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### **EAST AFRICA**

#### **Somalia**

##### **AMISOM Marks 10 Years in Somalia**

On March 6, 2007, African Union peacekeepers deployed in Mogadishu to help protect the Somali government, then facing a fierce onslaught from Islamist militias. A full decade later, the AU troops remain the main source of protection for the government and they still patrol major roads linking the....

*voanews 06 Mar 2017*

<http://www.voanews.com/a/amisom-marks-ten-years-somalia-to-everyones-regret/3751556.html>

#### **Sudan**

##### **SPLM-N says three government prisoners belong to Boko Haram**

The rebel Sudan People's Liberation Movement/North (SPLM-N) disclosed it holds three foreign fighters from the militant Islamist group Boko Haram saying some government prisoners chose not to return to Khartoum. Boko Haram's leader, Abubakar Shekau, appears in a video in....

*sudantribune 06 Mar 2017*

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article61816>

#### **South Sudan**

##### **Ex-South Sudan general forms rebel group, vows to topple president Kiir**

A disaffected South Sudanese army general who quit his position last month announced on Monday that he had formed a new anti-government rebel group, underscoring mounting resistance to the rule of incumbent president Salva Kiir Lieutenant General Thomas Cirillo Swaka,....

*reuters-af 8:28:00 AM CET*

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFKBN16E00D>

#### **Uganda**

##### **Uganda Hosts EA Standby Force Conference**

EASF is a regional (10 Member States) organization whose mandate is to enhance peace and security in the Eastern Africa region. Member states include; Burundi, Comoros, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda. The conference is to be held at Imperial Royale Hotel and....

*redpepper 06 Mar 2017*

<http://www.redpepper.co.ug/uganda-hosts-ea-standby-force-conference/>

## **CENTRAL AFRICA**

### **Cameroon**

#### **La lutte contre Boko Haram demande plus de moyens**

En deux jours de travail, la délégation onusienne évalue la situation sur le terrain de la lutte contre la secte terroriste Boko Haram, apprécie les progrès accomplis en particulier dans la région de l'Extrême-Nord et les défis à relever. Elle devra aussi identifier les besoins des États du bassin....

*crtv 06 Mar 2017*

<http://crtv.cm/fr/latest-news/politique-7/la-lutte-contre-boko-haram-demande-plus-de-moyens-18798.htm>

### **Central African Republic**

#### **UN condemns threats by armed group against civilians, peacekeepers**

The United Nations peacekeeping mission in the Central African Republic (CAR) is warning a rebel movement against impeding humanitarian access, saying any threats to peacekeepers, aid workers or civilians are "unacceptable" and could be tried as war crimes.

*irishsun 06 Mar 2017*

<http://www.irishsun.com/index.php/sid/252211683>

#### **Tensions running high in CAR's Bambari as rebels vow to take control**

Tensions are still running high in the Ouaka prefecture at the heart of the (CAR), Central African Republic where rival factions have been fighting for control of the town of Bambari.

*ibtimes-uk 06 Mar 2017*

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/tensions-running-high-cars-bambari-rebels-vow-take-control-1609914>

### **Democratic Republic of Congo**

#### **« La menace djihadiste dans l'est de la RDC est une pure invention »**

Ce changement de comportement est l'un des mystères des ADF. On peut observer de leur part une stratégie de sanctuarisation de certaines zones du territoire de Beni qu'ils ont interdit d'accès aux villageois. Leur discours était simple : « Si vous passez là, on vous tue. » Ce qu'ils ont fait.

*LeMonde 06 Mar 2017*

[http://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2017/03/06/la-menace-djihadiste-a-l-est-de-la-rdc-est-une-pure-invention\\_5090023\\_3212.html](http://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2017/03/06/la-menace-djihadiste-a-l-est-de-la-rdc-est-une-pure-invention_5090023_3212.html)

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Mali**

#### **Militants kill 11 Malian soldiers near Burkina border: defence ministry**

Militants attacked a Malian army post near the border of Burkina Faso on Sunday, killing 11 soldiers, a Mali defence ministry spokesman told Reuters. It was not immediately clear who was responsible for the attack, but Islamist groups including al Qaeda affiliates have been....

