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#### **EAST AFRICA**

##### **Ethiopia**

##### **ONLF rebel group abandons arm struggle**

The Ogaden National Liberation Front (ONLF) in Ethiopia will be fully abandoning arm struggle in the coming few days, says a top Somali region official. The Front has agreed to fully disarm and engage in a peaceful political dialog by fully abandoning its decades old arm struggle strategy, according....

*shabelle 03 Feb 2019*

<http://radioshabelle.com/onlf-rebel-group-abandons-arm-struggle/>

##### **Kenya**

##### **Kenya steps up security patrols at Somalia border after arrests of terror suspects**

Kenyan security forces have intensified patrols along the border with Somalia as hunt for individuals involved in the Jan. 15 attack at a Nairobi business complex gathers steam. The authorities said on Sunday that a multi-agency security team has been deployed....

*xinhuanet\_en 03 Feb 2019*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-02/03/c\\_137797362.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-02/03/c_137797362.htm)

##### **Two arrested in Homa Bay town over attack on policemen**

A man in handcuffs. Police have arrested a man and his son after they allegedly attacked a policeman on Saturday, February 2, 2019 in the outskirts of Homa Bay town. Policeman was struck on the jaw with stone and is receiving treatment after allegedly losing teeth during the attack.

*nation-ke 03 Feb 2019*

<https://www.nation.co.ke/counties/homa-bay/Father-and-son-arrested-over-attack-on-policeman/3444904-4964088-130673xz/index.html>

##### **Al-Shabaab claims killings KDF soldiers in IED attack in Somalia**

Al Shabaab has claimed an explosion targeting Kenyan police officers at Amuume, located in the northeastern Kenyan town of Garissa, according to its affiliated website. It said the blast killed all onboard the police vehicle died on the spot. There are no independent sources that can confirm the....

shabelle 03 Feb 2019

<http://radioshabelle.com/al-shabaab-claims-killings-kdf-soldiers-in-ied-attack-in-somalia/>

### **Dadaab weak link in fight against terrorism**

Twenty days after the terrorist attack at Nairobi's DusitD2 complex, intelligence sources say that 12 suspects have been arrested at the sprawling Dadaab refugee camp — signalling the complex balance between internal security and offering humanitarian aid at the third largest refugee camp in the world.

nation-ke 6:32:00 AM CET

<https://www.nation.co.ke/news/Dadaab-weak-link-in-fight-against-terrorism/1056-4965062-k4n738z/index.html>

### **Kenya's Struggle with Terrorism**

Fear and panic rocked Kenya's capital, Nairobi, at 3 p.m. on Jan. 15 when four armed gunmen and a suicide bomber stormed the DusitD2 hotel complex at 14 Riverside.

9:27:00 AM CET

[https://www.theepochtimes.com/kenyas-struggle-with-terrorism\\_2782275.html](https://www.theepochtimes.com/kenyas-struggle-with-terrorism_2782275.html)

### **Somalia**

#### **Huge blast heard in Somali capital Mogadishu**

A huge blast was heard in the heart of the Somali capital Mogadishu on Monday and clouds of smoke could be seen rising, a Reuters witness said. It was unclear what caused the explosion but Islamist militant group al Shabaab frequently carries out bombings in Mogadishu and other....

reuters 9:33:00 AM CET

[https://www.reuters.com/article/us-somalia-security/huge-blast-heard-in-somali-capital-mogadishu-idUSKCN1PT0HA?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-somalia-security/huge-blast-heard-in-somali-capital-mogadishu-idUSKCN1PT0HA?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29)

#### **Forte explosion sur un marché de Mogadiscio**

Une «forte explosion» a frappé lundi un marché «densément peuplé» de la capitale somalienne Mogadiscio, régulièrement ciblée par les islamistes radicaux shebab, a annoncé la police.

lematin-CH 9:28:00 AM CET

<https://www.lematin.ch/monde/Forte-explosion-sur-un-marche-de-Mogadiscio/story/27350138>

