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EAST AFRICA

Kenya

Garissa University marks two years since al Shabaab attack

A low-key ceremony on Sunday marked the two-year anniversary since al Shabaab militants attacked Garissa University College, killing 148, most of them students. Four terrorists stormed the institution on April 2, 2015 and shot indiscriminately at students and security personnel.

thestarkenya 02 Apr 2017

http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/04/02/garissa-university-marks-two-years-since-al-shabaab-attack_c1536522

Somalia

Al-Shabaab retakes town vacated by Somali forces

Al-Shabaab militants have retaken a key district near Baidoa, the regional capital of Baay province on Sunday from Somali troops after a brief gunfight. Heavily armed Al Shabaab fighters with militants vehicles had dislodged the National Army (SNA) soldiers from Goofgaduud town, which lies just 30KM north of Baidoa city.

shabelle 02 Apr 2017

<http://www.shabelleneews.com/2017/04/al-shabaab-retakes-town-vacated-by-somali-forces/>

Landmine blast kills two children in southern Somalia

At least two people were killed in a landmine explosion in southern Somalia on Saturday evening, a government official said Sunday. Information Minister for Hirshabelle State Mahad Hassan told Xinhua by phone that the blast at an area near Mahaday district in Middle Shabelle region left two siblings dead.

xinhuanet_en 02 Apr 2017

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/02/c_136178531.htm

Somali Journalist Manages to Escape From Abductors

A Somali journalist who was abducted Saturday at gunpoint says he escaped from his kidnappers after the vehicle being used broke down. Hanad Ali Guled was found early

Sunday on a farm near Afgoye town, 30 kilometers west of Mogadishu. He said the vehicle used by his abductors broke down as they tried to move him from one location to another.

voanews 02 Apr 2017

<http://www.voanews.com/a/abducted-somali-journalist-found-alive/3792782.html>

Al Shabaab fires mortars at AMISOM base in Leego

Al Shabaab said it fired a salvo of mortar rounds at a military base belonging to the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) in Leego area in Lower Shabelle region. Residents said they woke up to heavy explosions and intense gunfire on Saturday night as Al Shabaab militants tried to storm the AMISOM base following the mortar shelling.

shabelle 02 Apr 2017

<http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/04/al-shabaab-fires-mortars-at-amisom-base-in-leego/>

WEST AFRICA

Burkina Faso

Insécurité au Sahel : Le gouvernement exhorte les acteurs de l'éducation à ne pas céder à la psychose

Le gouvernement a rencontré les acteurs de l'Education (Syndicats, Associations des parents d'élèves, Associations des promoteurs privés) le vendredi 31 mars 2017 à Ouagadougou dans la salle de Conférence du Ministère en charge de l'Enseignement supérieur, pour échanger sur les mesures sécuritaires....

lefaso 02 Apr 2017

<http://lefaso.net/spip.php?article76469>

Mali

Mali peace conference calls for talks with jihadists

The conference, enshrined in the country's 2015 peace deal, was intended to bring together the government, armed groups that support it, former rebels and the political opposition. But an opposition boycott lasted until late Saturday, while the former rebels were absent for Monday's talks before....

thetimes-za 7:13:00 AM CEST

<http://www.timeslive.co.za/africa/2017/04/03/Mali-peace-conference-calls-for-talks-with-jihadists>

La conférence d'entente appelle à négocier avec les extrémistes religieux du nord et du centre

La conférence d'entente nationale, une disposition de l'accord pour la paix et la réconciliation au Mali, ouvert lundi, s'est refermée ce dimanche à Bamako, par un appel à négocier avec les jihadistes du nord et du centre du Mali pour une paix retrouvée.

abamako 2:48:00 AM CEST

<http://news.abamako.com/h/156983.html>

Lutte contre l'insécurité : Bientôt une gendarmerie communautaire à Ouélessébougou

Face à l'insécurité grandissante dans la Commune de Ouélessébougou avec l'attaque du poste de contrôle par les bandits armés, le samedi 25 mars 2017, la direction générale de la gendarmerie nationale en partenariat avec l'Institut malien de recherche d'action à la paix (IMRAP), a initié une journée....

maliactu 9:44:00 AM CEST

<http://maliactu.net/mali-mali-lutte-contre-linsecurite-bientot-une-gendarmerie-communautaire-a-ouelessebougou/>

Niger

Niamey appelle à "collaborer" pour combattre les "terroristes" venus du Mali

Les autorités du Niger ont appelé samedi la population vivant dans les zones proches du Mali à "collaborer" avec l'armée pour combattre les "terroristes" qui mènent des raids meurtriers dans l'ouest du Niger, sous état d'urgence depuis un mois.

