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#### **AFRICA**

##### **L'Afrique, nouvelle frontière des groupes jihadistes**

Sahel, lac Tchad, Somalie, Sinaï et maintenant Mozambique: l'Afrique est devenue ces dernières années la nouvelle frontière des groupes jihadistes, qui excellent dans l'exploitation des enjeux locaux pour s'implanter et se jouer de la faiblesse des États.

*rtbf 31 Mar 2021*

[https://www.rtb.be/info/monde/detail\\_1-afrique-nouvelle-frontiere-des-groupes-jihadistes?id=10731578](https://www.rtb.be/info/monde/detail_1-afrique-nouvelle-frontiere-des-groupes-jihadistes?id=10731578)

#### **EAST AFRICA**

##### **Kenya**

##### **Kenyan pilot escape to Somalia sparks fears of air attack**

Kenyan security agents are on alert over a missing pilot who escaped to Somalia. There are fears Rashid Mwalimu, who is a trained pilot, may sneak back to Kenya on a mission and police want the public to help them in arresting him. “He is wanted by the Anti-Terrorism Police. He is a trained pilot on mission to carry out aviation attack.

thestarkenya 31 Mar 2021

<https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2021-03-30-kenyan-pilot-escape-to-somalia-sparks-fears-of-air-attack/>

## **Djibouti**

### **CJTF-HOA, Djiboutian Military Partner in 4-Day Signal Exercise**

Senior Airman Morgan Brown Djibouti, Djibouti U.S Forces integrated in a field training exercise with Armed Forces of Djibouti during their signal communication course final. U.S. Soldiers assigned to Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA) Communications Directorate, CJ-6, train....

allafrica 3:17:00 AM CEST

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202103300589.html>

## **Somalia**

### **Somali army kills 6 militants in central region**

At least six al-Shabab militants were killed on Tuesday in an operation in Mahas, a town in the central Somali region of Hiran, an official confirmed on Wednesday. The operation came after the forces received intelligence that al-Shabab fighters were sneaking into the town forcing the residents to....

shabelle 31 Mar 2021

<https://www.radioshabelle.com/somali-army-kills-6-militants-in-central-region/>

### **Somalia Knew About Al-Shabaab Attack on Kenya's Military Camp**

Somali security agencies were privy to a build-up of Al-Shabaab fighters around El Adde, prior to a terror attack on a Kenya military camp that left 150 soldiers dead five years ago. And as the militia overran the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) camp, the lack of a secure African Union Mission to Somalia....

allafrica 3:17:00 AM CEST

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202103310380.html>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Mali**

**Sikasso : 5 terroristes arrêtés dans le secteur de Danderesso et Zantiguila**

5 terroristes ont été arrêtés le lundi 30 mars 2021 par les FAMA avec en leur possession 4 motos de la gendarmerie de Sikasso. Ces individus interpellés par la patrouille Fama zdnr8 dans les secteurs de Danderesso et Zantiguila, localités considérées comme succursale des terroristes.

*maliactu 9:06:00 AM CEST*

<https://maliactu.net/mali-sikasso-5-terroristes-arretes-dans-le-secteur-de-danderesso-et-zantiguila/>

## **Un message écrit par des terroristes retrouvé dans l'école d'un village près de Sikasso**

Après le nord et le centre du Mali, beaucoup de zones du sud sont de plus en plus menacées par les bandits terroristes se réclamant être des djihadistes. C'est ainsi que certains villages du sud près de la ville de Sikasso notamment Zantiguila dans la commune rurale de Danderesso, Kabalé,....

*abamako 10:48:00 AM CEST*

<http://news.abamako.com/h/249644.html>

## **Prétendue libération de Farabougou : Première victoire djihadiste et honteuse capitulation de l'armée malienne !**

Ça y est : les islamistes qui encerclaient Farabougou depuis plusieurs mois ont enfin eu gain de cause. Au terme d'un siège qui aura démontré toutes les capacités de l'Armée malienne à sécuriser un seul village, les populations à bout de force ont accepté de conclure un accord avec les assiégeants.

*maliweb 11:03:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.maliweb.net/insecurite/pretendue-liberation-de-farabougou-premiere-victoire-djihadiste-et-honteuse-capitulation-de-larmee-malienne-2923225.html>

## **Frappes de Barkhane à Bounty: La France épinglée par la MINUSMA**

L'équipe au cours de son travail a organisé des entretiens présentiels individuels avec au moins 115 personnes et avec au moins 200 personnes lors des réunions groupées, et réalisé plus d'une centaine d'entretiens téléphoniques. La MINUSMA a également analysé au moins 150 publications, notamment des....

*mali-web 11:01:00 AM CEST*

<http://mali-web.org/crise-malienne/frappes-de-barkhane-a-bounty-la-france-epinglee-par-la-minusma>

## **Nigeria**

### **Nigerian fighter jet missing during Boko Haram operation**

For allegedly blaspheming Prophet Mohammed, a middle aged water vendor in Sade village of Darazo Local Government Area of Bauchi State, Talle Mai Ruwa, has been set ablaze by a mob. DAILY POST gathered that the deceased, who was taken to police post in the village on Monday after his alleged....

*dailypost 11:03:00 AM CEST*

<https://dailypost.ng/2021/04/01/breaking-nigerian-fighting-jet-missing-during-boko-haram-operation/>

## **Two alleged Mamelodi 'Boko Haram' gang members released on bail**

Two of the four people believed to be part of the so-called "Boko Haram" gang in Mamelodi have been granted bail by the Pretoria Magistrate's Court. Mncedisi Ntloko and Sibongile Mabele, both 37, appeared on Tuesday and were granted bail of R10 000 each.