#### **Le directeur maltais du port de Bossasso tué par balles**

Le directeur maltais du port de Bossasso, le plus important de la région semi-autonome du Puntland, dans le nord-est de la Somalie, a été abattu lundi matin, a-t-on appris de source sécuritaire, lors d'un attentat revendiqué par les islamistes radicaux shebab.

lorientlejour 8:48:00 AM CET

<https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1155820/somalie-le-directeur-maltais-du-port-de-bossasso-dp-world-tue-par-balles.html>

#### **AMISOM force to be reduced by 1,000 this month**

On Saturday, the Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission for Somalia, Ambassador Francisco Madeira met senior government officials from HirShabelle State to discuss the planned cut back in troops from Burundi. HirShabelle President Mohamed Abdi Waare led the delegation.

capitalfm 03 Feb 2019

<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2019/02/amisom-force-to-be-reduced-by-1000-this-month/>

#### **L'UA retire 1.000 soldats de l'état de HirShabelle en février**

La Mission de l'Union africaine en Somalie (AMISOM) a déclaré qu'elle devrait retirer 1.000 soldats de l'Etat de HirShabelle (Sud), où des troupes du Burundi opérant sous le commandement de l'AMISOM ont dorénavant leur base principale à Jowhar, la capitale de l'Etat.

*elmoudjahid 03 Feb 2019*

<http://www.elmoudjahid.com/fr/actualites/133337>

### **Intensification des frappes américaines contre les shebabs en Somalie**

Deux nouvelles frappes aériennes américaines ces derniers jours en Somalie. Au total, une trentaine de combattants du groupe extrémiste al-Shabab ont été tués en fin de semaine dernière au centre du pays, non loin de la capitale Mogadiscio.

*rfi-fr 03 Feb 2019*

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20190203-intensification-frappes-americaines-contre-shebabs-somalie-aficom>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Burkina Faso**

#### **Des attaques terroristes aux procédés très similaires**

Au Burkina Faso, deux attaques jihadistes ont eu lieu en deux jours. Mercredi soir un poste militaire à Kompienbiga, vers Pama, dans l'est du pays, a été assailli par un groupe terroriste. Le bilan définitif est encore en cours. Un soldat serait blessé et d'autres disparus. Deux jours plus tôt, à

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<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20190131-burkina-faso-attaques-terroristes-nord-est-nassoumbou?fbclid=IwAR3ivOMUIPK11OrpJwbzT09koDYSB7ki4TTItD7s03IH0AXB3mD7x43Ep4>

#### **Quatre humanitaires portés disparus dans le nord du pays**

Une équipe de quatre personnes de la Croix-Rouge burkinabè, qui a quitté la ville de Kaya, à une centaine de kilomètres au nord d'Ouagadougou, pour mener une mission humanitaire à Djibo, dans la région du Sahel, est restée "injoignable depuis la matinée du samedi 2 février, quelques heures après son....

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<http://news.aOuaga.com/h/122129.html>

### **Mali**

#### **Bankass : L'Attaque de trois villages dans la commune de Baye fait 5 morts, 21 blessés et des centaines de déplacés**

Une autre mauvaise nouvelle, encore dans le cercle de Bankass. Le vendredi 1 er février 2019, des hommes sans foi ni loi ont attaqué trois villages : Yara, Dissa et Boilla dans la commune de Bayes. Bilan : 5 morts, 21 blessés et des centaines de déplacés. L'insécurité enregistre encore des victimes dans le cercle de Bankass.

*maliactu 8:41:00 AM CET*

<http://news.abamako.com/h/205805.html>

### **Nigeria**

#### **Boko Haram has adopted strategy to win public sympathy, says troops commander**

Theatre Commander of Operation Lafiya Dole, Maj-Gen. Benson Akinroluyo, has disclosed that Boko Haram has adopted a strategy to win public sympathy. According to him, the insurgents' new strategy is the 'unconditional release' of rustled cattle to rightful owners in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states. Spokesman of the command, Col.

