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#### **AFRICAN UNION NEWS**

##### **AU's plan to trim peacekeeping force in Somalia will affect mission – AMISOM**

The African Union's plan to trim its Somalia peacekeeping force (AMISOM) will hurt the mission unless extra equipment is found to offset the troop decrease, the mission's leader told Reuters. The force of 22,000 deployed a decade ago is set to lose 1,000 soldiers this year as part of a long-term....

*sunnewsonline 9:28:00 AM CET*

<http://sunnewsonline.com/aus-plan-to-trim-peacekeeping-force-in-somalia-will-affect-mission-amisom/>

#### **EAST AFRICA**

##### **Rwanda**

##### **Rwanda, Tanzania police force launch joint operations against cross-border crimes**

Rwanda National Police (RNP) and Tanzania Police Forces (TPF) have launched operations along the common borders in a bid to combat crimes that are cross-border in nature. Delegations from the two sides met at Rusumo One Stop Border Post and designed operational procedures as part of the....

*rmanews 04 Dec 2017*

<http://www.rmanews.com/component/content/article/1-latest/14063-rwanda-tanzania-police-force-launch-joint-operations-against-cross-border-crimes>

##### **Somalia**

##### **Mogadishu Truck Bomb's Death Toll Now Tops 500, Probe Committee Says**

The death toll in what Somalis have described as their 9/11 has risen even higher. On Oct. 20, the government said the toll had reached 358, making it Somalia's deadliest terrorist attack ever. The Zobe Rescue Committee, created by the Somali government in the wake of the attack, spoke with....

*npr 04 Dec 2017*

[https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/12/02/567985077/mogadishu-truck-bombs-death-toll-now-tops-500-probe-committee-says?utm\\_medium=RSS&utm\\_campaign=world](https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/12/02/567985077/mogadishu-truck-bombs-death-toll-now-tops-500-probe-committee-says?utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=world)

##### **Uganda**

##### **Joint regional military's training exercise closes in Sudan**

The two-week joint East Africa Standby Force (EASF) peacekeeping and security training exercise closed on Sunday in Sudan, Ugandan military spokesperson said here on Monday. Lt. Col. Deo Akiiki, Ugandan deputy military spokesperson in a statement issued here said that Sudan's minister of defense Lt.

*xinhuanet\_en 04 Dec 2017*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/04/c\\_136800437.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/04/c_136800437.htm)

## **CENTRAL AFRICA**

### **Democratic Republic of Congo**

#### **DRC recruited M23 to crush anti-Kabila protests**

Rights group says DR Congo drafted ex-M23 fighters last year to crush protests against President Joseph Kabila. Joseph Kabila has refused to step down despite the end of his term, and delayed elections [File:Getty] At least 62 people were killed as security forces in the Democratic Republic of...

*aljazeera-en 04 Dec 2017*

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/12/hrw-drc-recruited-m23-crush-anti-kabila-protests-171204105059695.html>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Mali**

#### **Election présidentielle de 2018: Kidal reste toujours Azawad**

Aucune fanfaronnade politique ne me fera partir à Kidal », dit le président Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta. Ce propos est clair et annonce l'appartenance de Kidal à l'Azawad. La Constitution de 1992 dit que notre pays est un et indivisible. Malgré la présence du gouverneur à Kidal, c'est le drapeau de l'Azawad qui y flotte.

*mali-web 04 Dec 2017*

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/focus-election-presidentielle-de-2018-kidal-reste-toujours-azawad>

#### **Raid de Barkhane à Abeibara : Paris et Bamako divisé**

La Force Barkhane a mené une opération anti-terroriste dans les alentours d' Abeibara le 23 et 24 octobre dernier faisant 15 morts dont 11 militaires maliens en otage. Les autorités françaises n'ont jamais admises leur responsabilité, alors que le Président IBK soutient dans une interview accordée à...

*journaldumali 04 Dec 2017*

<http://www.journaldumali.com/2017/12/04/raid-de-barkhane-a-abeibara-paris-bamako-divise/>

#### **Réconciliation nationale : Il marche le trajet 1282 km pour véhiculer le message de la paix**

À 52 ans, Ahmed Sangaré a fait 43 jours de marche pour porter des messages forts, allant dans le sens de la paix et de la réconciliation nationale. Une marche qui a commencé à Bamako le 27 mars 2017 pour s'achever à Dakar, au Sénégal, soit 1282 km. Et cela, dans la détermination et avec l'amour de sa patrie.