*reuters-af 06 Mar 2017*

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFKBN16D0M7>

### **Attaque meurtrière à Boulikessi, à la frontière avec le Burkina Faso**

Onze morts et quatre blessés, c'est le bilan de l'attaque contre une position de l'armée malienne, à la frontière avec le Burkina Faso. L'attaque est attribuée à de présumés jihadistes. Le village malien de Boulikessi est situé à la frontière avec le Burkina Faso. Une mare sépare les deux pays.

*maliweb 06 Mar 2017*

<http://www.maliweb.net/armee/mali-attaque-meurtriere-a-boulikessi-a-frontiere-burkina-faso-2096792.html>

### **Supposée alliance des djihadistes au nord du Mali : Iyad s'offre un nouveau coup de publicité sur un plateau d'or**

A travers une vidéo diffusée le jeudi 2 mars dernier, les groupes djihadistes opérant dans le nord du Mali ont annoncé, en grande pompe, avoir scellé une alliance pour coordonner leurs actions. Coup de publicité. Car s'ils opèrent sous des noms différents, les groupes terroristes ont toujours eu des....

*maliweb 06 Mar 2017*

<http://www.maliweb.net/la-situation-politique-et-securitaire-au-nord/supposee-alliance-djihadistes-nord-mali-iyad-soffre-nouveau-coup-de-publicite-plateau-dor-2097342.html>

### **Que veulent les groupes armés qui encerclent Tombouctou ?**

À Tombouctou, plusieurs groupes armés empêchent l'installation des autorités intérimaires prévues ce 6 mars. Ils exigent d'y être mieux représentés. La tension monte sur place. « Nous venons de donner l'ordre à nos forces d'entrer dans le centre-ville.

*abamako 06 Mar 2017*

<http://news.abamako.com/h/154585.html>

### **Des groupes armés se déploient dans Tombouctou**

Des groupes armés se sont déployés lundi dans Tombouctou, dans le nord du Mali, pour empêcher l'installation d'autorités provisoires, a annoncé le ministère de la Défense. "Des groupes armés opposés aux autorités intérimaires qui auraient dû être mises en place ce jour sont positionnées autour de la....

*lorientlejour 06 Mar 2017*

<https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1038927/des-groupes-armes-se-deploient-dans-tombouctou.html>

### **Niger**

#### **Suspected extremists kill at least 5 gendarmes in Niger**

Niger's defense ministry says at least five gendarmes have been killed in an attack near the country's western border with Mali. The ministry says the attack by armed suspected extremists early Monday in Wanzarbe in the Bankilare department also left one gendarme wounded.

*nzherald 12:53:00 AM CET*

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=2&objectid=11813483&ref=rss](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=11813483&ref=rss)

#### **Cinq gendarmes tués lors d'un raid terroriste dans l'ouest du pays**

Cinq gendarmes nigériens ont été tués dans la nuit de dimanche à lundi au cours d'une attaque de nature vraisemblablement terroriste dans la région de Tillabéri.

*jeuneafrique 8:11:00 AM CET*

<http://www.jeuneafrique.com/409861/politique/niger-quatre-gendarmes-tues-lors-dun-raid-terroriste-louest-pays/>

#### **En visite au Niger, le Conseil de sécurité promet d'apporter son soutien aux populations affectées par Boko Haram**

Une délégation du Conseil de sécurité de l'ONU se trouvait dimanche au Niger afin d'apporter son soutien à ce pays, dont la région de Diffa, au sud-est, fait partie des zones touchées par l'instabilité sécuritaire liée aux activités du groupe Boko Haram.

*al-wihda 05 Mar 2017*

[http://www.alwihdainfo.com/En-visite-au-Niger-le-Conseil-de-securite-promet-d-apporter-son-soutien-aux-populations-affectees-par-Boko-Haram\\_a51201.html](http://www.alwihdainfo.com/En-visite-au-Niger-le-Conseil-de-securite-promet-d-apporter-son-soutien-aux-populations-affectees-par-Boko-Haram_a51201.html)

## **Nigeria**

### **Why Boko Haram crisis may not end soon – Governor Shettima**

Governor Kashim Shettima of Borno State has appealed to the United Nations, UN, to support the state government's post insurgency reconstruction, rehabilitation and resettlement programmes for the over two million displaced persons and thousands of structures in over twenty LGAs of the state destroyed by the insurgents.