*nrguardiannews 5:55:00 AM CET*

<https://guardian.ng/news/boko-haram-has-adopted-strategy-to-win-public-sympathy-says-troops-commander/>

## **Nigerian Army raises alarm over new plot by Boko Haram**

The Nigerian Army on Sunday said it had uncovered plot by Boko Haram insurgents to win public sympathy from Nigerians in the North east. In a statement, Col. Onyema Nwachukwu, Deputy Director, Army Public Relations, Operation LAFIYA DOLE, reported the Theater Commander, Maj.-Gen.

*dailypost 8:28:00 AM CET*

<http://dailypost.ng/2019/02/04/nigerian-army-raises-alarm-new-plot-boko-haram/>

## **How Nigerian Airforce destroyed insurgents base in Borno**

The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) says its Air Task Force (ATF) of Operation LAFIYA DOLE has destroyed an Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) logistics base, near Arege in the northern part of Borno. NAF Director of Public Relations and Information, Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola, who....

*dailypost 7:46:00 AM CET*

<http://dailypost.ng/2019/02/04/nigerian-airforce-destroyed-insurgents-base-borno/>

## **Boko Haram or Islamic State West Africa ... or both?**

Boko Haram is a relatively well-known extremely violent militant Islamist group that began in Nigeria but is also active in Chad, Niger and northern Cameroon. Its actions are extensively covered in news and analysis by The Defense Post. The group's leadership pledged allegiance to ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and it became Islamic State's West Africa province.

*9:21:00 AM CET*

<https://thedefensepost.com/2019/02/01/boko-haram-islamic-state-west-africa/>

## **ISIS Terror reaches Nigeria**

Despite the efforts of the global community to counter the menace of ISIS or the Islamic State, the terror group has expanded its footprints beyond the Middle Eastern countries of Iraq and Syria and spread its outreach to West Africa. This was once again highlighted when on January 15 2019, the Islamic State released a new video highlighting the growing strength and capability of its forces in West Africa.

*9:22:00 AM CET*

<https://www.newdelhitimes.com/isis-terror-reaches-nigeria/>

## **Sahel**

### **G5 sahel : trois opérations menées depuis le 15 janvier (commandant)**

La force conjointe du G5 Sahel a mené trois opérations depuis le 15 janvier, a annoncé dimanche son commandant, le général mauritanien Ould Sidi Hanana. “Nous avons mené trois opérations dans les différents fuseaux du centre, de l’ouest et de l’est”, a déclaré le général Ould Sidi....

*maliweb 03 Feb 2019*

<https://www.maliweb.net/insecurite/g5-sahel-trois-operations-menees-depuis-le-15-janvier-commandant-2800537.html>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Algeria**

#### **Au maquis depuis 7 ans, le terroriste « Khaled » se rend à l’Armée**

Le terroriste El-Tibari Ali, alias « Khaled », s’est rendu hier, samedi 2 février, aux autorités militaires de Tamanrasset, indique dans un communiqué le ministère de la Défense nationale.

9:24:00 AM CET

<https://www.alg24.net/algerie-maquis-7-ans-terroriste-khaled-se-rend-a-larmee/>

## **Libya**

### **Libyan air force targets Chadian opposition in southern Libya**

The Libyan eastern-based army's air force on Sunday attacked Chadian opposition militants in the southern town of Murzuk, some 900 km south of the capital. "Fighter jets of the air force targeted gatherings of Chadian opposition on Libyan territory in the outskirts of....