*iol 8:35:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.iol.co.za/pretoria-news/news/two-alleged-mamelodi-boko-haram-gang-members-released-on-bail-74e0f1f5-c4db-4b83-b486-09a40526dc51>

## **Gunmen storm Ogun, abduct two Chinese nationals**

Unknown gunmen had kidnapped two Chinese nationals working with a fishery and poultry company in Ogun State. The two foreigners were abducted on Wednesday afternoon at their place of work in Oba community, Obafemi-Owode Local Government Area of Ogun State.

*dailypost 8:00:00 AM CEST*

<https://dailypost.ng/2021/04/01/gunmen-storm-ogun-abduct-two-chinese-nationals/>

# **SOUTHERN AFRICA**

## **Mozambique**

### **Attacks threaten Mozambique's future**

The assault over the last week by Islamist militants on a town in northern Mozambique is the most serious and deadly in their four-year insurgency — and directly threatens the country's economic future. People who escaped the town of Palma in Cabo Delgado province speak of dozens....

*herald 3:04:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.herald.co.zw/attacks-threaten-mozambiques-future/>

## **Inside Mozambique as Africa is new frontline of ISIS terror for 'next 20 years'**

Terrorism in West Africa was already the new frontline against global jihad, with 300 British among 15,000 UN troops on a peace-keeping missions there. In a separate struggle 5,000 French soldiers are involved in ferocious firefights against jihadists in the region and the security nightmare is spreading.

*themirror 31 Mar 2021*

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/inside-mozambique-africa-becomes-new-23831467>

## **SADC talks tough on Mozambique bandits**

SADC member states are not going to stand aside and watch while terrorists and non-state actors threaten regional peace and security as well as the integrity and sovereignty of Mozambique where insurgents have been killing innocent people. This emerged at a high level meeting between President....

*bulawayo24 8:13:00 AM CEST*

<https://bulawayo24.com/news/local/201656>

## **General Dyck's Mozambique contract hasn't been extended**

The private military contractor providing aerial support to Mozambican ground forces battling Islamic State-linked insurgents near a US\$20 billion natural gas project is set to leave the country in a week. Dyck Advisory Group's one-year agreement is coming to an end and hasn't been extended, with....

*bulawayo24 8:13:00 AM CEST*

<https://bulawayo24.com/news/local/201660>

## **Private military contractor set to leave**

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*herald 3:04:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.herald.co.zw/private-military-contractor-set-to-leave/>

## **Mozambique violence leads to massive displacement: UN**

The escalation of violence in Cabo Delgado province in Mozambique continues to drive massive displacement, following the recent attack by non-state armed groups in Palma town on March 24, said UN humanitarians on Wednesday.

*xinhuanet\_en 12:39:00 AM CEST*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-04/01/c\\_139850550.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-04/01/c_139850550.htm)

## **Mozambique: Why IS is so hard to defeat in Mozambique**

A message asking for help was seen on the grounds of a hotel in the town of Palma. The recent bloodthirsty raid by jihadist militants from the Islamic State group (IS) in northern Mozambique has shocked the world. Hundreds of well-armed fighters were able to overrun a town close to Africa's largest gas project.

*news-yahoo 12:13:00 AM CEST*

<https://news.yahoo.com/mozambique-why-hard-defeat-mozambique-213314350.html>

## **UNHCR alarmed at brutal attacks by insurgent armed group in Mozambique**

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is extremely alarmed at the tragic events in Palma, in Mozambique's Cabo Delgado province. While verified information is scarce with Palma completely cut off, many men, women and children have fled their homes and found refuge in the surrounding bush.

*nrguardiannews 31 Mar 2021*

<https://guardian.ng/apo-press-releases/unhcr-alarmed-at-brutal-attacks-by-insurgent-armed-group-in-mozambique/>

## **Au Mozambique, la menace chabab est enfin prise au sérieux**

Des gens attendent aux abords du port de Pemba, le 30 mars 2021, l'arrivée éventuelle de leurs familles évacuées des côtes d' Afungi et de Palma après l'attaque des forces armées du 24 mars. ALFREDO ZUNIGA / AFP Ne serait-ce pas justement cette accélération des réactions que souhaitent les....

*LeMonde 31 Mar 2021*

[https://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2021/03/31/au-mozambique-la-menace-chabab-est-enfin-prise-au-serieux\\_6075128\\_3212.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2021/03/31/au-mozambique-la-menace-chabab-est-enfin-prise-au-serieux_6075128_3212.html)

## **Rebel attacks deepen humanitarian crisis in north Mozambique**

After nearly a week of vicious fighting, Mozambique's rebels controlled about half of the strategic town of Palma on Tuesday, deepening the humanitarian crisis in the country's north and jeopardizing the multi-billion-dollar investment in offshore gas fields.

*japantoday 31 Mar 2021*

<https://japantoday.com/category/world/rebel-attacks-deepen-humanitarian-crisis-in-north-mozambique>

## **Isis attacks in Africa rise by third in a year as UK and US warn of Islamist insurgency on continent The Independent**

Attacks by in Africa have gone up by a third over the past year in a relentless rise of Islamist insurgency in the continent, Antony Blinken and Dominic Raab have warned, as they called for a united international strategy to counter the threat.

msn-uk 30 Mar 2021

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/isis-attacks-in-africa-rise-by-third-in-a-year-as-uk-and-us-warn-of-islamist-insurgency-on-continent/ar-BB1f7Vnt>

## **Namibia**

### **Namibia condemns insurgency, killings in Mozambique**

Namibia joined the international community in condemning the ongoing insurgency in Mozambique, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah said on Wednesday. "Namibia condemns in the strongest terms, the killing....

xinhuanet\_en 5:28:00 AM CEST

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2021-04/01/c\\_139851752.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2021-04/01/c_139851752.htm)

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