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Briefing note on a comprehensive approach to combat the transnational threat of terrorism and violent extremism in Africa

Transnational organized crime poses a growing threat to continental and global security. Expanding networks and diverse criminal activities are resulting in the convergence of threats. There is increasing evidence that terrorists are turning to transnational organized crime networks to generate....

reliefWeb 10:03:00 AM CET

<https://reliefweb.int/report/world/briefing-note-comprehensive-approach-combat-transnational-threat-terrorism-and-violent>

EAST AFRICA

Somalia

Police Deny IS Presence Near Mogadishu

Security officials in the Somali town of Afgoye say they are not aware of the presence of pro-Islamic State militants in the town, despite a series of social media posts by the group claiming responsibility for attacks in the area. Afgoye police commander Captain Abdulkadir Osman Mursal says attacks....

globalsecurity 8:33:00 AM CET

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2018/02/mil-180205-voa04.htm>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon

Govt and U.S. Hold Talks About Security Issues

House Speaker, Hon. Cavaye Yeguié Djibril and United States Ambassador, Peter Henry Barlerin, on February 2, 2018 held talks pertaining to the security issues in the Far North. Within the framework of protecting citizens and enhancing security in the Far North region of Cameroon, the Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon.

allafrica 4:59:00 AM CET

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201802050106.html>

WEST AFRICA

Nigeria

Army parades 26 Boko Haram surrendered combatants

Nigerian military said it paraded 26 suspected Boko Haram members, who recently surrendered to troops of the ongoing Operation Deep Punch II in Sambisa forest.

peoplesdaily-online 8:07:00 AM CET

<http://www.peoplesdailyng.com/army-parades-26-boko-haram-surrendered-combatants/>

57 homes burnt to the ground as Boko Haram militants attack community

- Boko Haram terrorists stormed Koffa, a community near Maiduguri. - The militants set fire to the community, burning 57 homes and killing three people. - About 7 other villagers sustained various degrees of injuries. Members of the extremist group, Boko Haram, stormed Koffa, a community near....

onlinenigeria 7:56:00 AM CET

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/701111-57-homes-burnt-to-the-ground-as-boko-haram-militants-attack-community.html>

Ending Terrorism In Grand Style

When Boko Haram Terrorists (BHTs) fumed in Nigeria, and eventually domiciled its fighting strength, comrades, arsenals and other explosive devices aimed at committing atrocities or tormenting Nigerians, the Northeast was the epicentre of the furnace. The insurgents proved indomitable and....

leadership 5:32:00 AM CET

<https://leadership.ng/2018/02/06/ending-terrorism-grand-style/>

Boko Haram kills 2 in Borno

Minister declares group 'completely destroyed' • Why attacks persist, by Shettima. Magnus Eze; Timothy Olanrewaju; Maiduguri, with agency report. Boko Haram fighters stormed a village in Borno State and killed two people, a local resident and a security source, yesterday, just as the military and....

sunnewsonline 2:52:00 AM CET

<http://sunnewsonline.com/boko-haram-kills-2-in-borno/>

Boko Haram kills two as military says group 'defeated'

The attack happened on Sunday evening at Alau-Kofa village, some 12 kilometres (7.5 miles) from Maiduguri, the capital of unrest-hit Borno state. "Boko Haram came to our village last night at about 8:00 pm (1900 GMT) firing guns and RPGs (rocket-propelled grenades)," Bulama Bukar, who lives in Alau-Kofa, told AFP.

digitaljournal 12:30:00 AM CET

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/boko-haram-kills-two-as-military-says-group-defeated/article/514025>

Boko Haram attacks in Nigeria, Cameroon despite 'defeated' claims

Boko Haram fighters stormed a village in northeast Nigeria and murdered two civilians, while six people were killed in an attack in northern Cameroon, a local resident and security sources told AFP on Monday. The attacks came as Nigeria's military again maintained the jihadists....

arabnews 05 Feb 2018

<http://www.arabnews.com/node/1239956/world>

NORTH AFRICA

Libya

At least five killed in clashes near Libyan oilfield

Libyan forces killed three suspected Islamic State fighters near an oilfield in the southeast of the country, a local official said on Saturday. Two soldiers were also killed and five wounded during clashes over two days, one of which took place near the Dhahra oilfield....

news-yahoo 05 Feb 2018

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/libyan-forces-clash-islamic-state-near-dhara-oilfield-154913058--finance.html>

INTERNATIONAL

America

US

Minnesota, Twin Cities show unusually active rate of terror recruitment

The number of Americans to successfully join the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) is just a fraction of the several thousand Europeans who have made it into the group's ranks. But researchers at George Washington University's Program on Extremism found that Minnesota, particularly the Twin....

startribune 9:16:00 AM CET

<http://www.startribune.com/study-minnesota-twin-cities-show-unusually-active-rate-of-terror-recruitment/472820363/>

Feared wave of ISIS fighters in U.S. is a trickle so far, expert says

The 102-page report, entitled "The Travelers: American Jihadists in Syria and Iraq," says that of the 64 Americans who traveled to Iraq and Syria in support of the Islamic State, only 12 have returned to the U.S. Nine of those returnees were arrested and charged with terror-related offenses.

nbcnews 8:31:00 AM CET

https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/isis-terror/feared-wave-isis-fighters-u-s-trickle-so-far-says-n844896?cid=public-rss_20180206

US begins reducing troops in Iraq after victory over ISIS

As of late September, there were 8,892 US troops in Iraq, according to a Pentagon report released in November. There were about 170,000 US troops in Iraq in 2007 at the height of the surge of US forces to combat sectarian violence unleashed by the US-led invasion to topple dictator Saddam Hussein.

bostonglobe 1:40:00 AM CET

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/news/world/2018/02/05/begins-reducing-troops-iraq-after-victory-over-isis/YZnq5POYjKYSBkst454cvK/story.html>

Americans In ISIS: Some 300 Tried To Join, 12 Have Returned To U.S.

