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#### **AFRICAN UNION NEWS**

##### **L’immigration au cœur du 5e sommet Europe-Afrique à Abidjan**

Les chefs d’État et de gouvernement arrivaient progressivement mercredi à Abidjan pour le cinquième sommet Union européenne (UE) – Union africaine (UA), qui se penchera principalement sur les questions d’immigration et de sécurité, avec l’ambition de donner un meilleur avenir à la jeunesse africaine.

*quotidien-lu 29 Nov 2017*

<http://www.lequotidien.lu/international/limmigration-au-coeur-du-5e-sommet-europe-afrique-a-abidjan/>

##### **Africa Seeks Investment to Stem Migration at Summit With EU**

European and African leaders gathering in Ivory Coast have an opportunity to confront one of the biggest sore points between the two continents: migration. The two-day African Union-European Union summit begins Wednesday as Europe is grappling to stem the biggest wave of asylum seekers since World....

*bloomberg 29 Nov 2017*

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-11-29/africa-seeks-investment-to-stem-migration-as-eu-summit-begins>

#### **EAST AFRICA**

##### **Somalia**

##### **U.S. military says no civilians killed in August Somalia raid**

“After a thorough assessment of the Somali National Army-led operation near Bariire, Somalia, on Aug. 25, 2017 and the associated allegations of civilian casualties, U.S. Special Operations Command Africa (SOCAF) has concluded that the only casualties were those of armed enemy combatants,” the two paragraph statement read.

*iran-daily 9:07:00 AM CET*

<http://www.iran-daily.com/News/205269.html>

البنتاغون ينفي ان يكون جنود اميركيون قتلوا مدنيين خلال عملية بالصومال في اغسطس

واشنطن: اعلن البنتاغون ان جنودا اميركيين قتلوا مسلحين اسلاميين في عملية مشتركة مع الجيش الصومالي في الصومال في اغسطس الماضي، مشددا على انهم لم يُقدموا على قتل مدنيين. وفي بيان صدر الأربعاء، قالت القيادة العسكرية الاميركية لأفريقيا (أفريكوم) انها اجرت "تحقيقا شاملا" حول تلك العملية العسكرية التي...

*elaph 7:02:00 AM CET*

[http://elaph.com/Web/News/2017/11/1179209.html?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+Elaph%2FNews+%28News+%7C+%D8%A3%D8%AE%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%B1%29](http://elaph.com/Web/News/2017/11/1179209.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Elaph%2FNews+%28News+%7C+%D8%A3%D8%AE%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%B1%29)

### **Somali officials, US military clash over civilian deaths**

Johannesburg – Somali authorities are yet to respond to a US military investigation of a deadly August raid in Somalia which contradicts statements by officials from that country that said several civilians, including children, were killed during the raid, AP reports.

*iol 9:19:00 AM CET*

<https://www.iol.co.za/news/africa/somali-officials-us-military-clash-over-civilian-deaths-12204061>

### **United States Conducts Airstrike in Support of the Federal Government of Somalia**

In coordination with the Federal Government of Somalia, U.S. forces conducted an airstrike against ISIS, in northeastern Somalia on Nov. 27, killing one terrorist. The strike occurred at approximately 3 p.m. local Somalia time. U.S. forces will continue to use all authorized and appropriate measures to protect U.

*al-wihda 29 Nov 2017*

[http://www.alwihdainfo.com/United-States-Conducts-Airstrike-in-Support-of-the-Federal-Government-of-Somalia\\_a59668.html](http://www.alwihdainfo.com/United-States-Conducts-Airstrike-in-Support-of-the-Federal-Government-of-Somalia_a59668.html)

### **A U.S. airstrike killed one terrorist in northeastern Somalia**

A U.S. airstrike killed one terrorist in northeastern Somalia on Monday, military officials said. The U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) said in a statement the U.S. forces conducted the airstrike in coordination with the Somalia government at about 3 p.m. local time. "In coordination with the Federal Government of Somalia, U.

