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EAST AFRICA

Kenya

60 returnees recount pain at the hands of Al Shabaab

More than 60 Al Shabaab returnees including former university students are undergoing rehabilitation at undisclosed camps after surrendering to Kenyan security agents. **ALSO READ:** Police hunt for five Shabaab militants Most of the returnees fled their homes with the hope of a better life only to be....

standardmedia 02 Feb 2018

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001268291/60-returnees-recount-pain-at-the-hands-of-al-shabaab>

Blast kills 2 Kenyan soldiers, injure 3 near border town

Blast kills two Kenyan soldiers, injure 3 others near border town GARISSA (Xinhua) -
- Two Kenyan soldiers died and three others sustained injuries when a vehicle they were traveling in was hit by an improvised explosive device (IED) near the border with Somalia on Saturday.

coastweek 02 Feb 2018

<http://www.coastweek.com/4105-latest-news-05.htm>

Somalia

I was lured into sex slavery by militants through Facebook

There is a high demand for Kenyan women as wives among the Al-Shabaab because of their perceived 'sexual appeal' compared to their East African counterparts [Courtesy] Ciku*** (not her real name) began her arduous journey to an Al Shabaab camp hoping to find acceptance after false belief that her parents didn't like her.

standardmedia 03 Feb 2018

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001268355/i-was-lured-into-sex-slavery-by-militants-through-facebook>

South Sudan

U.S. Imposes Arms Ban on South Sudan as Civil War Grinds On

An opposition fighter in Akobo, South Sudan, last month. Credit Sam Mednick/Associated Press WASHINGTON — The United States banned the export of weapons and defense services to South Sudan on Friday in a reflection of the Trump administration's growing frustration over that nation's grinding civil war.

nytimes 02 Feb 2018

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/02/world/africa/us-arms-ban-on-south-sudan-.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon

Two civilians killed by Boko Haram in Cameroon's Far North

At least two civilians were killed in an attack by the terror group Boko Haram early Saturday morning in Kolofata of Cameroon's Far North region, local sources told Xinhua. The attack took place between 01:00 am and 02:30 am local time in Yawa of Kolofata subdivision.

xinhuanet_en 03 Feb 2018

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/03/c_136946892.htm

Central African Republic

En Centrafrique, sensibiliser les civils aux risques des explosifs

Si je trouve une grenade par terre, je fais quoi? Je la prends? : dans la capitale centrafricaine Bangui, quand une ONG vient sensibiliser les habitants aux risques des explosifs abandonnés, il y a toujours quelqu'un pour poser la bonne question. Ce jour là, à Fatima I, un quartier du 3e....

journaldumali 03 Feb 2018

<http://www.journaldumali.com/2018/02/03/en-centrafrique-sensibiliser-les-civils-aux-risques-des-explosifs/>

CAR Patients Forced Off Bed, Shot Dead

Kinshasa rebel groups have reportedly dragged patients from hospital beds and shot them dead in the worsening crisis in the Central African Republic (CAR). This has forced doctors to flee to neighbouring countries, worsening an already dire access to health caused by attacks on hospitals and....

allafrica 02 Feb 2018

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201802020692.html>

Central African Republic Rebels Allow Return of State Officials

An armed group in the Central African Republic said it will allow some state officials to return to the territory it controls in the northeast, signaling its willingness to join the disarmament process in the war-torn nation. The mainly Muslim group, known by its acronym FPRC, will give access to....

bloomberg 01 Feb 2018

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-02-01/central-african-republic-rebels-allow-return-of-state-officials>

Democratic Republic of Congo

34 militiamen handed over to DR Congo military: army

Although the DR Congo military said 34 militiamen were handed over, an anonymous source in Burundi said four "wounded" rebels remained in the country being treated in hospital.

enca 03 Feb 2018

<http://www.enca.com/africa/34-militiamen-handed-over-to-dr-congo-military-army>

Trente-quatre présumés miliciens Yakutumba extradés du Burundi vers la RDC

Les Mai Mai Yakutumba sont en perte de vitesse dans le Sud-Kivu. Ces miliciens n'ont pas pu résister devant l'offensive menée par l'armée contre leur principale base de la presqu'île d'Ubwari, sur le lac Tanganyika. Ils ont fui vers le Burundi.