*dailypost 06 Mar 2017*

<http://dailypost.ng/2017/03/06/boko-haram-crisis-may-not-end-soon-governor-shettima/>

### **Les victimes de Boko Haram se mobilisent**

Des milliers de femmes déplacées par l'insurrection islamiste de Boko Haram ont protesté dimanche contre leurs conditions de vie précaires dans le nord-est du Nigeria à l'occasion d'une visite d'une délégation du Conseil de sécurité de l'ONU, a rapporté l'AFP.

*lematin-CH 05 Mar 2017*

<http://www.lematin.ch/monde/afrique/Les-victimes-de-Boko-Haram-se-mobilisent/story/10732727>

## **Senegal**

### **Bakary Sambe – Timbuktu Institute : « Ces fusions djihadistes au Sahel sont une anticipation stratégique du redéploiement de Daesh »**

Selon l'enseignant-chercheur au Centre d'études des religions de l'Université Gaston Berger de Saint-Louis, « malgré la concurrence entre les différents groupes vivant de l'économie criminelle, un effort commun dans le cadre d'une alliance de circonstances était nécessaire face aux tentatives de....

*mali-web 06 Mar 2017*

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/bakary-sambe-timbuktu-institute-ces-fusions-djihadistes-au-sahel-sont-une-anticipation-strategique-du-redeploiement-de-daesh>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Algeria**

#### **Two Extremists Killed East of Algiers**

Two armed extremists were killed in an army operation east of the Algerian capital on Monday, the defense ministry said. It said the militants were gunned down in Dellys, 80 kilometers (50 miles) from Algiers. Two other extremists were captured and two Kalashnikovs and two automatic guns seized.

*almanar-en 06 Mar 2017*

<http://english.almanar.com.lb/206644>

#### **Boumerdes: deux terroristes abattus et deux autres capturés**

Deux terroristes ont été abattus et deux autres capturés par un détachement de l'Armée nationale populaire (ANP), lors d'une opération menée lundi matin à Dellys dans la wilaya de Boumerdes, indique un communiqué du ministère de la Défense nationale repris par l'APS.

*liberte-algerie 06 Mar 2017*

<http://www.liberte-algerie.com/actualite/boumerdes-deux-terroristes-abattus-et-deux-autres-captures-265704>

## **Alger et Tunis renforcent les moyens de la lutte antiterroriste**

Dans le but de renforcer les capacités de l'Algérie et de la Tunisie pour faire face aux menaces du terrorisme et du crime organisé, les deux pays parapheront, la semaine prochaine, un accord sur la coopération sécuritaire. À l'occasion du déroulement à Alger de la 19e session du Comité de suivi....

*liberte-algerie 06 Mar 2017*

<http://www.liberte-algerie.com/international/alger-et-tunis-renforcent-les-moyens-de-le-lutte-antiterroriste-265637>

## **Egypt**

### **Egypt forces kill 4 militants, arrest 23 suspects in restive Sinai**

The Egyptian security forces killed four militants and arrested 22 others during Sunday's raids in restive North Sinai province bordering Israel and the Palestinian Gaza Strip, the Egyptian military spokesman said in a statement Monday.

*xinhuanet\_en 06 Mar 2017*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/06/c\\_136107449.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/06/c_136107449.htm)

### **Egypt appoints female imams to help fight extremism**

Egypt is trying a new tactic to prevent extremist groups fighting the Egyptian state from winning women to their side. The Egyptian Religious Endowments Ministry, which supervises the country's 108,000 mosques, said the plan includes appointing female preachers for the first time to teach women about moderate Islam.

*middle-east-online\_en 06 Mar 2017*

<http://www.middle-east-online.com/english/?id=81857>

### **Sisi says will support national security sector against terrorism**

President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi has said that the government will offer all of the support to the National Security sector to boost its capabilities against current challenges, at the top of which is terrorism. During a visit to the sector on Sunday to review the security plans and efforts to secure....

*egyptindependent 06 Mar 2017*

<http://www.egyptindependent.com/news/sisi-says-will-support-national-security-sector-against-terrorism>

## **Mauritania**

### **La fusion des groupes terroristes au Sahel vue de Nouakchott**

Trois groupuscules djihadistes au Sahel viennent de fusionner, dans le but de faire face à la mise en œuvre de l'accord de paix au Mali et d'anticiper la coordination des actions des pays du G5 Sahel, tout en perturbant les manœuvres de la cellule Barkhane . Analyse.

