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EAST AFRICA

Sudan

فشل محاولات لتوحيد حركات دارفور المتمردة بليبيا : تقرير أممي

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كشفت تقرير أممي (smc) طرابلس. كشف عن ملامسات وجود الحركات بالجنوب الليبي 26. ي لفريق الخبراء المعني بليبيا، عن محاولات للحركات المتمردة الدارفور التي تنشط بل بيبا لتوحيد صفوفها سعياً إلى تحسين تنظيم وجودها، مبيناً أن هذه الحركات فشلت في ذلك.

smc-sd 05 Mar 2018

<http://smc.sd/%d8%aa%d9%82%d8%b1%d9%8a%d8%b1-%d8%a3%d9%85%d9%85%d9%8a-%d9%81%d8%b4%d9%84-%d9%85%d8%ad%d8%a7%d9%88%d9%84%d8%a7%d8%aa-%d9%84%d8%aa%d9%88%d8%ad%d9%8a%d8%af-%d8%ad%d8%b1%d9%83%d8%a7%d8%aa-%d8%af%d8%a7/>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon

Cameroon Assigns Road Construction to Military Over Boko Haram Threats

Cameroon's military took over the construction of roads at its northern borders with Chad and Nigeria after Chinese contractors abandoned the work following repeated attacks from armed Boko Haram fighters. Hundreds of curious onlookers, including....

globalsecurity 4:34:00 AM CET

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2018/03/mil-180305-voa01.htm>

WEST AFRICA

Mali

Statement by the Spokesperson on the attacks in Mali

Yesterday, MINUSMA peacekeepers were once again the target of attacks in the centre of Mali, resulting in loss of life and injuries. The previous day, the Malian Armed Forces

also suffered losses in the centre of the country. These attacks against the forces working to maintain peace and protect....

reliefWeb 7:26:00 AM CET

<https://reliefweb.int/report/mali/statement-spokesperson-attacks-mali>

Le MNLA s'active pour l'indépendance de l'Azawad

En dépit de l'accord d'Alger pour le retour définitif à la paix au Mali, le MNLA tient à l'indépendance de l'Azawad. C'est dans cette optique que le mouvement rebelle touareg s'est retrouvé au Maroc pour y nouer des contacts avec d'autres séparatistes.

abamako 9:28:00 AM CET

<http://news.abamako.com/h/182705.html>

Gao toujours sous tension

La situation à Gao, dans le centre du Mali, est toujours précaire, quatre jours après les violences communautaires qui ont poussé le gouverneur local à décréter un couvre-feu nocturne et l'interdiction de circuler avec des armes depuis le 2 mars. Si cette décision semble être respectée par la....

liberte-algerie 05 Mar 2018

<https://www.liberte-algerie.com/international/mali-gao-toujours-sous-tension-288318>

Niger

Niger attack video released by IS shows group's 'depravity': Pentagon

A graphic video apparently captured by the helmet camera of one of the US soldiers killed in an Islamic State ambush in Niger highlights the militants' depravity, the Pentagon said on Monday (Mar 5) after IS released the footage. The Defense Department "is aware of alleged photos and IS....

channelnewsasia 05 Mar 2018

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/niger-attack-video-released-by-is-shows-group-s--depravity---pentagon-10015620>

ISIS video raises questions about mission that left 4 Americans dead

ISIS propaganda video raises questions about deadly mission in Niger showing the deadly ambush of American soldiers is raising new questions about the U.S. military mission in the African country of Niger. Four Americans were killed in the October ambush. ISIS has released the disturbing and graphic video as part of a propaganda campaign.

CBSnews 05 Mar 2018

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/niger-mission-graphic-isis-propaganda-video-isis-raises-questions/>

Nigeria

The lesson from Dapchi is political!

Whether the successful kidnapping of over 100 schoolgirls from Dapchi Government Girls Science Technical College Yobe State is a "national disgrace" or simply a "national tragedy" depends on whether one agrees with international news channel CNN, or the Nigerian government.

dailytrust 2:44:00 AM CET

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/the-lesson-from-dapchi-is-political.html>

Boko Haram: Bomb blast rocks Muna Garage in Maiduguri

Report from Muna Garage general area in Maiduguri says two suicide bombers have detonated improvised explosive devises strapped to their bodies at Muna Dalti. There

is no detail of the incident yet. However, a resident said the suicide bombers might have died alone. Details later....

dailypost 7:11:00 AM CET

<http://dailypost.ng/2018/03/06/boko-haram-bomb-blast-rocks-muna-garage-maiduguri/>

Dapchi: B'Haram Will Never Catch Us Unaware – Police, NSCDC

The Inspector General of Police, Ibrahim Idris and the Commandant General of Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) Abdullahi Gana Muhammadu have vowed that never again will the Boko Haram terrorists catch their personnel unaware like the kidnap of 110 Dapchi schoolgirls in Yobe State.

leadership 4:44:00 AM CET

<https://leadership.ng/2018/03/06/dapchi-bharam-will-never-catch-us-unaware-police-nscdc/>