*coastweek 29 Nov 2017*

<http://www.coastweek.com/4047-A-US-airstrike-killed-one-terrorist-in-northeastern-Somalia.htm>

### **Security chiefs rack brains after al Shabaab kill two cops in Nyongoro**

Security bosses have returned to the drawing board following al Shabaab's attack on a police vehicle on Witu-Lamu highway on Tuesday. The ambush took place at Lango la Simba area as officers escorted six buses to Mombasa. Officials have given different accounts and al Shabaab said they killed 72. Two officers killed, two injured - Kieng.

*thestarkenya 29 Nov 2017*

[https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/11/29/security-chiefs-rack-brains-after-al-shabaab-kill-two-cops-in-nyongoro\\_c1677293](https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/11/29/security-chiefs-rack-brains-after-al-shabaab-kill-two-cops-in-nyongoro_c1677293)

### **Al-Shabaab militants kill 2 police officers in coastal town of Lamu**

Somali militant group Al-Shabaab on Tuesday killed two police officers and injured two others in Kenya's coastal town of Lamu in its latest attack in the tourism resort region. Coast Regional Police Commander Larry Kieng said the officers were escorting a convoy of six buses....

*coastweek 29 Nov 2017*

<http://www.coastweek.com/4047-Al-Shabaab-militants-kill-2-police-officers-in-coastal-Kenya.htm>

### **Sudan**

#### **Sudan calls for tightening control over small arms and light weapons**

Minister of Interior , Gen.(police) Hamid Mannan has called Eritrea, Ethiopia and Egypt to join the Sub-regional Small Arms Control Mechanism to tighten control and combat

spread of small arms phenomena. This came while the Minister was addressing the Second Ministerial....

*suna-sd-en 29 Nov 2017*

<http://suna-sd.net/suna/showNews/365165/en>

## **South Sudan**

### **With Millions Displaced, Facing Famine in South Sudan, Senior Peacekeeping Official Urges Security Council to Seek Removal of Obstacles Blocking Aid**

Despite assurances from the Government of South Sudan, violence and governmental restrictions continued to prevent peacekeepers and humanitarian workers from fulfilling their respective mandates to protect civilians and deliver aid to those badly in....

*reliefWeb 29 Nov 2017*

<https://reliefweb.int/report/south-sudan/millions-displaced-facing-famine-south-sudan-senior-peacekeeping-official-urges>

## **CENTRAL AFRICA**

### **Cameroon**

#### **Four Cameroon soldiers killed in restive anglophone region**

Four Cameroonian soldiers were killed by suspected separatists in a restive English-speaking region early Wednesday, army and government sources said. "Four soldiers were killed around 2:00 am around Mamfe," a city in the country's Southwest Region, according to an army source.

*digitaljournal 29 Nov 2017*

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/four-cameroon-soldiers-killed-in-restive-anglophone-region/article/508756>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Mali**

#### **Au secours, les terroristes s'infiltrèrent partout !**

Alors que les maliens ont les yeux tournés vers les élections à venir, ils ne voient pas la menace grandir au Nord. A Bamako, entre les repas des riches et les fêtes, on ne fait pas attention à ce qui se passe « la haut », comme si après Mopti c'était une autre planète.

*mali-web 29 Nov 2017*

<http://mali-web.org/crise-malienne/au-secours-les-terroristes-sinfiltrerent-partout>

### **Nigeria**

#### **Troops capture terrorists' commander, kill four, rescue 212 hostages**

Ndume laments state of security in N'East The Nigerian Army said troops of 3 Battalion, 22 Brigade in conjunction with 22 Mobile Strike Teams (MSTs) and members of civilian joint task force on Operation Lafiya Dole had captured a Boko Haram terrorists' commander, killed four insurgents and rescued 212 hostages.

*nrguardiannews 5:46:00 AM CET*

<http://guardian.ng/news/troops-capture-terrorists-commander-kill-four-rescue-212-hostages/>

#### **Boko Haram Or Herdsmen?**

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*dailyindependentng 12:02:00 AM CET*

<http://test.independent.ng/boko-haram-or-herdsmen/>

### **Boko Haram resurgence: Senate to invite security chiefs**

Senate yesterday planned to invite the Service Chiefs to brief it in a closed door session, on the resurgence of the activities of Boko Haram terrorists in North Eastern states of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe. Recall that Senate, last week, said it is disturbed by incessant attacks by armed bandits across the states in the country.