rfi-fr 03 Feb 2018

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20180203-trente-quatre-presumes-miliciens-yakutumba-extrades-burundi-vers-rdc>

Le général Mundos et trois chefs miliciens inscrits sur la liste noire de l'ONU

Le comité des sanctions des Nations unies concernant la RDC a ajouté jeudi sur sa liste noire le général congolais Muhindo Akili Mundos, proche du président Joseph Kabila, ainsi que Guidon, Gédéon et Lucien Nzambamwita, trois chefs miliciens congolais et rwandais.

jeuneafrique 02 Feb 2018

<http://www.jeuneafrique.com/526555/politique/rdc-le-general-mundos-et-trois-chefs-miliciens-inscrits-sur-la-liste-noire-de-lonu/>

Massive Displacements Recur in the DRC

Some 5 000 civilians are seeking refuge in Burundi after fleeing intense fighting between the army and rebel groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Escalating skirmishes have uprooted the refugees from their homes in the South Kivu Province, east of the country.

allafrica 03 Feb 2018

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201802010620.html>

WEST AFRICA

Burkina Faso

Au moins deux morts dans une attaque dans le nord du pays

Au moins deux personnes dont un conseiller municipal ont été tuées jeudi après-midi dans le village de Tchembolo dans le nord du Burkina Faso par une attaque perpétrée par des individus armés non encore identifiés, a-t-on appris de sources concordantes.

03 Feb 2018

http://french.xinhuanet.com/2018-02/02/c_136943064.htm

Mali

Terrorisme au Mali: motos et pick-up interdits dans certaines circonscriptions

Au Mali, les moyens de transport prisés par les présumés jihadistes sont les motos et les véhicules pick-up. Pour mieux faire face à la situation, surtout au moment où l'armée malienne annonce une vaste opération militaire sur le terrain ,....

rfi-fr 03 Feb 2018

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20180203-mali-motos-pick-up-interdits-une-vingtaine-circonscriptions>

Niger

Boko Haram suspects go on public trial in Niger

Eighty-one people accused of fighting for Boko Haram went on trial in Niger on Thursday in a public court sitting, one of the first of its kind after closed-door trials of suspected insurgents were criticised by human rights groups. Those on trial in a special international court in the....

channelnewsasia 01 Feb 2018

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-nigeria-security-trial/boko-haram-suspects-go-on-public-trial-in-niger-idUSKBN1FL697>

Ouverture du procès de 889 "collaborateurs" de Boko Haram

Le procès de quelque 889 prévenus, accusés de "collaboration" avec le groupe terroriste Boko Haram s'est ouvert jeudi à Niamey, a rapporté le correspondant d'Anadolu.

9:21:00 AM CET

<http://aa.com.tr/fr/afrique/niger-ouverture-du-proc%C3%A8s-de-889-collaborateurs-de-boko-haram/1051945>

Nigeria

Boko Haram: Wife of Shekau's doctor surrenders to Nigerian troops

Rabi Abu-Yasir, wife of Boko Haram's chief physician on Saturday surrendered to the troops of Operation Lafiya Dole, in the ongoing clearance operation to route out remnants of the insurgents. Maj.-Gen. Rogers Nicholas, the Theatre Commander, Operation Lafiya Dole, made the disclosure while handing....

dailytrust 7:54:00 AM CET

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/boko-haram-wife-of-shekau-s-doctor-surrenders-to-nigerian-troops.html>

Boko Haram kills five loggers in NE Nigeria

Boko Haram jihadists killed at least five loggers in northeast Nigeria, in the latest attacks against civilians in the violence-hit region, local civilian militia told AFP on Thursday.

9:21:00 AM CET

<https://www.news24.com/Africa/News/boko-haram-kills-five-loggers-in-ne-nigeria-20180201>

Boko Haram: 41 terrorists, 3 soldiers killed in Borno

Troops of 25 Task Force Brigade, 7 Division Nigerian Army on Operation LAFIYA DOLE on Friday encountered fleeing Boko Haram terrorists during clearance operation at Dulsa and Buk, Damboa Local Government Area of Borno State. At Dulsa, the troops cleared the hideout of the terrorists during which....

dailypost 03 Feb 2018

<http://dailypost.ng/2018/02/03/boko-haram-41-terrorists-3-soldiers-killed-borno/>