Police IG announces important steps to protect schools in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa

Officials of the Nigeria Police Force and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps to protect schools in northeast. - The states to benefit from these security are Borno, Yobe and Adamawa states. - This is to prevent schools from being attacked by Boko Haram insurgents.

onlinenigeria 6:13:00 AM CET

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/709161-police-ig-announces-important-steps-to-protect-schools-in-borno-yobe-and-adamawa.html>

Doctors Desert After Terror Attacks

More than 40 000 people, including 60 malnourished children, have been left without access to healthcare after volunteer doctors quit northeast Nigeria in the wake of deadly terror attacks. Doctors Without Borders, the international medical humanitarian....

allafrica 5:41:00 AM CET

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201803050022.html>

Touching Story of Woman Who Broke News of Boko Haram Attack, Her Abduction

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has confirmed that two of its midwives were missing, indicating they may have been abducted by the Boko Haram gunmen. Nearly 72 hours after the Thursday 1 attack, the Nigerian government has not officially provided details of the attack which many fear may have claimed more lives than reported.

allafrica 5:41:00 AM CET

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201803050046.html>

Army arrest Boko Haram member, four traffickers with 19 underage children

The Nigerian Army has arrested suspected Boko Haram militant, Aliyu Ahmed, alias “Aliko.” In a statement by the Army spokesman, Brig.-Gen. Sani Usman, he confirmed that the insurgent was arrested over the weekend. Usman said that “Aliko” was arrested on Friday by troops of 33 Brigade following a....

dailypost 8:42:00 AM CET

<http://dailypost.ng/2018/03/06/army-arrest-boko-haram-member-four-traffickers-19-underage-children/>

Suicide bomber kills three in northern Nigeria

Bomber was on a bicycle when he approached a group. Muna area of Maiduguri is home to a vast camp for people displaced by the conflict.

nation-ke 9:04:00 AM CET

<https://www.nation.co.ke/news/africa/Nigerian-suicide-bomber-kills-three-/1066-4330176-uwlrjk/index.html>

Dapchi girls: Extend search to Gashak Gumti park following suspected helicopter landing

Villagers from Maidanu hamlet in Gashaka local government area of Taraba state have called on the Federal Government to extend search for the recent kidnapped Dapchi girls to Gashaka National Gumrti Park following the recent visit to the Park by an unknown helicopter. Prsident Buhari and Dapchi school girls.

onlinenigeria 05 Mar 2018

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/708934-dapchi-girls-extend-search-to-gashak-gumti-park-following-suspected-helicopter-landing-%E2%80%93-villagers.html>

Sahel

West African leaders vow to fight jihadists after Burkina attacks

Smoke rises in the streets amidst a terrorist attack in the capital Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on Friday. (Courtesy) Burkina Faso's President Mark Roch said his country would fight and defeat militants despite being hit by Islamist insurgents in the capital last week in an attack which 8 people were killed and dozens wounded.

standardmedia 8:48:00 AM CET

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001272163/west-african-leaders-vow-to-fight-jihadists-after-burkina-attacks>

INTERNATIONAL

America

US

AFRICOM: 'Terrorist groups' remain a challenge across Africa

'Terrorist groups' remain a challenge across Africa. The United States Africa Command (AFRICOM) is maintaining a consistent presence across Africa in order to address security concerns. But terrorist groups continue to pose a threat in many countries with weak governance. AFRICOM Commander General Thomas D.

deutschewelle-en 9:04:00 AM CET

<http://www.dw.com/en/africom-terrorist-groups-remain-a-challenge-across-africa/a-38889590>

U.S. Urges Democracy, Jobs Creation to Prevent Extremism

A United States (US) envoy has urged African governments to uphold democracy and develop economies in order to prevent the emergence of rebel groups. Rex Tillerson, the Secretary of State, was speaking ahead of his first official visit to the continent, which begins on Tuesday.

allafrica 5:41:00 AM CET

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201803050664.html>

Asia

Afghanistan

Three US Soldiers Killed In Afghanistan

Three U.S. soldiers were killed and one wounded Saturday. The soldiers were killed by an ally Afghan soldier who opened fire on them during a joint U.S.-Afghan military operation in eastern Afghanistan, according to the The soldiers were shot in an "inside attack," when a member of the Afghan Security Forces opened fire on the four men.

ibitimes 05 Mar 2018

<http://www.ibitimes.com/three-us-soldiers-killed-afghanistan-inside-attack-2550571>

For peace in Afghanistan, talk to Afghans

Quite clearly, the beleaguered ‘national unity government’ in Kabul, which has faced blistering criticism at home and abroad for failing to stem violence, has run out of options and is desperately trying to woo the Taliban to end what President Ghani has often termed as ‘imposed war’. It’s the first time since 2015 that ‘peace talks’ are in news.

tehrantimes 8:53:00 AM CET

<http://www.tehrantimes.com/news/421818/For-peace-in-Afghanistan-talk-to-Afghans>

