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EAST AFRICA

Kenya

Cuba and Kenya ratify commitment to return kidnapped doctors

12 de abril de 2021, 11:8 Havana, Apr 12 (Prensa Latina) Cuba and Kenya ratified today the commitment to guarantee the safe return of doctors Assel Herrera and Landy Rodríguez, kidnapped in the African nation two years ago. The Cuban president, Miguel Díaz-Canel, and his Kenyan counterpart, Uhuru....

plenglish 12 Apr 2021

<https://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=rn&id=66258&SEO=cuba-and-kenya-ratify-commitment-to-return-kidnapped-doctors>

Somalia

SBombing kills 4 soldiers

At least 4 soldiers were killed on Monday in a bombing in southern Somalia, a police official said. "The attack was a remote-controlled landmine explosion and targeted security forces at the airport on the outskirts of Afmadow," Abdirahim Adan, a police officer in the Lower Juba region, told Anadolu Agency.

aa-en 12 Apr 2021

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/somalia-bombing-kills-4-soldiers/2206133>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Central African Republic

Centrafrique: un puissant groupe armé quitte la rébellion, le gouvernement méfiant

L'Unité pour la paix en Centrafrique (UPC), redoutable groupe armé, a indiqué dans un communiqué vouloir se retirer de la coalition rebelle qui cherche à faire tomber le pouvoir de Bangui. Pour justifier sa décision, Ali Darassa, le chef de l'UPC, évoque les souffrances des populations. Dans le pays, cette annonce est prise avec des pincettes.

almanar-fr 09 Apr 2021

<https://french.almanar.com.lb/2042977>

Cameroon

West African Troops Free Dozens of Boko Haram Victims

Maroua, Cameroon About 60 former fighters and civilians rescued from Boko Haram by Nigerian, Chadian and Cameroonian troops have been rushed to a disarmament, demobilization and reintegration center in northern Cameroon. Most of the civilians are women and children, some with fresh scars and...

allafrica 2:03:00 AM CEST

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202104120126.html>

Chad

Rebels attacked Chad border post on election day

A group of Libya-based rebels attacked a Chadian border post in the north of the country as polling stations began counting votes from the weekend presidential election, the Chad government said late on Monday. President Idriss Deby, an ally of western powers in the fight...

ara-reuters 2:16:00 AM CEST

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-chad-security/rebels-attacked-chad-border-post-on-election-day-govt-idUSKBN2BZ2UZ?il=0>

Le Tchad, allié stratégique de l'Occident face aux jihadistes

Le Tchad, immense pays pauvre enclavé du Sahel, où le président Idriss Déby Itno brigue dimanche un sixième mandat, est un allié stratégique des Occidentaux dans la lutte antijihadiste. - Enclavé au coeur du continent Enclavé au coeur du Sahel, ce pays d'une superficie d'environ 1,3 million de km2....

abamako 11 Apr 2021

<http://news.abamako.com/h/249996.html>

L'armée annonce avoir repéré "une bande terroriste" au Nord

L'état-major général des armées a annoncé aujourd'hui que depuis dimanche 11 avril, « une bande de terroristes a été repérée dans la zone de Zouarké dans la province du Tibesti. « Jusqu'ici, ces terroristes adoptent la stratégie d'évitement avec les forces de défense et de sécurité », selon le général de brigade Azem Bernandoa Agouna.

al-wihda 12 Apr 2021

https://www.alwihdainfo.com/Tchad-l-armee-annonce-avoir-repere-une-bande-terroriste-au-Nord_a102500.html

La guerre s'intensifie entre l'armée française et les groupes djihadistes

En désignant, lors du sommet au Tchad, les dirigeants djihadistes Iyad Ag Ghali et Amadou Koufa comme les ennemis privilégiés de la France, Emmanuel Macron n'a fait qu'aggraver la situation sécuritaire au Mali. Dans son rapport trimestriel présenté au Conseil de sécurité publié le 26 mars dernier,....

maliactu 12 Apr 2021

<https://maliactu.net/mali-la-guerre-sintensifie-entre-larmee-francaise-et-les-groupes-djihadistes/>