Nigerian military rescues 84, captures Boko Haram's weapons

At least 84 people have been rescued and heavy military weapons recovered from Boko Haram fighters by Nigerian army. The Army said on Saturday that the breakthrough was recorded during an operation in Borno State. A total of 84 persons held hostage by the insurgents at Camp Zairo were rescued by the....

onlinenigeria 7:37:00 AM CET

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/700551-nigerian-military-rescues-84%2C-captures-boko-haram%E2%80%99s-weapons.html>

SAHEL

Le Sahel en passe de devenir «un champ de bataille permanent»

On y retrouve côte à côte des soldats français, italiens, allemands, américains, des Casques bleus de l'ONU par milliers et des contingents africains. On ne compte plus les multiples opérations menées contre l'insurrection djihadiste dans le Sahel. Une surenchère militaire loin de rassurer certains....

francetvinfo 02 Feb 2018

<http://geopolis.francetvinfo.fr/le-sahel-en-passe-de-devenir-un-champ-de-bataille-permanent-177857#xtor=RSS-3-%5bmonde%5d>

NORTH AFRICA

Algeria

Un propagandiste d'al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique éliminé par l'armée algérienne

Au cours d'une opération récemment menée dans une commune de la préfecture de Jijel, située à environ 400 km à l'est d'Alger, l'armée algérienne a éliminé deux membres d'al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique (AQMI), à savoir Adel Seghiri (alias Abou Rouaha Al Qassantini) et Boufligha Tourki (alias Abderrahim Haroun).

abamako 02 Feb 2018

<http://news.aBamako.com/h/180165.html>

Egypt

Egypt army destroys 12 terrorist hideouts in Sinai

Egypt's army, in cooperation with the Air Force, destroyed 12 hideouts used by terrorists in central Sinai, arrested a large number of suspects on charges of supporting terrorism, dismantled 12 explosive devices, and confiscated four pickup trucks loaded with spare parts for vehicles and motorbikes....

egyptindependent 03 Feb 2018

<http://www.egyptindependent.com/egypt-army-destroys-12-terrorist-hideouts-in-sinai/>

A look at Hasm and Lewaa Al-Thawra terror groups

Last February, an Egyptian court of urgent matters designated the militant group Hasm a terrorist organisation, banning its activity in the country. In January, Egypt's High State Security Prosecution referred 304 people to military prosecution for membership in Hasm, which committed 14 attacks on....

ahram-EN 03 Feb 2018

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/1/151/256787/Egypt/Features/A-look-at--Hasm-and-Lewaa-AlThawra-terror-groups.aspx>

Libya

Clashes between Libyan army, IS militants kill 4

Clashes erupted on Friday between the Libyan army and Islamic State (IS) militants near the town of Zalla in central Libya, killing one soldier and three IS terrorists, according to a statement by Mrada unit of the army's Oil Installation Guards.

xinhuanet_en 02 Feb 2018

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/03/c_136945638.htm

Three Libyan soldiers killed in clashes with IS militants near oil field

Three Libyan army troops were killed on Saturday in clashes with Islamic State militants near Dahra oil field in Zalla town, 750 km southeast of the capital Tripoli, according to a statement issued by a military unit of army's Oil Installation Guards.

xinhuanet_en 03 Feb 2018

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/04/c_136947061.htm

Tunisia

Des jihadistes parmi les migrants tunisiens vers l'Italie?

Cinquante extrémistes tunisiens connectés à l'organisation Etat islamique seraient arrivés en Italie parmi les migrants tunisiens. C'est le journal britannique The Independent qui a relaté l'information il y a quelques jours, citant un document d'Interpol.

rfi-fr 03 Feb 2018

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20180203-jihadistes-parmi-migrants-tunisiens-vers-italie>

INTERNATIONAL

Asia

Iraq

Dans la cité irakienne de Mossoul, la renaissance culturelle après l'EI

Cafés littéraires, expositions, festivals: la ville irakienne de Mossoul connaît un bouillonnement culturel. Il faut, plaignent artistes et amoureux de culture, retrouver

l'esprit de la cité mais aussi "libérer" les consciences après trois années d'occupation jihadiste.

laprovence 03 Feb 2018

<http://www.laprovence.com/article/france-monde/4820962/dans-la-cite-irakienne-de-mossoul-la-renaissance-culturelle-apres-lei.html>