abamako 02 Apr 2017

<http://news.abamako.com/h/156965.html>

Nigeria

Buratai gives reason for reduction of suicide bombings in Maiduguri

The Chief of Army Staff, Lt.-Gen. Tukur Buratai said on Sunday that the army had identified one key location of perpetrators of suicide bombings and had destroyed it. The Chief of Army Staff said in an interview with newsmen that the "key area" was cleared by troops in conjunction with other security agencies.

vanguardngr 02 Apr 2017

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2017/04/buratai-gives-reason-reduction-suicide-bombings-maiduguri-2/>

Nigeria needs assistance of UN, others to demine Sambisa – Buratai

The Chief of Army Staff, Lt.-Gen. Tukur Buratai has called for deliberate effort to remove mines from the Sambisa after the sack of the terrorists from the forest. The Chief of Army Staff, who made the call in an interview in Maiduguri on Sunday, said that this effort will require the assistance of...

vanguardngr 02 Apr 2017

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2017/04/nigeria-needs-assistance-un-others-demine-sambisa-buratai/>

3 suicide bombers die on outskirts of Maiduguri, Nigeria

Police spokesman Victor Isuku said that on Sunday morning two men detonated explosive vests when security agents challenged them near an entry to Maiduguri, the northeastern city that has sustained several attacks. He said the bombers killed only themselves. Isuku said a lone bomber at a different location also blew himself up, injuring a civilian.

startribune 02 Apr 2017

<http://www.startribune.com/3-suicide-bombers-die-on-outskirts-of-maiduguri-nigeria/417891283/>

NORTH AFRICA

Egypt

Egypt court upholds 'terror group' designation for leading Muslim Brotherhood figures

Egypt's Court of Cassation rejected on Sunday an appeal by 18 Muslim Brotherhood members against an order placing them on an official list of "terrorist organizations." The appeal was filed by several leading figures in the now-banned Islamist group, including its supreme guide Mohamed Badie, along....

ahram-EN 02 Apr 2017

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/1/64/262100/Egypt/Politics-/Egypt-court-upholds-terror-group-designation-for-l.aspx>

The Blockade of Sinai's Extremists

Extremists in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula are cooperating and helping each other through money and arms transfers across several states in the region, security reports have said. Although they have dispersed after three years of attempts to establish their own "Emirate" in an area that lies....

aawsat 01 Apr 2017

<http://english.aawsat.com/abdul-sattar-hatita/features/blockade-sinai-extremists>

Un cadre fondateur de la branche de l'EI en Egypte tué dans le Sinäi

L'armée égyptienne a annoncé dimanche avoir tué dans un récent raid aérien Abou Anas al-Ansari, un des cadres fondateurs de la branche locale du groupe djihadiste Daesh, qui sévit dans le nord de la péninsule du Sinäi. Daesh avait déjà rapporté la mort du jihadiste, présenté comme un membre précieux....

lameuse 02 Apr 2017

<http://www.lameuse.be/1818646/article/2017-04-02/un-cadre-fondateur-de-la-branche-de-l-ei-en-egypte-tue-dans-le-sinai>

Libya

Les tribus du Sud signent un accord de paix

Des tribus du sud de la Libye ont signé vendredi à Rome un accord de paix, qui prévoit un contrôle des 5.000 kilomètres de frontières du Sud, où agissent notamment des passeurs de migrants, a confirmé dimanche le ministère italien de l'Intérieur. Le ministère, qui hébergeait cette rencontre, a....

sateafrique 02 Apr 2017

<http://www.sateafrique.com/734567/libye-les-tribus-du-sud-signent-un-accord-de-paix->

INTERNATIONAL

America

Trump's directive on Somalia airstrikes could fuel terrorism recruitment

U.S. President Donald Trump's directive this week declaring parts of Somalia a war zone, potentially setting the stage for an escalated military campaign against Islamic militants there while increasing the risk of civilian casualties, could fuel terrorist recruitment in the impoverished country, experts warned.

shabelle 02 Apr 2017

<http://www.shabellenews.com/2017/04/trumps-directive-on-somalia-airstrikes-could-fuel-terrorism-recruitment/>

Trump, Sissi to Seek Closer Cooperation Against Islamist Extremism

The United States and Egypt are expected to reach accord on enhanced collaboration in the fight against radical Islamist terrorism Monday when Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi comes calling on President Donald Trump at the White House, Voice of America reports.

focus-news-en 02 Apr 2017

<http://www.focus-fen.net./news/2017/04/02/417807/voa-trump-sissi-to-seek-closer-cooperation-against-islamist-extremism.html>

Al Qaeda comeback widens terror war for Donald Trump

Al Qaeda is making a comeback in the Middle East and North Africa by expanding its armies and infiltrating new territories, complicating President Trump's priority of destroying the world's other major Salafist Sunni group, the Islamic State. Whether al Qaeda could organize another transnational plot such as the Sept.