*xinhuanet\_en 3:26:00 AM CET*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-02/04/c\\_137798265.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-02/04/c_137798265.htm)

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **'Defeated' Islamic State Is Preparing for a Resurgence**

In announcing his plan to withdraw American forces from Syria, President Donald Trump said the U.S. had achieved its purpose there because it had "defeated" Islamic State, the most destructive Islamist militant organization the world has seen. Certainly the group has been subdued in

9:19:00 AM CET

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-01-30/how-defeated-islamic-state-prepares-for-resurgence-quicktake>

## **AMERICA**

### **Colombia**

#### **10 dissidents des Farc, dont un chef, tués par l'armée**

Dix dissidents de l'ex-guérilla des Farc, dont un des chefs du principal groupe qui a refusé l'accord de paix de 2016, ont été abattus en Colombie lors d'une opération militaire, a annoncé le gouvernement samedi.

*almanar-fr 03 Feb 2019*

<https://www.24heures.ch/monde/10-dissidents-Farc-dont-un-chef-tues-par-l-armee/story/30683780>

#### **Colombia Farc: Dissident leader Rodrigo Cadete killed in military operation**

The Colombian military says it has killed one of the leaders of a faction of Farc rebels who have refused to abide by the peace process. Rodrigo Cadete, 52, died in an operation in the southern Caqueta region along with nine other militants.

9:28:00 AM CET

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-47106730>

## **ASIA**

### **Battered in the Middle East, IS eyes Southeast Asia as next terrorism hotspot**

The terrorist group Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (IS) is today a shadow of its once-formidable self in the Middle East, with its army in tatters and its territories reduced to a sliver of turf. But the IS ideology — which includes the setting up of a caliphate — is far from dead and buried.

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<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/islamic-state-terrorism-extremism-eyes-southeast-asia-11199586>

### **Iraq**

A terrorist attack targeting a bus carrying pilgrims south of the Iraqi city of Balad has wounded 9 Iranian nationals, Iraqi sources said

*almanar-en 8:29:00 AM CET*

<https://www.tasnimnews.com/en/news/2019/02/04/1939091/terrorist-attack-in-iraq-wounds-9-iranian-pilgrims>

## **Indignation en Irak après l'assassinat d'un écrivain en pleine rue**

L'assassinat d'un écrivain en pleine rue dans la ville sainte chiite de Kerbala samedi soir a suscité l'émoi et l'indignation du milieu culturel irakien. Signe de la sensibilité du sujet, la police de Kerbala a aussitôt chargé une équipe de haut vol d'enquêter et promis de retrouver les auteurs des....

*lorientlejour 03 Feb 2019*

<https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1155711/indignation-en-irak-apres-lassassinat-dun-ecrivain-en-pleine-rue.html>

## **Iraqi troops arrest key Islamic State financier in Diyala**

Iraqi security forces arrested on Saturday a key Islamic State financier in the eastern province of Diyala, a security committee said. "A joint security force carried out a specific operation in an area located 20km south of Baqubah, managing to arrest a key financier of Islamic State cells," Sadeq al-Husseini,

*03 Feb 2019*

<https://www.iraqinews.com/features/iraqi-troops-arrest-key-islamic-state-financier-in-diyala/>

## **Philippines**

### **Philippine police: 5 suspects in church bombing in custody**

The Philippine police chief says five suspected Abu Syyaf militants wanted for alleged involvement in the bombing of a church have surrendered to authorities.

*siouxcityjournal 8:29:00 AM CET*

[https://siouxcityjournal.com/news/world/philippine-police-suspects-in-church-bombing-in-custody/article\\_505eb858-065d-5c61-8856-f2b88d9bce00.html](https://siouxcityjournal.com/news/world/philippine-police-suspects-in-church-bombing-in-custody/article_505eb858-065d-5c61-8856-f2b88d9bce00.html)

## **Syria**

### **Dans l'ultime réduit de l'EI, le recours jihadiste aux "boucliers humains"**

Sur un toit près de la ligne de front dans l'est de la Syrie, un combattant et ses camarades des forces kurdo-arabes sirotent leur thé dans l'attente de l'assaut final contre l'ultime poche du groupe Etat islamique (EI). Après avoir conquis la grande majorité du dernier réduit de l'organisation....