Democratic Republic of Congo

L'armée congolaise cible d'attaques dans le territoire de Masisi

Les autorités de la province ne cachent pas leur inquiétude, surtout que la coalition qui est à la manœuvre comprend les principaux groupes armés de la zone. Des attaques coordonnées sur plusieurs localités du territoire. Les FARDC sont parvenus à en reprendre certaines et préparaient une grande offensive.

rfi-fr 12 Apr 2021

<https://www.rfi.fr/fr/afrique/20210412-rdc-l-arm%C3%A9e-congolaise-cible-d-attaques-dans-le-territoire-de-masisi>

WEST AFRICA

Burkina Faso

Deux civils tués par des individus armés non identifiés dans le Sahel

Deux civils ont été tués par des individus armés non identifiés dans le village de Babonga, dans la province du Yagha dans la région du Sahel au Burkina Faso, a-t-on appris lundi de sources sécuritaires. Des individus armés non identifiés ont exécuté dimanche nuit deux personnes qui avaient été....

ouaga 12 Apr 2021

<http://news.ouaga.com/h/132899.html>

La Côte d'Ivoire et le Burkina Faso renforcent leur coopération

La Côte d'Ivoire et le Burkina Faso renforcent davantage leur coopération transfrontalière face au terrorisme, multipliant des rencontres entre leurs structures administratives chargées des questions frontalières. Dans cet élan, les autorités administratives frontalières des deux pays ont tenu un conclave à Banfora, au Burkina Faso.

journalducameroun 12 Apr 2021

<https://www.journalducameroun.com/terrorisme-la-cote-divoire-et-le-burkina-faso-renforcent-leur-cooperation/>

Le ministre de la défense au front pour remonter le moral des troupes

L'Etat-major général des armées a fait le point de la situation hebdomadaire des opérations de sécurisation du territoire ce lundi 12 avril 2021. Au cours de la semaine du 5 au 11 avril 2021, le ministre de la défense Chériff Sy a effectué une tournée du 7 au 10 avril 2021 dans plusieurs....

lefaso 12 Apr 2021

<http://lefaso.net/spip.php?article103960>

Mali

Aux martyrs et victimes du terrorisme : Une stèle érigée au Musée National de Bamako

Dans la mouvance de la cérémonie de réparation symbolique des préjudices subis par les victimes du crime de guerre commis par Ahmad Al Faqi Al Mahdi dans la cité des 333 Saints (Tombouctou) par le Fonds au Profit des Victimes de la CPI (FPV), le ministère de la Culture, de l'Artisanat et du Tourisme....

maliactu 12 Apr 2021

<https://maliactu.net/mali-aux-martyrs-et-victimes-du-terrorisme-une-stele-erigee-au-musee-national-de-bamako/>

Insécurité-Terrorisme : Sikasso infectée par les djihadistes ?

Après les Régions de Mopti et de Ségou, c'est celle de Sikasso qui se trouve sous la menace des djihadistes. Tous les signes et signaux évidents qui ont fait que l'Etat a abandonné le Centre du pays se dessinent peu à peu à Sikasso. A savoir, la présence des groupes djihadistes.

abamako 12 Apr 2021

<http://news.abamako.com/h/250055.html>

L'Accord de paix: Seule voie pour résoudre la crise au Nord Mali

Concernant la position du Conseil de paix et de sécurité (CPS) de l'UA vis-à-vis du paiement de rançon et de la relaxe des terroristes en contrepartie de la libération des otages au Mali, M. Chergui a affirmé que «le paiement de rançons aux terroristes était et demeure une préoccupation majeure pour....

aps-dz 21 Dec 2020

<http://www.aps.dz/monde/114674-l-accord-de-paix-seule-voie-pour-resoudre-la-crise-au-nord-mali>

Niger

What is Driving a Surge in Violence and Insecurity in Niger?

For the last several months Niger has experienced a surge in attacks against civilians by violent extremists. This includes a series of attacks in March in which hundreds of civilians have been killed. In one particularly egregious act of violence, men on motorbikes conducted coordinated assaults....

undispatch 12 Apr 2021

<https://www.undispatch.com/what-is-driving-a-surge-in-violence-and-insecurity-in-niger/>

4 personnes arrêtées, 2 véhicules et 30 000 munitions de toutes catégories saisis à Ingall par les forces de sécurité

Selon nos sources, deux véhicules de marque Toyota Tundra ayant quitté la Lybie ont été interceptés le dimanche 11 avril par les forces de sécurité en poste à Ingall vers Tchimagaye, un campement à 26 km au Sud de la localité.