*maliweb 04 Dec 2017*

<http://www.maliweb.net/societe/reconciliation-nationale-marche-trajet-1282-km-vehiculer-message-de-paix-2704292.html>

### **Nigeria**

#### **Nigeria to create Intelligence Centre to combat Boko Haram**

Nigerian president Muhammadu Buhari has approved the creation of an Intelligence Fusion Centre in Maiduguri, the capital of Borno State to fight the Boko Haram militant group, TV 360 Nigeria reports. An Intelligence Fusion Centre is designed to promote information sharing at the....

*panarmenian-en 04 Dec 2017*

<http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/news/249527/>

#### **15 soldats killed as Boko Haram raids Nigerian army**

KANO, Nigeria - Seven more bodies have been found after a Boko Haram raid on a military camp in northeast Nigeria, a security source has told AFP. Militant fighters stormed the base at Sasawa

village, some 45 kilometres from the Yobe state capital, Damaturu, on Tuesday, in the third such attack on the military in two weeks.

enca 04 Dec 2017

<http://www.enca.com/afrika/15-soldiers-killed-as-boko-haram-raids-nigerian-army>

### **Buratai urges commanders to remain focus to curtail traces of insurgency**

The Chief of Army Staff, Lt.-Gen. Tukur Buratai charged field commanders to remain focused toward containing the traces of insurgency still being recorded. Buratai made the remark on Monday, while declaring open a five-day retreat for past field Commanders of the ongoing counter terrorism and counter insurgency operations in the North East.

vanguardngr 04 Dec 2017

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2017/12/terrorism-buratai-urges-commanders-remain-focus-curtail-traces-insurgency/>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Algeria**

#### **DJAMEL KAOUANE REÇOIT LE SG DE LA LIGUE DES OULÉMA, PRÊCHEURS ET IMAMS DES PAYS DU SAHEL**

Les ouléma, imams et prêcheurs des pays du Sahel doivent impérativement user des moyens de communication modernes afin de contrer la menace de l'extrémisme religieux et violent. L'extrémisme est en mutation rapide. Pour le contrer, il faut une adaptation aussi rapide.

lexpressiondz 04 Dec 2017

<http://www.lexpressiondz.com/actualite/281263-la-communication-pour-contrer-l-extremisme.html>

### **Egypt**

#### **Five terrorists killed, 6 arrested: Interior Ministry**

The Interior Ministry announced the killing of five terrorists in an armed battle with security forces in a desert area between the cities of the 10th Ramadan and Bilbis. It also announced thwarting a terrorist scheme in the Governorates of Cairo and Assiut by arresting six suspected plotters.

egyptindependent 04 Dec 2017

<http://www.egyptindependent.com/five-terrorists-killed-6-arrested-interior-ministry/>

#### **Don't blame Egypt for the terrorist attack in Sinai**

The Post in essence blamed Egypt's government for a terrorist attack in Sinai, the worst ever in our modern history, instead of the hateful extremist ideologies that have inspired this and other acts worldwide.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/dont-blame-egypt-for-the-terrorist-attack-in-sinai/2017/12/04/e7723f88-d85d-11e7-a241-0848315642d0\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.c719933e946d](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/dont-blame-egypt-for-the-terrorist-attack-in-sinai/2017/12/04/e7723f88-d85d-11e7-a241-0848315642d0_story.html?utm_term=.c719933e946d)

### **Libya**

وزير داخلية إيطاليا يشدد على أهمية السيطرة على الحدود الجنوبية لليبيا لمكافحة الإرهاب وصف وزير الداخلية الإيطالي ماركو مينيتي السيطرة على الحدود الجنوبية لليبيا وعلى طرق عبور المهاجرين وسط البحر المتوسط بـ"الحاسمة"، ليس لمواجهة الهجرة غير النظامية فقط، بل أيضا لمكافحة الإرهاب". ووفقا لقناة "تي جى كوم 24".... الإيطالية، فقد شدد مينيتي على أنه لا يمكن "إستبعاد فرضية أن يحاول المقاتلون

youm7 9:30:00 AM CET

<http://www.youm7.com/story/2017/12/5/%d9%88%d8%b2%d9%8a%d8%b1-%d8%af%d8%a7%d8%ae%d9%84%d9%8a%d8%a9-%d8%a5%d9%8a%d8%b7%d8%a7%d9%84%d9%8a%d8%a7-%d9%8a%d8%b4%d8%af%d8%af-%d8%b9%d9%84%d9%89-%d8%a3%d9%87%d9%85%d9%8a%d8%a9-%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%b3%d9%8a%d8%b1%d8%a9-%d8%b9%d9%84%d9%89-%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%ad%d8%af%d9%88%d8%af-%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%ac%d9%86%d9%88%d8%a8%d9%8a%d8%a9/3540255>