*rtl-BE 03 Feb 2019*

[https://www.rtl.be/info/monde/international/syrie-dans-l-ultime-reduit-de-l-ei-le-recours-jihadiste-aux-boucliers-humains--1097241.aspx?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+Rtlinfos-ALaUne+%28RTL.be+-+La+une+de+l%27actualit%C3%A9%29](https://www.rtl.be/info/monde/international/syrie-dans-l-ultime-reduit-de-l-ei-le-recours-jihadiste-aux-boucliers-humains--1097241.aspx?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Rtlinfos-ALaUne+%28RTL.be+-+La+une+de+l%27actualit%C3%A9%29)

## **Turkey**

### **Arrestation d'une suspecte dans une attaque anti-américaine**

La police d'Istanbul a arrêté aujourd'hui une femme soupçonnée d'être impliquée dans une attaque contre le consulat américain de la ville en 2015, a annoncé le gouvernorat local.

*almanar-fr 03 Feb 2019*

<http://www.lefigaro.fr/flash-actu/2019/02/02/97001-20190202FILWWW00136-turquie-arrestation-d-une-suspecte-d-une-attaque-anti-americaaine.php>

## **Yemen**

### **Yemen's deputy chief-of-staff dies of wounds sustained in Houthi drone strike**

Yemen's deputy chief-of-staff died on Sunday of wounds he sustained during the Houthi drone strike in Yemen's southern province of Lahj last month, a government official told Xinhua. The government source said on anonymity that General Saleh Zindani, died of his....

*xinhuanet\_en 03 Feb 2019*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-02/03/c\\_137797625.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-02/03/c_137797625.htm)

# **EUROPE**

## **France**

### **Djihadistes français : un avocat suspendu après avoir été mis en examen pour financement du terrorisme**

Le conseil de l'ordre a décidé de suspendre l'avocat Bruno Vinay. Il avait remis une somme d'argent à un intermédiaire pour exfiltrer un djihadiste français présent en Irak. La vieille ville de Mossoul, où s'était réfugié un dernier carré de djihadistes dont des Français, à la fin de la bataille pour la reprise de la ville, le 11 juillet 2017.

*Le Monde 03 Feb 2019*

[https://www.lemonde.fr/police-justice/article/2019/02/03/djihadistes-francais-un-avocat-suspendu-apres-avoir-ete-mis-en-examen-pour-financement-du-terrorisme\\_5418596\\_1653578.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/police-justice/article/2019/02/03/djihadistes-francais-un-avocat-suspendu-apres-avoir-ete-mis-en-examen-pour-financement-du-terrorisme_5418596_1653578.html)

### **Attentat de Trèbes : Lille va nommer un parvis en hommage au gendarme Arnaud Beltrame**

Lors du conseil municipal de Lille (Nord) du vendredi 1er février 2019, Martine Aubry a annoncé que le parvis de la région serait renommé pour rendre hommage à Arnaud Beltrame. De nombreuses villes en France ont baptisé des lieux en hommage à Arnaud Beltrame.

*cotecaen 03 Feb 2019*

[https://actu.fr/hauts-de-france/lille\\_59350/attentat-trebes-lille-va-nommer-parvis-hommage-gendarme-arnaud-beltrame\\_21245436.html](https://actu.fr/hauts-de-france/lille_59350/attentat-trebes-lille-va-nommer-parvis-hommage-gendarme-arnaud-beltrame_21245436.html)

## **UK**

### **ISIS killer's wife sues British spies for £1million saying she was beaten after visiting her husband**

The wife of a jihadi who fought with ISIS is seeking up to £1million in compensation over claims she was shackled, whipped and interrogated by British intelligence officials. Muna Abdule says MI6 operatives mistreated her and quizzed her over husband Abdelqadir Mumin.

*mailsonday 3:38:00 AM CET*

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6664187/ISIS-killers-wife-sues-British-spies-1million-saying-beaten-visiting-husband.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6664187/ISIS-killers-wife-sues-British-spies-1million-saying-beaten-visiting-husband.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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