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AFRICAN UNION NEWS

Communiqué of the 749th meeting of the AU Peace and Security Council, at the level of Heads of State and Government

The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 749th meeting, held on 27 January 2018, at the level of Heads of State and Government, on the theme: “Towards a Comprehensive Approach to Combatting the Transnational Threat of Terrorism in Africa”, adopted the following decision:

29 Jan 2018

<http://www.peaceau.org/en/article/communique-of-the-749th-meeting-of-the-au-peace-and-security-council-at-the-level-of-heads-of-state-and-government-on-the-theme-towards-a-comprehensive-approach-to-combatting-the-transnational-threat-of-terrorism-in-africa>

Communiqué de la 749ème réunion du Conseil de paix et de sécurité de l'UA, au niveau des chefs d'État et de Gouvernement

Le Conseil de paix et de sécurité (CPS) de l'Union africaine (UA), en sa 749ème réunion, tenue le 27 janvier 2018, au niveau des chefs d'État et de Gouvernement, sur le thème: "vers une approche globale pour la lutte contre la menace transnationale du terrorisme en Afrique ", a adopté la décision qui suit:

29 Jan 2018

<http://www.peaceau.org/fr/article/communique-de-la-749eme-reunion-du-conseil-de-paix-et-de-securite-de-l-ua-au-niveau-des-chefs-d-etat-et-de-gouvernement-sur-le-theme-vers-une-approche-globale-pour-la-lutte-contre-la-menace-transnationale-du-terrorisme-en-afrique>

EAST AFRICA

Kenya

Kenya orders arrest of 4 Al-Shabaab operatives in border region

Kenya on Monday ordered the arrest of four Kenyan Al-Shabaab operatives in northeast region and charges if they failed to surrender within the next few days. North Eastern Regional Commissioner Mohamud Saleh who revealed names of the four Al-Shabaab operatives in....

xinhuanet_en 29 Jan 2018

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/29/c_136933919.htm

Kenya says border security wall thwarts attacks

A Kenyan official said on Monday that the construction of a perimeter wall along the porous border with Somalia has helped thwart terror attacks in the border region of Mandera County. Northeastern Regional Commissioner Mohamud Saleh said the security wall has....

xinhuanet_en 29 Jan 2018

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/29/c_136933920.htm

Kenyan security confirms list with 35 'al-Shabaab' sympathizers

The Kenyan government on Sunday revealed it has a list of 35 individuals from northeastern county of Mandera who have joined the Somalia-based Al-Shabaab network to carry out attacks in their home country. Mohamud Saleh, the Northeastern Regional Commissioner, said that the 35....

coastweek 29 Jan 2018

<http://www.coastweek.com/4104-Kenya-security-confirms-list-with-35-Al-Shabaab-sympathizers.htm>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Democratic Republic of Congo

Chaos in DRC

On Sunday, Naek Naeem Raza was killed when his convoy was attacked by militants, not in Balochistan or FATA but in the Democratic Republic of Congo's war-torn Kivu province. Naeem Raza was among 6,000 Pakistani soldiers deployed in UN peacekeeping missions abroad, and is now one of the 156 who have....

dailytimesPK 28 Jan 2018

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/190950/chaos-in-drc/>

WEST AFRICA

Burkina Faso

Gunmen ambush, kill 2 police in north Burkina Faso

Burkina Faso's government says gunmen have killed two policemen who were patrolling a market in the West African nation's northern Baraboule district.

siouxcityjournal 29 Jan 2018

http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/world/gunmen-ambush-kill-police-in-north-burkina-faso/article_7a0f86e1-ec05-5358-98e8-778a2686008b.html

Deux policiers burkinabè tués dans une embuscade dans le nord du pays

Deux policiers ont été tués lundi matin à Baraboulé, au nord du Burkina Faso, dans une embuscade tendue par des individus armés, a-t-on appris de sources sécuritaires et locales.

infosplusgabon 29 Jan 2018

<http://www.infosplusgabon.com/index.php/actualites/submenu-1/9915-deux-policiers-burkinabe-tues-dans-une-embuscade-dans-le-nord-du-pays>

Mali

Al-Qaida's Mali branch releases Colombian captive video

An agency that monitors jihadi websites says al-Qaida's Mali branch has released a video of a Colombian missionary who has been held captive for nearly one year. SITE Intelligence Group said the video released Monday by the Mali-based Islamic insurgency shows Gloria Cecilia Narvaez appealing to Pope Francis.

therepublic 12:50:00 AM CET

<http://www.therepublic.com/2018/01/29/af-mali-hostage-video/>

Une Colombienne enlevée au Mali apparaît dans une vidéo djihadiste

Une religieuse colombienne enlevée il y a près d'un an au Mali apparaît dans une vidéo dans laquelle elle sollicite l'intervention du pape François , rapportent lundi l'agence mauritanienne Al-Akhbar et le centre....