*cridem 7:58:00 AM CET*

[http://www.cridem.org/C\\_Info.php?article=695334](http://www.cridem.org/C_Info.php?article=695334)

## **Tunisia**

### **Youssef Chahed en tournée dans le Sud, un an après des attaques jihadistes**

Le Premier ministre tunisien Youssef Chahed a débuté ce lundi une série de visites dans le sud du pays, et notamment dans la ville de Ben....

*jeuneafrique 8:11:00 AM CET*

<http://www.jeuneafrique.com/409994/politique/tunisie-youssef-chahed-tournee-sud-an-apres-attaques-jihadistes/>

# **INTERNATIONAL**

## **America**

## **US**

## **US renews global terrorism warning for Americans abroad**

The State Department has renewed its global terrorism warning for American citizens abroad, urging them to stay vigilant in public places and boost their security awareness. The latest "worldwide caution" released by the department on Monday....

*wxow 06 Mar 2017*

<http://www.wxow.com/story/34674112/us-renews-global-terrorism-warning-for-americans-abroad>

## **Trump signs new anti-terror travel ban**

Without fanfare, President Donald Trump signed a scaled-back version of his controversial ban on many foreign travelers Monday, hoping to avoid a new round of lawsuits and outrage while fulfilling a central campaign promise. His order still bars new visas for people from six....

*messenger-inquirer 7:03:00 AM CET*

[http://www.messenger-inquirer.com/news/national/trump-signs-new-anti-terror-travel-ban/article\\_026b8c2b-8823-53ff-bb45-3f27ec6c1ceb.html](http://www.messenger-inquirer.com/news/national/trump-signs-new-anti-terror-travel-ban/article_026b8c2b-8823-53ff-bb45-3f27ec6c1ceb.html)

## **Cohen: Jihadi threat makes order common sense**

Both homeland secretary John Kelly and Attorney General Jeff Sessions say hundreds of terrorists are exploiting the refugee flow into the United States. Let that sink in. They added yesterday that 300 refugees are also under FBI investigation for ISIS and terror-related connections. Weigh that.

*bostonherald 6:33:00 AM CET*

[http://www.bostonherald.com/news/columnists/adriana\\_cohen/2017/03/cohen\\_jihadi\\_threat\\_makes\\_order\\_common\\_sense](http://www.bostonherald.com/news/columnists/adriana_cohen/2017/03/cohen_jihadi_threat_makes_order_common_sense)

## **Asia**

## **Iraq**

### **Iraqi commander: Troops capture Mosul government complex**

The advance comes more than two weeks since the new push started to clear the city's western side of IS. Lt. Gen. Abdul-Amir Raheed Yar Allah says troops hoisted an Iraqi flag on the buildings in the Dawasa neighborhood on Tuesday, hailing the federal police as "heroes."

*startribune 7:46:00 AM CET*

<http://www.startribune.com/iraqi-commander-troops-capture-mosul-government-complex/415537474/>

### **U.S. backed Iraqi forces capture Mosul bridge, close in on state buildings**

U.S.-backed Iraqi forces captured the second of Mosul's five bridges on Monday, giving a boost to their onslaught on Islamic State's remaining stronghold in the western part of the city. All of Mosul's five bridges have been destroyed but the capture of the remaining parts on the West bank of....

*nna-en 8:12:00 AM CET*

<http://nna-leb.gov.lb/en/show-news/76223/backed-Iraqi-forces-capture-Mosul-bridge-close-in-on-state-buildings>

## **Pakistan**

### **Two soldiers killed during intelligence based operation in Swabi: ISPR**

Two soldiers of the Pakistan Army were reportedly killed on Tuesday during an operation against terrorists in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Swabi district, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in a statement. Security forces were conducting an intelligence-based operation against suspected terrorists in Swabi district's Malikabad area.

dawn 8:13:00 AM CET

[https://www.dawn.com/news/1318986/two-soldiers-killed-during-intelligence-based-operation-in-swabi-ispr?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+dawn-news+%28Dawn+News%29](https://www.dawn.com/news/1318986/two-soldiers-killed-during-intelligence-based-operation-in-swabi-ispr?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+dawn-news+%28Dawn+News%29)

## **Syria**

### **Syrian Warplanes Bomb Nusra Posts on Lebanese-Syrian Border**

Syrian fighter jets on Monday launched fresh strikes against posts for the jihadist group Fateh al-Sham Front, formerly known as al-Nusra Front, in areas on the Lebanese-Syrian border. Several militant posts were destroyed in the raids, media reports said.