### **Tunisia**

#### **عام / قوات الأمن التونسي تفكك خلية إرهابية**

تونس 16 ربيع الأول 1439 هـ الموافق 4 ديسمبر 2017 م واس تمكنت قوات الأمن بمدينة صفاقس جنوب تونس من تفكيك خلية إرهابية والقبض على ثلاثة من عناصرها . وأفاد بيان للداخلية التونسية اليوم ، أن الموقوفين اعترفوا خلال التحريات معهم بتبنيهم للفكر الإرهابي وتواصلهم مع عناصر إرهابية داخل وخارج البلاد

spa 04 Dec 2017

<http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewstory.php?newsid=1694618>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **America**

#### **US**

#### **Washington is Preparing a New Strategy for National Security**

The administration of President Donald Trump intends to present a new US security strategy in the coming weeks, the Wall Street Journal quoted him as saying. According to the report, it will reflect elements such as the threat from North Korea, the fight against international terrorism, China's....

*novinite 04 Dec 2017*

<http://www.novinite.com/articles/185851/Washington+is+Preparing+a+New+Strategy+for+National+Security>

#### **Former FBI Official: Halting Immigration is 'Not Who We Are,' Americans Must 'Adjust' to Terrorism**

A former official with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) says Americans will have to "adjust" to a new country where terrorism is routine because halting immigration is "not who we are."

<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/12/04/former-fbi-official-halting-immigration-is-not-who-we-are-americans-must-adjust-to-terrorism/>

### **Asia**

#### **China**

#### **China monitors Australia-based Twitter accounts linked to Islamic 'terrorism'**

Chinese terrorism authorities are monitoring social media accounts in Australia that they say are linked to Islamic "terrorism".

Researchers have been tracking and analysing the Twitter accounts of what they call "East Turkistan Islamic" terrorists.

<http://www.smh.com.au/world/china-monitors-australiabased-twitter-accounts-linked-to-islamic-terrorism-20171204-gzyr8x.html>

#### **Iran**

#### **Iran Playing Major Role in Defeating Terrorism**

A senior author and political commentator from Canada, Mark Taliano, praised Iran's campaign against terrorism in the Middle East and said the Islamic Republic has been fighting the phenomenon while the West's support for terror groups in the region is well documented.

*opednews 04 Dec 2017*

<https://www.opednews.com/articles/Iran-Playing-Major-Role-in-by-Mark-Taliano-Syria-171204-709.html>

### **Kyrgyz Republic**

**Terrorism and extremism remain the most urgent threats for Kyrgyz Republic**

Terrorism and extremism remain the most urgent threats for Kyrgyzstan. President Sooronbai Zheenbekov said during the meeting with chairman of the State Committee for National Security Abdilsegizbayev. During the meeting, Zheenbekov was informed about measures to...

*kabar 04 Dec 2017*

<http://kabar.kg/eng/news/zheenbekov-terrorism-and-extremism-remain-the-most-urgent-threats-for-kyrgyz-republic/>

## **Pakistan**

### **No safe havens in Pakistan; PM tells Gen Mattis**

Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi Monday reiterated that there were no safe havens in Pakistan and the entire nation was committed to its resolve for eradicating terrorism once and for all in all its forms and manifestations. The Prime Minister expressed these views as he received...

*TheFrontierPost-en 04 Dec 2017*

<http://thefrontierpost.com/no-safe-havens-pakistan-pm-tells-gen-mattis/>

### **Mattis seeks more cooperation with Pakistan on terror fight**

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis met with top Pakistani leaders Monday to seek common ground on the counterterrorism fight, amid Trump administration calls for Islamabad to more aggressively go after the insurgents moving back and forth across the border with Afghanistan.

*WashingtonPost 04 Dec 2017*

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle\\_east/mattis-seeks-more-cooperation-with-pakistan-on-terror-fight/2017/12/04/8fadb114-d8d0-11e7-a241-0848315642d0\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/mattis-seeks-more-cooperation-with-pakistan-on-terror-fight/2017/12/04/8fadb114-d8d0-11e7-a241-0848315642d0_story.html)

### **NATO calls for global coordination to eliminate terrorism following Peshawar attack**

A police commando escorts rescued staff members of an Agriculture Training Institute sit in a armoured vehicle after an attack by Taliban militants in Peshawar on December 1, 2017. PHOTO: AFP. The Nato-led Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan has called for global coordination to tackle the....