An estimated 300 Americans attempted to join the Islamic State and other radical Islamist groups in Iraq and Syria, including a small number who rose to senior positions, according to the most detailed report to date on this issue. So far, 12 of those Americans have returned home, yet none has carried out an attack on U.

npr 12:41:00 AM CET

https://www.npr.org/sections/parallels/2018/02/05/583407221/americans-in-isis-some-300-tried-to-join-12-have-returned-to-u-s?utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=news

Threat of ISIS bombing a passenger jet is 'worse than I thought,' House chairman says

The Islamic State group and its bomb makers are intent on blowing up passenger jets, the House Homeland Security Committee chairman said Monday. Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, said the terror group's efforts to target airlines are among the "most disturbing" and pressing national security threats....

washingtonexaminer 05 Feb 2018

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/threat-of-isis-bombing-a-passenger-jet-is-worse-than-i-thought-house-chairman-says/article/2648130>

Afghanistan

Afghanistan launches offensive against Taliban after Kabul attacks

Afghan security forces, backed by US troops, have increased assaults on Taliban militants following a series of deadly attacks by the insurgents in the Afghan capital. The Defense Ministry claimed on Sunday that more than 100 militants had been killed in the previous 24 hours. Gen.

arabnews 05 Feb 2018

<http://www.arabnews.com/node/123991/world>

The Afghanistan War Under Trump

The U.S. has blamed the Pakistan-backed Haqqani network, a Taliban affiliate with a reputation for ruthlessness, for the plot. Washington and Kabul have long accused Islamabad of offering the Afghan Taliban and its affiliates a safe haven from which to plot such attacks.

eurasiareview 4:21:00 AM CET

<http://www.eurasiareview.com/06022018-the-afghanistan-war-under-trump-analysis/>

Asia

Iraq

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kuna 9:11:00 AM CET

<https://www.kuna.net.kw/ArticleDetails.aspx?id=2689217&language=ar>

Iraqi TV airs confessions from death-row jihadists in bid to crush remaining ISIS support

NC Joseph Carey The presenter said that he asks the justice ministry for permission to interview the jihadists The show broadcasts statements from the sadistic supporters and depicts horrifying images of their crimes. Ahmed Hassan, the presenter of the show, declared it was created to fight the “ideological war” that remains in the country.

express 8:04:00 AM CET

https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/914980/Iraq-TV-confessions-from-jihadi-ISIS-support-ideology-Ahmed-Hassan-Mosul-UN?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+daily-express-world-news+%28Express+%3A%3A+World+Feed%29

25 ISIS militants killed in airstrikes

At least twenty militants affiliated with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group were killed in the airstrikes conducted in Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. The 201st Silab Corps of the Afghan Military in the East said the latest airstrikes were carried out in the vicinity of Achin district.

TheFrontierPost-en 5:33:00 AM CET

<http://thefrontierpost.com/25-isis-militants-killed-airstrikes/>

LIBAN

LIBAN-TERRORISME

Un soldat libanais et un terroriste ont été tués lors d'une opération antiterroriste à Tripoli, la grande ville du nord du pays, théâtre d'affrontements sporadiques ces dernières années, a annoncé hier l'armée. Les échanges de tirs se sont déroulés dimanche soir dans le quartier de Bab al-Tebbané.

lexpressiondz 3:59:00 AM CET

<http://www.lexpressiondz.com/internationale/285612-deux-morts-dans-une-operation-antiterroriste.html>

Syria

Elderly man carries out car bomb attack on Kurdish forces in Syria

PanARMENIAN.Net Islamic State militants have carried out yet another car bomb attack against U.S. -backed forces (of which Kurdish paramilitaries form a core component) amid an ongoing battle between the two belligerents for control of a key village in eastern Syria.

panarmenian-en 05 Feb 2018

<http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/news/251679/>

Islamic State fighters fleeing Syria await orders for renewed battle

"The group is transitioning into an underground organization that places more weight on asymmetric tactics, like suicide bombings against soft targets in government-secured areas like Baghdad," said Otso Iho, a senior analyst at Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Center at IHS Markit in London.

smh 3:20:00 AM CET

<http://www.smh.com.au/world/islamic-state-fighters-fleeing-syria-await-orders-for-renewed-battle-20180205-p4yzgu.html>

Europa

France

Terrorisme - Naïma Rudloff : « Il n'y a pas de loup solitaire »

Avocate générale près la cour d'appel de Paris, cette magistrate chevronnée avait requis la perpétuité au cours du procès d'Abdelkader Merah Entretien. Le Point.fr Stéphane Sellami La cour d'assises spéciale de Paris a condamné Abdelkader Merah à 20 ans de....

LePoint 8:18:00 AM CET

http://www.lepoint.fr/justice/terrorisme-naïma-rudloff-il-n-y-a-pas-de-loup-solitaire-06-02-2018-2192487_2386.php#xtor=RSS-221

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