*naharnet-en 06 Mar 2017*

<http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/226520-syrian-warplanes-bomb-nusra-posts-on-lebanese-syrian-border>

### **Syrian militia says Manbij under protection of U.S.-led alliance**

The northern Syrian city of Manbij is under the protection of the U.S.-led coalition against Islamic State after an increase in "Turkish threats" against the city, a Kurdish-allied militia that controls the city said. Manbij has come into renewed focus since Turkey declared it the next target....

*reuters 06 Mar 2017*

[http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-manbij-idUSKBN16DOKF?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29](http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-manbij-idUSKBN16DOKF?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29)

[http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-manbij-idUSKBN16DOKF?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29](http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-manbij-idUSKBN16DOKF?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Reuters%2FworldNews+%28Reuters+World+News%29)

### **Syrian army captures key oil field near Palmyra**

The Syrian army captured on Monday the Jazal oil field west of the ancient city of Palmyra following battles with the Islamic State (IS) group, a military source told Xinhua. The government forces backed by allied fighters wrested control over Jazal after battles with....

*xinhuanet\_en 06 Mar 2017*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/06/c\\_136107403.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-03/06/c_136107403.htm)

### **Daesh legacy of lethal traps continues to terrorize local Syrian returnees**

This is the kind of terror locals at the north Syrian city of al-Bab, recently captured by Turkish-backed Syrian rebels from Islamic State [IS] are living in. They say the extremist fighters have left behind hundreds of IEDs and booby traps -- apparently harmless objects containing concealed....

*albawaba-en 8:21:00 AM CET*

<http://www.albawaba.com/news/daesh-legacy-lethal-traps-continues-terrorize-local-syrian-returnees-946464>

## **Europe**

### **Belgium**

### **Menace terroriste: la masse de jeunes séduits par un discours radical à Molenbeek augmente**

Le nombre de jeunes à Molenbeek qui adhèrent à un discours radical augmente, a confié lundi le chargé de projet contre la radicalisation de la commune, Olivier Vanderhaegen, devant la commission d'enquête parlementaire sur les attentats terroristes.

*rtbf 06 Mar 2017*

[http://www.rtbf.be/info/belgique/detail\\_menace-terroriste-la-masse-de-jeunes-seduits-par-un-discours-radical-a-molenbeek-augmente?id=9547115](http://www.rtbf.be/info/belgique/detail_menace-terroriste-la-masse-de-jeunes-seduits-par-un-discours-radical-a-molenbeek-augmente?id=9547115)

### **Switzerland**

## Switzerland extradites ex-Algerian rebel to France

Switzerland on Monday extradited a former member of the Algerian rebel Armed Islamic Group to France, where he has been wanted since September, Swiss authorities said. Merouane Benahmed, who was arrested in Switzerland six months ago after he skipped out on his house arrest in northwestern....

*middle-east-online\_en 06 Mar 2017*

<http://www.middle-east-online.com/english/?id=81880>

## La Suisse a extradé vers la France Merouane Benahmed, ancien du GIA

La Suisse a extradé lundi Merouane Benahmed, un ancien membre du Groupe islamique armé (GIA) algérien, vers la France qui le recherchait depuis septembre 2016 pour non respect de son assignation à résidence, a-t-on appris auprès de la justice suisse.

*romandie 06 Mar 2017*

<http://www.romandie.com/news/La-Suisse-a-extrade-vers-la-France-Merouane-Benahmed-ancien-du-GIA/778164.rom>

## Ukraine

### Ukraine-Russia court battle over 'terrorism' claims

Kyiv has taken Moscow to the International Court of Justice over the conflict in eastern Ukraine and Crimea. In a case that started on Monday, it accuses Russia of violating UN anti-terrorism and anti-discrimination conventions. Ukraine says separatist forces, backed by Russia, have carried out....

*euronews-en 06 Mar 2017*

[http://www.euronews.com/2017/03/06/ukraine-russia-court-battle-over-terrorism-claims?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+euronews%2Fen%2Fnews+%28euronews++news++en%29](http://www.euronews.com/2017/03/06/ukraine-russia-court-battle-over-terrorism-claims?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+euronews%2Fen%2Fnews+%28euronews++news++en%29)

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