20minutes 4:49:00 AM CET

<https://www.20minutes.fr/monde/2211203-20180130-religieuse-colombienne-enlevee-mali-apparait-video-djihadiste>

Mali president declares three days mourning for dozens killed

Malian President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita declared three days of mourning on Monday for the dozens of people killed last week. Photo: Reuters. BAMAKO – Malian President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita declared three days of mourning on Monday for the dozens of people killed over the last week in jihadist attacks and bombings.

enca 1:51:00 AM CET

<http://www.enca.com/africa/mali-president-declares-three-days-mourning-for-dozens-killed>

Atelier de mise en œuvre de la Politique nationale de prévention et de lutte contre l'extrémisme et le terrorisme et son plan d'action

L'atelier de mise en œuvre de la Politique nationale de prévention et de lutte contre l'extrémisme violent et le terrorisme et son plan d'action s'est ouvert, ce lundi 29 janvier, au Grand hôtel de Bamako, sous la présidence du Premier ministre Soumeylou Boubèye Maïga.

mali-web 6:26:00 AM CET

<http://mali-web.org/politique/atelier-de-mise-en-oeuvre-de-la-politique-nationale-de-prevention-et-de-lutte-contre-lextrémisme-et-le-terrorisme-et-son-plan-daction>

Niger

Conférence de presse du Ministre de la Défense Nationale : Il n'y a pas de bases terroristes au Niger

Le Ministre de la Défense Nationale a animé une conférence de presse samedi dernier lors d'un déjeuner de presse organisé par son Ministère. Entouré pour la circonstance des chefs militaires, il a abordé des questions relatives à la récente attaque de Toumour, les bases étrangères, la force du G5 Sahel, le traitement de nos militaires, etc.

tamtaminfo 4:20:00 AM CET

<http://www.tamtaminfo.com/conference-de-presse-du-ministre-de-la-defense-nationale-il-ny-a-pas-de-bases-terroristes-au-niger/>

Nigeria

Fleeing B/Haram insurgents lurk in Borno, Yobe villages

Hundreds of Boko Haram terrorists are fleeing into remote communities in Borno and Yobe states after taking heavy poundings from Nigerian air and ground troops, Daily Trust has learnt. Sustained air and ground operations along the shores of the Lake Chad and the Sambisa forest have affected the insurgents in those areas.

dailytrust 5:29:00 AM CET

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/fleeing-b-haram-insurgents-lurk-in-borno-yobe-villages.html>

Boko Haram: Borno closes highways as troops storm Sambisa forest

Borno state government has banned vehicular movement on three major roads due to the ongoing military clearance operation against the Boko Haram insurgents. Dr Bukar Bulama, Commissioner of Home Affairs, Information and Culture Affairs, in a statement Monday said the closure would be between January 30 and February 4.

dailypost 8:31:00 AM CET

<http://dailypost.ng/2018/01/30/boko-haram-borno-closes-highways-troops-storm-sambisa-forest/>

50 Boko Haram abductees reunited with parents

More than 50 women and girls forcefully abducted by Boko Haram insurgents have been reunited with their parents in Borno State. Executive Director Herwa Community Development Initiatives, Dr. Mohammed Hassan, disclosed this in a chat with Daily Trust in Maiduguri yesterday, saying that just last....

dailytrust 7:10:00 AM CET

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/50-boko-haram-abductees-reunited-with-parents.html>

NORTH AFRICA

Libya

Unexploded ordnance kills three children in Libya's Benghazi

Three children were killed in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi on Monday by unexploded ordnance in the city. "Unexploded ordnance killed three children when they were playing near the social security building," Benghazi's Joint Central Security Chamber said in a statement.