*tribune 04 Dec 2017*

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1575686/1-nato-calls-global-coordination-eliminate-terrorism-following-peshawar-attack/>

### **U.S. defense chief calls for deepening anti-terror cooperation with Pakistan**

U.S. Secretary of Defense James Mattis told Pakistani Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi on Monday that his visit aimed at finding common grounds in order to create a positive, consistent and long-term relationship with Pakistan, according to Pakistani Prime Minister's Office.

*xinhuanet\_en 04 Dec 2017*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/04/c\\_136800445.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/04/c_136800445.htm)

## **Saudi Arabia**

### **Saudi Petro-terrorism Serving U.S. Policies**

The unreasonable and unwise racism of Riyadh in the region has shown itself in Saudi Arabia's foreign policy. This has also had a direct impact on Saudi Arabia's speeches and decisions in the field of international and regional affairs. In this regard, we are faced with a term called Petro Terrorism.

*tehrantimes 04 Dec 2017*

<http://www.tehrantimes.com/news/419029/Saudi-Petro-terrorism-Serving-U-S-Policies>

## **Syria**

### **4 Syrians convicted in IS blast that led to Jordan closure**

Jordan's state security court convicted four Syrians on Monday of helping Islamic State militants carry out a 2016 car bomb attack that led to the closure of the Syrian-Jordanian border. The court sentenced one defendant to death and three to life in prison with hard labor.

*therepublic 04 Dec 2017*

<http://www.therepublic.com/2017/12/04/ml-jordan-islamic-state/>

## **Turkey**

### **9 suspected left-wing militants from Turkey jailed in Greece**

A Turkish man, no name available, escorted by anti-terror police shouts slogans as he arrives at a court to face terrorism charges in Athens, Monday, Dec. 4, 2017. Nine suspected militants from Turkey, were arrested Tuesday Nov. 28, during a series of raids in Athens which according to police....

*timesdaily 04 Dec 2017*

[http://www.timesdaily.com/news/nation/suspected-left-wing-militants-from-turkey-jailed-in-greece/article\\_2e2e664a-13a6-5f00-b33e-d79461b99e3d.html](http://www.timesdaily.com/news/nation/suspected-left-wing-militants-from-turkey-jailed-in-greece/article_2e2e664a-13a6-5f00-b33e-d79461b99e3d.html)

## **Yemen**

### **Rebels kill Yemen's strongman Saleh as alliance collapses**

Yemeni rebels killed their erstwhile ally Ali Abdullah Saleh, the country's former president and strongman, as their forces battled for control of the capital, Sanaa, officials said. The collapse of their alliance throws Yemen's nearly 3-year-old civil war into unpredictable new chaos.

*WashingtonPost 04 Dec 2017*

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle\\_east/yemenis-shelter-from-airstrikes-battles-in-capital/2017/12/04/0b3a35de-d8c1-11e7-a241-0848315642d0\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/yemenis-shelter-from-airstrikes-battles-in-capital/2017/12/04/0b3a35de-d8c1-11e7-a241-0848315642d0_story.html)

### **Ali Abdellah Saleh tué par ses alliés**

Les prédictions de l'ancien président de la Libye, le colonel défunt Mouaamar Kadafi se sont avérées correctes. Il nous avait prévenus et a mis en garde les dirigeants arabes contre les risques qu'ils courent, d'être renversés par les Occidentaux comme l'a été l'ancien président irakien Saddam Hussein.

*ech-chorouk-fr 8:46:00 AM CET*

<https://www.echoroukonline.com/ara/articles/541886.html>

## **Europe**

### **Belgium**

### **Soldiers guard Europe's streets from terrorism. Critics say that weakens them in war.**

Green army trucks are rumbling across the cobbled streets of Brussels. Stiff-spined soldiers are patrolling the Champs-Élysées in Paris. Italian troops are guarding the Colosseum. And critics say the years-long deployments at home are sapping the ability of these militaries to fight wars.

*WashingtonPost 04 Dec 2017*

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/soldiers-guard-europes-streets-from-terrorism-critics-say-that-weakens-them-in-war/2017/12/03/0312584e-b87a-11e7-9b93-b97043e57a22\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/soldiers-guard-europes-streets-from-terrorism-critics-say-that-weakens-them-in-war/2017/12/03/0312584e-b87a-11e7-9b93-b97043e57a22_story.html)

### **Switzerland**

### **With new plan, Swiss pin anti-extremism hopes on prevention**

Switzerland released a national plan on Monday to prevent violent extremism, including training teachers and coaches to recognise warning signs and re-integrating people who have already been radicalised. The Swiss so far have avoided the kind of attacks that have hit neighbouring Germany....

*channelnewsasia 04 Dec 2017*

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/with-new-plan--swiss-pin-anti-extremism-hopes-on-prevention-9467648>

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