12 Apr 2021

<https://www.sidwaya.info/blog/2021/04/12/niger-4-personnes-arretees-2-vehicules-et-30-000-munitions-de-toutes-categories-saisis-a-ingall-par-les-forces-de-securite/?fbclid=IwAR0pO9L9OHbdFyIXqAFGcnM0T9bkrq6KgSJLp5t29sEYXPS6mLxoIwpcDZI>

Nigeria

Bandits Kill Seven Persons, Abduct Nine Others In Fresh Attack On Zamfara Community

At least seven persons were killed during the weekend by gunmen suspected to be bandits in Gudashi village, Dankurmi district in Maru Local Government Area of Zamfara State. SaharaReporters gathered that the armed men arrived at the community on motorbikes and unleashed terror on the defenceless residents.

saharareporters 12 Apr 2021

<http://saharareporters.com/2021/04/12/bandits-kill-seven-persons-abduct-nine-others-fresh-attack-zamfara-community>

Bandits Attack Niger Market, Kill 5 Vigilantes, Injure Many Others

Five men of the vigilantes' group have been reportedly killed while scores were injured during an attack on a local market and some communities in the Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State on Monday morning. According to Daily Trust, the incident happened at Bassa community while commercial activities were going on at the community market.

saharareporters 12 Apr 2021

<http://saharareporters.com/2021/04/12/breaking-bandits-attack-niger-market-kill-5-vigilantes-injure-many-others>

Jihadists attack aid facilities in Nigeria

Islamic State-linked jihadists attacked aid facilities in Damasak, Nigeria. The UN was gutted after militants set fire to offices. A military sources said the militants failed to take the town. Islamic State-linked jihadists in Nigeria attacked humanitarian facilities in the restive north-eastern town of Damasak, aid workers told AFP on Saturday.

news24 11 Apr 2021

<https://www.news24.com/news24/Africa/News/jihadists-attack-aid-facilities-in-nigeria-20210411>

Abducted Imo Catholic priest regains freedom

The Catholic Priest of Mother Theresa of Golgotha in Owerri, Imo State capital, Father Marcel Izu-Onyeocha who was kidnapped on Sunday has been freed by his abductors. The State Police Public Relations Officer, Orlando Godson Ikeowku confirmed his release to newsmen in Owerri on Monday.

dailypost 12 Apr 2021

<https://dailypost.ng/2021/04/12/abducted-imo-catholic-priest-regains-freedom/>

Police arrest 8 suspects over kidnapping in FCT

The Police Command in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) has arrested eight suspects over kidnapping along Shengwu-Tunga Maje, Gwagwalada, Kabusa

Village and Durumi axis of Abuja. The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the FCT, ASP Mariam Yusuf, said this in a statement on Monday in Abuja.

nrguardiannews 12 Apr 2021

<https://guardian.ng/news/police-arrest-8-suspects-over-kidnapping-in-fct/>

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Mozambique

Mozambique terrorists murder Zimbabwean man

Zimbabwean Nyasha Mugwagwa, who was among the 12 people killed in Palma, Mozambique, when armed criminals who claim allegiance to a terrorist group ISIS that attacked the town, has been buried by Mozambican authorities. Government is presently working with the Mozambique government and companies in....

bulawayo24 8:00:00 AM CEST

<https://bulawayo24.com/news/national/202228>

Southern Africa: Region Vows 'Proportionate' Response to Mozambique's Jihadists

Southern African leaders have agreed on an "immediate technical deployment to help Mozambique fight Islamic insurgents who recently stepped up attacks against civilians in the northern parts of the country. A Southern African Development Community (Sadc) emergency summit held in Maputo on Thursday....

allafrica 2:03:00 AM CEST

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202104120284.html>

There is a need for a military as well as a developmental approach to Cabo Delgado conflict

While the government of Mozambique has been reticent to involve troops from the region in training its forces or countering the insurgents in the north, intensive discussions between leaders of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security have led to a common approach on the way forward.

iol 11 Apr 2021

<https://www.iol.co.za/news/opinion/there-is-a-need-for-a-military-as-well-as-a-developmental-approach-to-cabo-delgado-conflict-1b94b340-ebfc-4f97-b969-c7eee903208>