xinhuanet_en 29 Jan 2018

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/30/c_136934646.htm

Les Tunisiens forment le premier contingent jihadiste de l'EI en Libye

La Libye connaît la quatrième plus grande mobilisation de combattants étrangers dans l'histoire du jihadisme. Selon un récent rapport de l'Institut de Washington pour la politique au Proche-Orient, le pays se classe tout juste derrière la Syrie, l'Afghanistan et l'Irak.

rfi-fr 12:38:00 AM CET

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20180129-tunisiens-contingent-jihadiste-libye>

INTERNATIONAL

America

US

Trump mulls over sending more troops to tackle surge in militancy

US President Donald Trump is weighing an option to send more troops to Afghanistan to help Kabul deal with a sudden increase in terrorist attacks, the US media reported on Monday. These troops are part of the 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade (SFAB), which is first of the six units....

dawn 4:08:00 AM CET

https://www.dawn.com/news/1386117/trump-mulls-over-sending-more-troops-to-tackle-surge-in-militancy?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+dawn-news+%28Dawn+News%29

Pentagon suppressing info on growing insurgent control in Afghanistan

A government watchdog report released late on Monday says the Pentagon is withholding information that shows insurgent control is growing in Afghanistan, despite the effort of U.S. military's nearly two decade-long war there. The report found that the Defense Department has....

upi 8:22:00 AM CET

https://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2018/01/30/Watchdog-Pentagon-suppressing-info-on-growing-insurgent-control-in-Afghanistan/1621517292110/

Asia

Afghanistan

The Latest: IS attacks Afghan military academy, killing 11

Afghan National Army soldiers take position near the entrance gate of Marshal Fahim academy after an attack in Kabul, Afghanistan Monday, Jan. 29, 2018. Insurgents attacked an Afghan army unit guarding a military academy in the capital of Kabul on ... The Latest on the conflict in Afghanistan (all times local): 6:30 p.

washtimes 29 Jan 2018

https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/jan/29/the-latest-is-attacks-afghan-military-academy-kill/?utm_source=RSS_Feed&utm_medium=RSS

Armenia

ISIS followers penetrated into Armenia

The followers of the Islamic State have penetrated into Armenia, too, according to Zhoghovurd (People) newspaper. "Fortunately, they did not manage to carry out large-scale terrorist actions here. Arman Janjughazyan was quickly exposed, who now is accused of the murder a Russian military serviceman in Gyumri.

news-am 8:22:00 AM CET

<https://news.am/eng/news/433707.html>

Pakistan

Bomb Kills Eight Shiites in NW Pakistan

A roadside bomb on Tuesday killed eight people including three women and a child in Pakistan's northwestern tribal belt near the Afghan border, in the latest attack apparently targeting Shiite Muslims. The improvised explosive device exploded in the Shiite-dominated Maqbal area of Kurram tribal district as a van carrying nine people drove by.

naharnet-en 8:40:00 AM CET

<http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/241516-bomb-kills-eight-shiites-in-nw-pakistan>

Syria

Syrian regime air strikes kill 33 in Idlib

Regime air strikes have killed 33 civilians in the past 24 hours in Syria's northwestern province of Idlib where government forces are fighting jihadists, a monitor said on Monday. On Monday alone, the strikes killed 16 civilians including 11 in a vegetable market in the town of Saraqeb,....

middle-east-online_en 29 Jan 2018

<http://www.middle-east-online.com/english/?id=86988>

Fighting flares up on hill seized by Turkish forces in Syria offensive

Renewed clashes have erupted on a strategic hilltop in north-western Syria captured by Turkish troops as Syrian Kurdish militiamen attempt to reclaim it. Turkish military officials cancelled a government-organised press tour to Bursayah Hill, which separates the Kurdish-held enclave of Afrin from....

wandsworthguardian 29 Jan 2018

http://www.wandsworthguardian.co.uk/uk_national_news/15904402.Fighting_flares_up_on_hill_seized_by_Turkish_forces_in_Syria_offensive/?ref=rss

Offensive turque en Syrie: plus de 300 arrestations pour "propagande"

Les autorités turques ont arrêté plus de 300 personnes soupçonnées d'avoir fait de la " propagande terroriste " sur les réseaux sociaux contre l'offensive que mène Ankara contre une milice kurde dans le nord-ouest de la Syrie. Depuis le 20 janvier, " 311 individus ayant fait de la propagande....