*peoplesdaily-online 29 Nov 2017*

<http://www.peoplesdailyng.com/boko-haram-resurgence-senate-to-invite-security-chiefs/>

### **Nigerian troops kill 4 suspected Boko Haram fighters**

Nigerian troops have killed four suspected Boko Haram fighters in a raid in the northeastern state of Borno, an army spokesman said on Wednesday. A suspected commander of the group was also captured in the raid on Tuesday, as troops combed some villages in the northern....

*xinhuanet\_en 29 Nov 2017*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/29/c\\_136788459.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/29/c_136788459.htm)

### **Nigerian troops rescue 212 Boko Haram hostages**

The Nigerian army on Wednesday confirmed that 212 people held hostage by Boko Haram have been rescued in a military operation in the northeastern state of Borno. Army spokesman Sani Usman said troops carried out the operation to clear remnants of Boko Haram from some....

*xinhuanet\_en 29 Nov 2017*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/29/c\\_136788396.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/29/c_136788396.htm)

### **Boko Haram: 357 civilians killed in 55 attacks, Senate told**

Defers plan to summon Service Chiefs. From FRED ITUA, Abuja. The Senate, on Wednesday, was told that 357 Nigerians have been killed in 55 attacks by the dreaded Boko Haram terrorists since the beginning of 2017. Former Leader of the Senate, Ali Ndume, who represents Borno South, in a motion, told....

*sunnewsonline 29 Nov 2017*

<http://sunnewsonline.com/boko-haram-357-civilians-killed-in-55-attacks-senate-told/>

### **Boko Haram: End insurgency by killing terrorists' ideology – Buratai charges civil authorities in Borno**

Chief of Army Staff, Lt.Gen Tukur Buratai, on Tuesday, tasked civil authorities to adopt effective mechanism towards fighting the ideological, social and propaganda of Boko Haram insurgents in their respective domains. The COAS stated this during the decoration of newly-promoted personnel from....

*dailypost 29 Nov 2017*

<http://dailypost.ng/2017/11/29/boko-haram-end-insurgency-killing-terrorists-ideology-buratai-charges-civil-authorities-borno/>

### **President Buhari urges Nigerians to root out violent extremism**

President Muhammadu Buhari says Nigerian people must do all they can to resist the twisted ideologies of terrorists. - He states that his administration is committed to addressing the root causes of terrorism and violent extremism in Nigeria. - Buhari urges states and local governments to draw up....

*onlinenigeria 29 Nov 2017*

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/683656-president-buhari-urges-nigerians-to-root-out-violent-extremism.html>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Egypt**

**IS silent on Egypt massacre decried even by supporters AFP 14 mins ago**

A picture taken on November 25, 2017, shows the Rawda mosque, roughly 40 kilometres west of the North Sinai capital of El-Arish, after a gun and bombing attack blamed on the Islamic State group. The gunmen who massacred more than 300 worshippers in an Egyptian mosque made no effort....

*msn-uk 29 Nov 2017*

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/is-silent-on-egypt-massacre-decried-even-by-supporters/ar-BBFUAZF>

### **Egypt President Gives Forces 3 Months to Calm Restive Sinai**

Just days after the worst terrorist attack in Egypt's modern history, President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi on Wednesday gave his security forces a three-month deadline to restore "security and stability" in the troubled northern Sinai, the epicenter of an increasingly brutal militant insurgency.

*voanews 29 Nov 2017*

<https://www.voanews.com/a/egypt-president-gives-forces-3-months-to-calm-restive-sinai/4141629.html>

### **Egyptian president orders: Use all brute force necessary to defeat ISIS**

Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi on Wednesday ordered his military command to use all force necessary to secure the Sinai peninsula within the next three months following a militant attack on a mosque that killed more than 300 people. "It is your responsibility to secure and stabilize...."

*jpost 29 Nov 2017*

<http://www.jpost.com/Middle-East/Egyptian-president-orders-Use-all-brute-force-necessary-to-defeat-ISIS-515490>

## **Libya**

### **Benghazi Defendant Convicted Of Terrorism Charges**

A Libyan national was convicted on terrorism charges for his role in the attacks on the U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, but was acquitted on the most serious charges of murder.