Pakistan has crucial role to play in Afghan peace process: US official

A senior American official, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Alice South and Central Asia Alice Wells on Tuesday said Pakistan has a very important role to play in the Afghan peace process. “We believe that Pakistan can certainly help to facilitate talks and to take actions that....

tribune 8:01:00 AM CET

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1652267/1-pakistan-crucial-role-play-afghan-peace-process-us-official/>

Iraq

ISIS caliphate is gone, but terror threat lives on

“Optimism over the defeat of ISIS’s caliphate does feel a bit like 2011, and I was as guilty as anyone in thinking that the death of Osama bin Laden and the democratic Arab Spring revolutions was a hopeful inflection point,” said terrorism expert Peter Bergen, director of the International Security....

news-yahoo 05 Mar 2018

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/isis-caliphate-gone-terror-threat-lives-195236489.html>

Philippines

Remnants of defeated Islamist group plan new Philippine attacks

At least 300 militants from a pro-Islamic State alliance that last year held a southern Philippine city for five months have regrouped and are planning similar attacks elsewhere, the army said on Monday. Major Ronald Suscano, spokesman for the army’s 1st infantry division, said....

reuters-in 05 Mar 2018

https://in.reuters.com/article/philippines-militants/remnants-of-defeated-islamist-group-plan-new-philippine-attacks-army-idINKBN1GH1MN?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FINworldNews+%28News+%2F+IN+%2F+World+News%29

Saudi Arabia

Saudi crown prince heads West to woo allies, promote moderate Islam

Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who starts talks in London on Wednesday, has won Western plaudits for seeking to reduce Saudi Arabia’s reliance on oil, tackle chronic corruption and transform the deeply conservative, mainly Sunni Muslim kingdom. But the severity and secrecy of an anti-corruption....

tribune 8:46:00 AM CET

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1652312/3-saudi-crown-prince-heads-west-woo-allies-promote-moderate-islam/>

Syria

Terrorist Groups in Southern Syria Trying Hard to Slow down Syrian Army Advances in Eastern Ghouta

The Arabic-language al-Watan daily quoted Commander of Qawat Shabab al-Sonah Abu Hessam as saying that the Free Syrian Army militants have stormed the Syrian

army men in Southern Syria to change the scene in Eastern Ghouta and save their comrades that are losing battles with the government forces.

farsnews-en 05 Mar 2018

<http://en.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=13961214000670>

Syria's Eastern Ghouta: Two Weeks under Attack

Syria's army unleashed daily air strikes on Eastern Ghouta outside Damascus on February 18 in a bid to root out Islamist rebels and jihadists but killing more than 700 civilians. As the regime was reported to have retaken a third of the enclave Monday, a U.N.

naharnet-en 05 Mar 2018

<http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/242999-syria-s-eastern-ghouta-two-weeks-under-attack>

Turkey

ISIS suspects arrested after US Embassy in Turkey closed due to 'security threat'

Four Islamic State terror group suspects were detained on Monday after the U.S. Embassy in Turkey was shut down due to a security threat, reports said. The suspected ISIS members, all Iraqi nationals, were arrested in a possible attack on the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, Turkish state media reported.

foxnews 05 Mar 2018

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/03/05/isis-suspects-arrested-after-us-embassy-in-turkey-closed-due-to-security-threat.html>

Europe

Belgium

Eight arrested in anti-terror raid

The eight people were arrested in Brussels after the counter-terror raids which were part of an investigation into an alleged attack plot, a source close to the probe said. All eight were arrested on Sunday in Molenbeek, which is an immigrant district with significant rates of poverty and unemployment.

news_com_au 05 Mar 2018

http://www.news.com.au/world/europe/belgium-detains-eight-people-during-raids-linked-to-antiterrorism-investigations/news-story/be6f0ff2ab77508ac876eca9be52ddf4?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+newscomauworldnewsndm+%28News.com.au+%7C+World+News%29

Germany

Threat to Britain from returning ISIS fighters 'is being underestimated' former Met anti-terror chief warns

Richard Walton, a former head of Scotland Yard's counter-terrorism command, said "everyone is assuming" the danger came from British IS supporters arriving back in this country. But he said free movement between Britain and the rest of the EU meant "several thousand"....

standard 05 Mar 2018

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/threat-to-britain-from-returning-isis-fighters-is-being-underestimated-terrorism-expert-warns-a3781351.html>

UK

Suspected Islamist arrested at Frankfurt airport

A 28-year-old suspected Islamist has been arrested at Frankfurt airport, an official said on Monday. A screen grab made on October 21, 2010 in an undisclosed location from a video allegedly showing members of the Nigerian Islamist group Boko Haram.

vanguardngr 05 Mar 2018

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/03/950640/>

International Organisations

First UN aid convoy reaches Syria's militant-held Ghouta

The first UN aid convoy began to cross into Syria's Eastern Ghouta, carrying desperately needed items to the flashpoint enclave as government troops secured a humanitarian corridor for trapped civilians to leave the militant-held area near the capital city of Damascus.

globalsecurity 4:34:00 AM CET

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/syria/2018/syria-180305-presstv02.htm>

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