rtbf 29 Jan 2018

https://www.rtf.be/info/monde/detail_offensive-turque-en-syrie-plus-de-300-arrestations-pour-propagande?id=9824772

597 rebels neutralized in Syria operation, Turkish army rescues disabled woman

At least 597 PYD/PKK and Daesh terrorists have been “neutralized” since the beginning of Operation Olive Branch in Syria, the Turkish General Staff said on Monday. On Jan. 20, Turkey launched Operation Olive Branch along with Free Syrian Army (FSA) to clear PYD/PKK and Daesh terrorists from Afrin, northwestern Syria.

TheFrontierPost-en 7:56:00 AM CET

<http://thefrontierpost.com/597-rebels-neutralized-syria-operation-turkish-army-rescues-disabled-woman/>

Yemen

Suicide attack kills at least 11 at Yemen military checkpoint: officials

At least 11 people were killed on Tuesday in a suicide car bomb attack on a checkpoint in southeastern Yemen run by local forces backed by the United Arab Emirates, officials and residents said. Residents said gunmen opened fire on the checkpoint after a suicide bomber drove his....

reuters 8:36:00 AM CET

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-yemen-security-blast/suicide-attack-kills-at-least-11-at-yemen-military-checkpoint-officials-idUSKBN1FJ0QI?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29

Au moins neuf morts à Aden, théâtre de violents combats

Au moins neuf personnes ont été tuées ce lundi dans de nouvelles violences entre forces séparatistes et soldats gouvernementaux à Aden (sud), la deuxième ville du Yémen, ont indiqué des sources militaires, précisant que les deux camps avaient recours à l'arme lourde.

bfmtv 29 Jan 2018

<http://www.bfmtv.com/international/yemen-au-moins-neuf-morts-a-aden-theatre-de-violents-combats-1360974.html>

US drone kills 2 pro-govt fighters in central Yemen

Two pro-government fighters were reportedly killed in a suspected U.S. drone attack in central Yemen on Monday, according to a pro-government commander. The airstrike targeted a position of pro-government forces in al-Meqhaya district in the central Al Bayda province, Mohamed al-Ghunaimi told Anadolu Agency.

TheFrontierPost-en 7:56:00 AM CET

<http://thefrontierpost.com/us-drone-kills-2-pro-govt-fighters-central-yemen/>

Europe

Belgium

Belgium braces for return of foreign fighters

But there's pressure from a more sinister place too. After the brother of a Belgian-born fighter gave a television interview, even with his identity disguised, he was quickly

identified by IS supporters and badly beaten, as a warning to others to keep quiet. Returnees and their jihad journeys.

egyptindependent 29 Jan 2018

<http://www.egyptindependent.com/belgium-braces-return-foreign-fighters/>

Germany

Dortmund bomb attack 'changed my life,' Bartra tells court

Spanish defender Marc Bartra told a German court Monday of his mortal fear when bombs hit the bus of his Borussia Dortmund football team last year in an attack which he said "changed my life".

29 Jan 2018

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/dortmund-bomb-attack-changed-my-life-bartra-tells-court/article/513406>

«L'attentat a changé mon existence», Marc Bartra continue à souffrir

Marc Bartra en a pleuré de joie après avoir rejoué avec le Borussia Dortmund, le 20 mai 2017. Le défenseur espagnol Marc Bartra a déclaré lundi toujours «souffrir» des suites de l'attentat à la bombe ayant visé le bus de son équipe de Dortmund, lors du procès de son auteur présumé.

20minutes 29 Jan 2018

<http://www.20minutes.fr/sport/football/2210851-20180129-dortmund-attentat-change-existence-marc-bartra-souffre-toujours-depuis-attaque-bus>

Slovakia

A suspected terrorist spent two weeks in Slovakia

Libyan military attaché in Slovakia, Ibrahim Alemgalefta, spent two weeks in Slovakia last November, the Pravda daily wrote on January 27. Alemgalefta arrived in Slovakia from Vienna as a diplomat and stayed here in a luxury hotel. He celebrated his 56 th birthday here – on November 24 – before....

spectator 29 Jan 2018

<https://spectator.sme.sk/c/20748766/a-suspected-terrorist-spent-two-weeks-in-slovakia.html>

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