Mass grave of 70 Yazidis uncovered in northern Iraq

Iraqi forces on Saturday found a mass grave of 70 victims of the Yazidi religious minority north of Sinjar in the Nineveh province, about 600 km northwest of Baghdad, a military official said on Saturday. "Security forces found a new mass grave, which includes the....

petra-en 03 Feb 2018

http://petra.gov.jo/Public_News/Nws_NewsDetails.aspx?Site_Id=1&lang=2&NewsID=338900&CatID=-1

Pakistan

Suicide Bomber Kills at Least 11 at Pakistani Army base

At least 11 soldiers, including an army captain, were killed and 13 others were injured Saturday when a suicide bomber detonated his explosives at a highly guarded army base in northern Pakistan, officials said. The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, one....

nytimes 03 Feb 2018

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/03/world/asia/pakistan-suicide-bomber-army-base.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

Two policemen critically injured in Duki firing

At least two police personnel were critically injured early Sunday morning in a firing incident in Balochistan's Duki district. According to initial reports, police party were patrolling the area near Mushriqi bypass when unknown assailants opened fire on their vehicle injuring at least two.

tribune 8:24:00 AM CET

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1626080/1-two-policemen-critically-injured-duki-firing/>

Singapore

It's when, not if: Singapore worries, and prepares, for militant attack

Armed officers patrol a train station where television screens and giant posters warn of the threat from militants. Nearby, fake gunmen storm a shopping mall in one of many recent terror attack simulations. But this is not some war-ravaged country. It is one of the safest in the world, Singapore.

reuters-in 8:51:00 AM CET

https://in.reuters.com/article/singapore-security/its-when-not-if-singapore-worries-and-prepares-for-militant-attack-idINKBN1FO04H?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2F1NtopNews+%28News+%2F+IN+%2F+Top+News%29

Syria

Rebel-held Syrian town pummeled by airstrikes

A Syrian monitoring group and the media arm of al-Qaeda-linked militants are reporting intense airstrikes on a rebel-held stronghold in Syria's northwest. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported more than 35 airstrikes on Saraqeb since late Friday, adding that many of its residents are fleeing.

nypost 03 Feb 2018

<https://nypost.com/2018/02/03/rebel-held-syrian-town-pummeled-by-airstrikes/>

Militants shoot down Russian fighter jet over Syria and kill pilot

The Russian defence ministry confirmed the downing of the Su-25 and said the pilot was killed in fighting with “terrorists”. A report on the ministry’s Zvezda TV said preliminary information indicated the plane was shot by a portable ground-to-air missile in an area under the control of al Qaida’s branch in Syria.

independent-ie 03 Feb 2018

<https://www.independent.ie/world-news/militants-shoot-down-russian-fighter-jet-over-syria-and-kill-pilot-36563917.html>

Un groupe rebelle syrien abat un avion russe et tue le pilote

Un groupe rebelle abat un avion russe et tue le pilote. L'avion a été abattu au-dessus d'une zone tenue par des groupes djihadistes... Un avion SU-25 bulgare (illustration). Un pilote russe a été tué samedi dans le nord de la Syrie après avoir sauté en....

20minutes 03 Feb 2018

<https://www.20minutes.fr/monde/syrie/2214259-20180203-syrie-groupe-rebelle-abat-avion-russe-tue-pilote>

Russia strikes back at Syrian rebels after its fighter jet was shot down

Russia has retaliated against the Syria n rebels who shot one of its planes down earlier today. The Russians are believed to have used cruise missiles to kill more than 30 militants in an area of Syria’s Idlib where its plane had been downed.

metro-uk 03 Feb 2018

<http://metro.co.uk/2018/02/03/russia-strikes-back-at-syrian-rebels-after-its-fighter-jet-was-shot-down-7284919/>

Eight Turkish troops killed by US-backed Syrian Kurdish militia

Turkey has said eight of its troops were killed in Ankara's military operation against a Syrian Kurdish militia, the deadliest day in the two-week-old offensive in the enclave of Afrin. In a statement late on Saturday, the Turkish military said five soldiers were killed after their tank in Syria came under attack near Afrin.

breakingnews-ie 8:31:00 AM CET

<https://www.breakingnews.ie/world/eight-turkish-troops-killed-by-us-backed-syrian-kurdish-militia-826264.html>

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