvest Festival in the Las Vegas Strip on Sunday night.

*metro-uk 02 Oct 2017*

<http://metro.co.uk/2017/10/02/isis-claims-las-vegas-shooting-and-says-attacker-was-converted-months-ago-6971648/>

### **ISIS' Claim in Vegas Shooting False, says Suspect's Brother**

The brother of the Vegas shooting suspect Eric Paddock rejected ISIS' claim that the shooter was operating on its behalf. The FBI said there is no proof the attack was linked to an international terrorist group. At least 59 people were killed and 530 were injured in the attack.

*albawaba-en 9:04:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.albawaba.com/news/isis-claim-vegas-shooting-false-says-suspects-brother-1028914>

### **Las Vegas terrorist fired 280 rounds into concert crowd**

Paddock, who had no military experience, set up two rifles with scopes on tripods to insure a steadier stream of death on the crowd below, The New York Times reported. About 22,000 people were at the sold-out festival. The shooter had methodically smuggled the weapons inside, apparently one at a....

*nydailynews 9:38:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/las-vegas-terrorist-fired-280-rounds-concert-crowd-article-1.3537388?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+NydnRss+%28Top+Stories+-+NY+Daily+News%29](http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/las-vegas-terrorist-fired-280-rounds-concert-crowd-article-1.3537388?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+NydnRss+%28Top+Stories+-+NY+Daily+News%29)

### **What we know about Las Vegas suspect Stephen Paddock**

Here's what we know:

- Paddock killed himself before officers reached him on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, where police said he opened fire on the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival across the street.
- Police believe Paddock had been staying at the hotel since Thursday.
- More than 10 rifles were found in the room.

*startribune 02 Oct 2017*

<http://www.startribune.com/what-we-know-about-las-vegas-suspect-stephen-paddock/449062483/>

## **Washington écarte la thèse d'une implication de l'EI à Las Vegas**

Aucun élément ne permet d'établir un lien entre le tireur de Las Vegas et une quelconque organisation terroriste, ont déclaré lundi deux hauts responsables du gouvernement américain. La fusillade, qui a fait au moins 50 morts et plus de 400 blessés dimanche soir lors d'un concert en plein air, a été....

*lorientlejour 02 Oct 2017*

<https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1075857/fusillade-de-las-vegas-un-haut-responsable-us-ecarte-lhypothese-dune-implication-de-lei.html>

## **Las Vegas : plus de 50 morts, Daech revendique l'attaque**

Finalement, ce ne sont pas 8, mais plus d'une dizaine de fusils qui ont été retrouvés avec le tireur. 15 h 28 : La compagne de Stephen Paddock, un temps recherchée par les forces de l'ordre, a été localisée à l'étranger. "Nous lui avons parlé et nous ne pensons pas qu'elle soit impliquée", ont fait savoir les enquêteurs.

*republicain-lorrain 02 Oct 2017*

<http://www.republicain-lorrain.fr/france-monde/2017/10/02/une-fusillade-en-cours-a-las-vegas>

## **Asia**

### **Bahrain**

#### **Five policemen injured in terror blast**

Five policemen were injured in a terror blast while securing Ashoora procession on Budaiya Highway in Dair in the outskirts of the capital Manama, the Ministry of Interior said late on Monday. "The necessary steps are being taken," the ministry said on its media centre Twitter account.

*gulfnews 9:36:00 AM CEST*

[http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/bahrain/bahrain-five-police-injured-in-terror-blast-1.2099685?utm\\_source=Feeds&utm\\_medium=RSS&utm\\_campaign=Bahrain](http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/bahrain/bahrain-five-police-injured-in-terror-blast-1.2099685?utm_source=Feeds&utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=Bahrain)

## **Burma**

### **Global terror groups set to exploit violence in Myanmar's Rakhine: Analysts**

As the crisis in Myanmar's Rakhine State continues, regional and international terror groups are coalescing around the plight of the Rohingya, calling for a jihad to defend them, warn analysts familiar with the situation. The military crackdown against the Rohingyas in Rakhine State,....