<https://www.npr.org/2017/11/29/567133881/benghazi-defendant-convicted-of-terrorism-charges>

### **Squalid Libya migrant camps in spotlight at EU-Africa summit**

European Union leaders launched high-level talks Wednesday with their African counterparts on migration, seeking to portray themselves as pragmatic partners but desperate to stem the flow of thousands setting out on dangerous voyages across the Mediterranean in search of better lives in Europe.

*wcfcourier 29 Nov 2017*

[http://wcfcourier.com/news/world/squalid-libya-migrant-camps-in-spotlight-at-eu-africa-summit/article\\_1f6f2a1a-3297-5c89-b08c-e622d1fcd50.html](http://wcfcourier.com/news/world/squalid-libya-migrant-camps-in-spotlight-at-eu-africa-summit/article_1f6f2a1a-3297-5c89-b08c-e622d1fcd50.html)

### **African refugees bought, sold and murdered in Libya**

Hundreds of African refugees are being across Libya every week, a human trafficker has told Al Jazeera, with many of them held for ransom or forced into prostitution and sexual exploitation to pay their captors and smugglers. Many of them ended up being murdered by their smugglers in the open desert....

*aljazeera-en 29 Nov 2017*

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/11/african-refugees-bought-sold-murdered-libya-171129103602048.html>

### **Group: Libyan groups loyal to army may have killed dozens**

An international rights group says armed groups loyal to Libya's self-styled national army may have killed dozens of men in a town east of Benghazi. Human Rights Watch says in a detailed report released on Wednesday that bodies of 36 men were found on Oct. 26, near the town of al-Abyar. Most were shot in the head.

nzherald 29 Nov 2017

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=2&objectid=11950027&ref=rss](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=11950027&ref=rss)

## Tunisia

### **Un jihadiste présumé abattu lors d'une opération antiterroriste**

Un jihadiste présumé a été tué par l'armée tunisienne lors d'une opération dans la zone montagneuse de Kasserine (centre-ouest), a annoncé mercredi le ministère de la Défense. Dans la nuit de mardi à mercredi « lors d'une opération militaire à Kasserine, un élément terroriste a été tué lors....

journalducameroun 29 Nov 2017

<https://www.journalducameroun.com/tunisie-un-jihadiste-presume-abattu-lors-dune-operation-antiterroriste/>

### **الجيش التونسي يقتل إرهابيا في عملية عسكرية بالقصرين**

في إطار ملاحقة الجماعات الإرهابية اشتبكت إحدى التشكيلات العسكرية مع عدد من الإرهابيين، لتسفر العملية عن مقتل إرهابي وإصابة اثنين آخرين. العرب [نُشر في 29/11/2017] تونس- أعلنت وزارة الدفاع التونسية، الأربعاء، أن الجيش قتل شخصا يشتبه أنه جهادي خلال عملية في منطقة مرتفعات القصرين (وسط غرب).

alarabonline 29 Nov 2017

<http://www.alarab.co.uk/?id=125156>

## INTERNATIONAL

### America

#### USA

### **Trump's anti-Muslim and anti-media tweets demonstrate deep insecurity**

President Trump speaks to the media before speaking with members of the armed forces via video conference at his private club, Mar-a-Lago, on Thanksgiving. (AP Photo/Alex Brandon) At some point overnight, conservative writer Ann Coulter retweeted a video posted by Jayda Fransen, a leader of the....