washtimes 02 Apr 2017

http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/apr/2/al-qaeda-comeback-widens-terror-war-for-donald-tru/?utm_source=RSS_Feed&utm_medium=RSS

Asia

Afghanistan

2 militants killed in premature blast in Afghanistan

Two militants were killed and five others wounded in a premature blast in Afghanistan's western province of Ghor on Sunday, provincial police chief said. "Seven militants were travelling in a vehicle toward provincial capital Firoz Koh.

xinhuanet_en 02 Apr 2017

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/03/c_129523842.htm

Iraq

Mossoul. L'heure des règlements de comptes

"Pendant trois ans, nous sommes mortes", dit Mouna, 33 ans. Elle est revenue du côté des vivants, après sept heures de marche, pieds nus, sous le feu et la pluie diluvienne. Elle cherchait un hôpital pour Zaynab, sa sœur de 19 ans, blessée par un éclat de mortier. Toutes les deux ne se sont pas lâché la main.

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http://www.parismatch.com/Actu/International/Mossoul-L-heure-des-reglements-de-comptes-1221692?link_time=1491109940#utm_term=Autofeed&utm_campaign=Echobox&utm_medium=Social&xtor=CS2-8&utm_source=Facebook

Jordan

Daesh : la Jordanie après la Tunisie... Daesh veut conquérir la zone qui sépare l'Irak de la Jordanie

Rédaction du site. Une étude publiée par le Congrès américain a conclu que le deuxième pays qui alimente Daesh après la Tunisie est la Jordanie. 4000 jordaniens auraient rejoint la milice wahhabite terroriste depuis 2011, estime le rapport publié par la direction des recherches du Congrès américain, le mois de février dernier.

almanar-fr 02 Apr 2017

<http://french.almanar.com.lb/333507>

Pakistan

News analysis: Pakistan sends strong message to militants by reviving military courts

Pakistan President Mamnoon Hussain has signed a bill to revive military courts for fast trials of terrorism-related cases, just days after the treasury and the opposition parties in the parliament joined hands to approve the amendment in the constitution.

xinhuanet_en 02 Apr 2017

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/02/c_136178926.htm

Military competition focuses on counter-terrorism continues in Pakistan

Pakistan military said on Sunday that the Pakistan Army Team Spirit (PATS) competition continues in the country's Punjab Province, with the participation of several other countries. A total of 10 foreign military teams and eight Pakistan Army teams are participating in the game, an army statement said.

xinhuanet_en 02 Apr 2017

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/02/c_136178925.htm

Europe

Belgium

Attentats à Bruxelles: pas de procédure disciplinaire contre l'officier de liaison Sébastien Joris

Aucune procédure disciplinaire n'a été ouverte contre l'officier de liaison Sébastien Joris, rapportent les titres Mediahuis. Celui-ci avait été accusé de négligence par le ministre de l'Intérieur Jan Jambon dans le cadre du retour du terroriste Ibrahim El Bakraoui en Belgique via la Turquie. Lors de son audition en commission d'enquête, M.

lavenir 9:35:00 AM CEST

http://www.lavenir.net/cnt/dmf20170403_00984464

France

Avec The Hummingbirds Project, "on ne va pas éradiquer le terrorisme, mais c'est notre part"

L'engagement associatif comme thérapie. Voilà comment Camille Simien a décidé de se remettre après avoir survécu à l'attaque du Bataclan, le 13 novembre 2015. "Chacun réagit très différemment. Certains ont pris de la distance, d'autres ont choisi l'engagement.

Europe1 9:28:00 AM CEST

<http://www.europe1.fr/societe/avec-the-hummingbirds-project-on-ne-va-pas-eradiquer-le-terrorisme-mais-cest-notre-part-3218789>

"Syrien, j'ai fui mon pays avec ma femme et mon bébé"

Joude Jassouma est né à Alep en 1983. Il vient de publier "Je viens d'Alep" (Allary Editions), paru le 23 mars 2017. (DR) J'ai 34 ans et je viens tout juste de commencer ma deuxième vie. Aujourd'hui, je suis un étudiant inscrit à l'université de Rennes 2 en master de linguistique et didactique des langues.

nouvelobs 02 Apr 2017

<http://leplus.nouvelobs.com/contribution/1663479-suivez-la-lumiere-au-loin-syrien-j-ai-fui-mon-pays-avec-ma-femme-et-mon-bebe.html?xtor=RSS-14>

UK

Counter-terrorism unit to tackle extremism in jails in England and Wales

A specialist team of counter-terrorism experts will be established next week as the government steps up efforts to tackle "poisonous" extremism in prisons in England and Wales.

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<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/apr/02/counter-terrorism-unit-to-tackle-extremism-in-jails-in-england-and-wales>

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