*channelnewsasia 7:26:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/global-terror-groups-set-to-exploit-violence-in-myanmar-s-9267176>

## **Iraq**

### **Les forces irakiennes s'emparent d'une localité stratégique de Daesh**

Les forces gouvernementales irakiennes se sont emparées lundi d'une localité stratégique tenue par le groupe takfiro-wahhabite Daesh au sud-est de Hawija, a indiqué dans un communiqué le chef des opérations. La ville de Hawija dans le nord de l'Irak est l'une des dernières tenues par Daesh dans ce....

*almanar-fr 9:03:00 AM CEST*

<http://french.almanar.com.lb/594779>

### **IS group torches oil wells in northern Iraq: Officials**

Islamic State militants set fire to three oil wells near Hawija, west of the oil city of Kirkuk, one of two areas of Iraq still under their control, military and oil officials said on Monday. Iraqi security forces were using bulldozers to control the fires started by the militants in the early hours of Saturday to slow the advance of U.

*ahram-EN 02 Oct 2017*

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/2/8/278145/World/Region/IS-group-torches-oil-wells-in-northern-Iraq-Offici.aspx>

## **Syria**

### **Russian planes kill over 300 IS militants on eastern bank of Euphrates over past 2 days**

Russia's Aerospace Forces destroyed 304 militants of the Islamic State terrorist group on the eastern bank of the Euphrates River over the past two days, Defense Ministry

Spokesman Igor Konashenkov said on Tuesday. "Over the past two days, the aircraft of Russia's....

*itartass\_en 9:35:00 AM CEST*

<http://tass.com/defense/968565>

### **Au moins onze morts dans un attentat à la bombe à Damas (OSDH)**

Au moins 11 personnes, des civils et des policiers, ont été tuées dans un attentat qui a visé un commissariat dans le sud de Damas, selon l'Observatoire syrien des droits de l'Homme (OSDH). D'après l'OSDH, une voiture piégée a explosé avant que deux kamikazes ne fassent détoner leur ceinture....

*maliweb 02 Oct 2017*

<http://www.maliweb.net/international/onze-mortes-attentat-a-bombe-a-damas-osdh-2565402.html>

### **Deadly suicide bombings hit Damascus police station**

Damascus has been largely insulated from the worst of the violence during the country's brutal six-year war, but several bomb attacks have shaken the city, AFP reported. Syria's Interior Ministry said two suicide bombers had blown themselves up at the police station in the southern district of....

*iran-daily 02 Oct 2017*

<http://wwwiran-daily.com/News/201608.html>

### **Drone strike kills at least 8 Hezbollah fighters in Syria**

At least eight Hezbollah fighters were killed in a drone strike in the eastern Syrian desert, where pro-government forces are engaged in a grinding battle against the Daesh, a monitoring group said Monday. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said a drone struck a position....

*gulfnews 02 Oct 2017*

[http://gulfnews.com/news/mena/syria/drone-strike-kills-at-least-8-hezbollah-fighters-in-syria-1.2099443?utm\\_source=Feeds&utm\\_medium=RSS&utm\\_campaign=Drone](http://gulfnews.com/news/mena/syria/drone-strike-kills-at-least-8-hezbollah-fighters-in-syria-1.2099443?utm_source=Feeds&utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=Drone)

### **A woman killed, four injured in ISIS terrorists' bombs on Deir Ezzor**

A woman was killed in a terrorist attack by ISIS with bombs on al-Qusour neighborhood in Deir Ezzor city. SANA reporter said that an ISIS radio-controlled

plane targeted with several bombs al-Qusour neighborhood on Monday, claiming the life of a woman and injuring four other civilians.

*Sana-en 9:28:00 AM CEST*

<http://sana.sy/en/?p=115021>

## **Europe**

### **France**

#### **Bombe artisanale découverte à Paris: un des interpellés était fiché pour radicalisation**

Une des cinq personnes interpellées après la découverte samedi de plusieurs bonbonnes de gaz équipées d'un dispositif de mise en feu dans le hall et à l'extérieur d'un immeuble de Paris était fiché S pour radicalisation, a annoncé mardi le ministre de l'Intérieur Gérard Collomb.