WashingtonPost 29 Nov 2017

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/politics/wp/2017/11/29/trumps-anti-muslim-and-anti-media-tweets-demonstrate-deep-insecurity/>

### **Trump retweets videos purporting to show violence by Muslims**

President Donald Trump retweeted a series of inflammatory videos Wednesday purporting to show violence being committed by Muslims. Trump retweeted them from Jayda Fransen, the deputy leader of the far-right group Britain First, a small fringe group whose profile was elevated by Trump's attention.

foxnews 29 Nov 2017

[http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/11/29/trump-retweets-videos-critical-muslims.html?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+foxnews%2Fnational+%28Internal+-+US+Latest+-+Text%29](http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/11/29/trump-retweets-videos-critical-muslims.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+foxnews%2Fnational+%28Internal+-+US+Latest+-+Text%29)

### Asia

#### India

### **'Have you been able to wipe off terrorism by not playing with Pak'?**

Former India captain Bishan Singh Bedi feels that one should not "narrow down the meaning of patriotism" by politicising bilateral cricketing relationship with Pakistan. The Indian government has not given an go-ahead to Indo-Pak bilateral series since the last one (a short limited overs series) was held in India in 2012.

rediff 8:45:00 AM CET

<http://www.rediff.com/cricket/report/have-you-been-able-to-wipe-off-terrorism-by-not-playing-with-pak-bedi/20171130.htm>

## **Iraq**

### **Islamic State vows to fight to the last man in Iraq**

Despite suffering a series of territorial setbacks across Iraq and Syria , the Islamic State’s media department appears to be somewhat unaffected and continues to produce materials on a daily basis, Al-Masdar News reports. In a fresh video, an ISIS release covering recent clashes....

*panarmenian-en 29 Nov 2017*

<http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/news/249355/>

## **Iran**

### **Report: Israel, ISIS interests aligned against Iran**

Regarding ISIS, the report says it, “will likely change its combat patterns and revert to guerrilla tactics and terrorism following the end of the campaign against it in Iraq, and may carry out hit-and-run attacks against Iranian vehicles moving along the land corridor (Iranian vehicles may be....

*jpost 29 Nov 2017*

<http://www.jpost.com/Middle-East/Report-ISIS-Israel-temporary-allies-against-Iran-515358>

## **Malaysia**

### **Malaysia Arrests ISIS Suspects For Grenade Attack In June**

Malaysian police have arrested nine militants, including two suspected of carrying out a grenade attack, claimed by Islamic State group, at a nightspot on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur in June, the country's police chief said on Saturday. A known Malaysian ISIS fighter in Syria, Muhammad Wandy....

*ibitimes 29 Nov 2017*

<http://www.ibitimes.com/malaysia-arrests-isis-suspects-grenade-attack-bar-june-2401181>

## **Pakistan**

### **Pakistan Hasn't Stemmed Terrorism in Afghanistan, U.S. Says**

Pakistan has failed to stop terrorists crossing its borders into Afghanistan, even as it has made progress against those who attack inside the country, the top U.S. general in the region said.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-11-28/pakistan-hasn-t-stemmed-terrorism-in-afghanistan-u-s-says>

## **Europe**

### **How Europe's panic over migration and terrorism is a big opportunity for Africa**

This week's summit of African and European leaders in Abidjan is a chance to find a win-win solution, argues the International Crisis Group's Elissa Jobson. Video footage of African migrants detained on their way to Europe being sold as slaves in Libya has provoked outrage and dismay in Africa and the wider international community.

*refworld 8:59:00 AM CET*

<http://www.refworld.org/docid/5a1fb2634.html>

### **EU official: IS remains threat despite loss of ‘caliphate’**

The recent loss of its so-called “caliphate” will cripple the Islamic State group but the terror threat posed by the extremists is not over yet, the European Union’s counter-

terrorism coordinator said. Gilles de Kerchove told The Associated Press in an interview that there hasn't been....

therepublic 8:47:00 AM CET

<http://www.therepublic.com/2017/11/30/eu-europe-islamic-state/>

## Greece

### **Terrorism charges brought against 9 Turks held in Greece**

Greek authorities brought [terrorism](#) charges Wednesday against nine suspected left-wing militants from [Turkey](#), who were arrested during a series of raids in Athens ahead of a visit by Turkish President [Recep Tayyip Erdogan](#).

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/terrorism-charges-brought-turks-held-greece-51458283>

## UK

### **Counter terrorism arrests 'disrupt significant jihadist plot to attack**

**UK'**Counter terrorism officers are thought to have stopped at least eight plots to attack the UK since March

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/11/29/counter-terrorism-arrests-disrupt-significant-islamist-plot/>

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