*laprovince 9:09:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.laprovince.be/1951283/article/2017-10-03/bombe-artisanale-découverte-a-paris-un-des-interpellés-était-fiché-pour-radicalisation>

#### **5 arrests after explosives found in chic Paris district**

Five people are in custody after an apparent failed bombing attempt in a chic Paris neighborhood. Paris police say a neighbor alerted authorities to suspicious activity early Saturday in the building in the 16th arrondissement, or district. A judicial official said an explosive device was found and deactivated.

*foxnews 9:30:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2017/10/03/5-arrests-after-explosives-found-in-chic-paris-district.html>

#### **Radicalised person arrested after explosive find in Paris: minister**

France's interior minister said on Tuesday an explosive device was discovered outside a residential building in Paris night and that subsequent arrests netted a radicalised individual. Minister Gerard Collomb, speaking on public radio station France Inter, said the discovery of the device in....

*thepeninsulaqatar 8:58:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.thepeninsulaqatar.com/article/03/10/2017/Radicalised-person-arrested-after-explosive-find-in-Paris-minister>

## **Aulnay-sous-Bois : «Pour sauver les jeunes du djihad, il faut les sortir de la cité»**

Hanane Charrihi, fille de victime d'attentat, veut lutter contre la radicalisation en envoyant des ados des quartiers en mission humanitaire. Un bon moyen de les responsabiliser, selon elle. « Je ne pourrai pas sauver tous les jeunes radicalisés. Mais si j'en sauve un, j'ai gagné ! Parce que....

*leparisien 8:05:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.leparisien.fr/aulnay-sous-bois-93600/aulnay-hanane-charrihi-fille-de-victime-d-attentat-veut-sauver-les-jeunes-du-djihad-grace-a-l-humanitaire-02-10-2017-7302201.php#xtor=RSS-1481423633>

## **Marseille knifeman is named as 29-year-old Tunisian**

Mohamed Merah, an al Qaeda-inspired gunman, kills seven people in three separate shootings in Toulouse. Victims included three soldiers of North African origin, a rabbi and his two young children. December, 2014 - A man shouting 'Allahu Akbar' (God is greatest) injures 13 by ramming a vehicle into a crowd in the eastern city of Dijon.

*dailymail 9:03:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4943330/Marseille-knifeman-named-29-year-old-Tunisian.html?ITO=1490&ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4943330/Marseille-knifeman-named-29-year-old-Tunisian.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490)

## **Attaque de Marseille : l'assaillant formellement identifié**

Selon France 2, l'assaillant de Marseille, qui a poignardé à mort deux cousins de 20 ans, dimanche, sur le parvis de la gare Saint-Charles, a été formellement identifié par la Tunisie ce lundi. Il s'agit bien de Ahmed Hanachi, 29 ans. Il a été identifié grâce à son passeport, fourni lors de sa....

*dna-france 7:37:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.dna.fr/actualite/2017/10/02/attaque-de-marseille-ce-que-l-on-sait-ce-lundi-matin>

## **Marseille : SDF, toxicomane, en situation irrégulière... ce que l'on sait de l'assaillant de la gare St-Charles**

Connu depuis 2005 sous sept identités des services de police pour des faits de droit commun, l'assaillant en situation irrégulière avait été interpellé vendredi à Lyon pour vol à l'étalage. AFP or licensors. L'enquête sur l'attaque au couteau à Marseille revendiquée par l'organisation Etat....

*lamarseillaise 02 Oct 2017*

<http://www.lamarseillaise.fr/analyses-de-la-redaction/decryptage/63990-sdf-toxicomane-en-situation-irreguliere-ce-que-l-on-sait-de-l-assaillant-de-la-gare-st-charles-a-marseille>

## Attentat à Marseille: la libération de l'assaillant la veille de l'attaque pose question

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*nicematin 8:44:00 AM CEST*

<http://www.nicematin.com/faits-divers/attentat-a-marseille-la-liberation-de-lassaillant-la-veille-de-lattaque-pose-question-171907>

## Marseille Assailant Was Briefly Detained Days Before Attack

The assailant who in southern France over the weekend had been arrested on suspicion of shoplifting just days before but was released, the French authorities said on Monday, adding that he had used multiple identities in dealings with the police since 2005.

*nytimes 02 Oct 2017*

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/02/world/europe/marseille-knife-attack.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

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