L'autre Al-Shabaab

Les événements récents dans le nord du Mozambique ont attiré l'attention du monde sur une crise qui couvait depuis plusieurs années. Des militants djihadistes affiliés à l'Etat islamique ont envahi une ville côtière stratégique de la province mozambicaine de Cabo Delgado, riche en minéraux, à la fin....

journalducameroun 12 Apr 2021

<https://www.journalducameroun.com/mozambique-lautre-al-shabaab/>

Another Zimbabwean survivor tells of horrific scenes in Cabo Delgado

A brief background of Palma Palma is a coastal town located far north of Cabo Delgado province in Mozambique. It is very close to the Tanzanian boarder, 20 kilometres away. Since the discovery of vast deposits of gas by Anardako (an American oil and gas exploration company), there was a lot of business activities in the previously fishing town.

bulawayo24 12 Apr 2021

<https://bulawayo24.com/news/national/202213>

Officials Say at Least 36 Militants Killed in Military Operation

Mozambique authorities said Friday that at least 36 suspected militants were killed by the soldiers during a security operation in Palma. The coastal city was targeted by Jihadists two weeks ago. Brigadier Chongo Vidigal, the military spokesperson, who addressed journalists on Friday said the number could be higher.

allafrica 2:03:00 AM CEST

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202104120282.html>

SADC Leaders Agree On 'Technical Deployment' in Mozambique

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<https://allafrica.com/stories/202104120276.html>

NORTH AFRICA

Morocco

Des influenceurs pour déconstruire les discours des djihadistes sur les réseaux sociaux

- Par: Bladi.net. Société Le Maroc entend former ses propres « influenceurs » sur les réseaux sociaux pour lutter contre l'extrémisme religieux. Par ce canal, les autorités espèrent toucher plus de jeunes. L'idée émane du Centre des Oulémas de Mohammedia, un centre de réflexion religieuse créé par....

bladi 12 Apr 2021

<https://www.bladi.net/maroc-influenceurs-djihadistes-reseaux-sociaux.81746.html>

AMERICA

US

Far-right extremism tied to 73 domestic terror plots in 2020, report finds

The report also found that a growing number of active-duty military personnel and reservists have participated in domestic terror attacks and plots – the number of service members involved in terror attacks surged to 6.4 per cent in 2020 from 1.5 per cent in 2019. Last year, active-duty personnel perpetrated 4.

independent-UK 12 Apr 2021

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/right-wing-domestic-terror-report-b1830251.html>

Pentagon chief orders review of deadly 2020 attack in Kenya

Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin on Monday ordered an Army review of an investigation into a January 2020 militant assault on the Manda Bay military base in Kenya that killed three Americans and wounded three others. In a written statement announcing Austin's decision, his press secretary,....

680news 12:29:00 AM CEST

<https://www.680news.com/2021/04/12/pentagon-chief-orders-review-of-deadly-2020-attack-in-kenya/>

ASIA

Afghanistan

Taliban not ready to meet Afghan govt in Turkey as US wants

A Taliban spokesman said Monday the religious militia won't attend a peace conference tentatively planned for later this week in Turkey, putting U.S. efforts to

get a peace plan anytime soon in jeopardy. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken previously said he wanted to see a peace....

TorontoStar 12 Apr 2021

<https://www.thestar.com/news/world/asia/2021/04/12/taliban-not-ready-to-meet-afghan-govt-in-turkey-as-us-wants.html>

Turkey

7 Daesh/ISIS terror suspects arrested in Turkey

At least seven Daesh/ISIS suspects were arrested in an anti-terror operation in southern Turkey, a security source said on Tuesday. Anti-terror police teams in Adana province launched the operation to nab Iraqi and Syrian national suspects accused of operating in their countries for....

aa-en 7:36:00 AM CEST

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/7-daesh-isis-terror-suspects-arrested-in-turkey/2207023>

EUROPE

France

Sept religieux catholiques, dont deux Français, enlevés en Haïti, enquête ouverte à Paris

Sept religieux catholiques, dont deux Français, ont été enlevés dimanche 11 avril à Croix-des-Bouquets, près de la capitale, Port-au-Prince, en Haïti, a déclaré à l'Agence France-Presse (AFP) le porte-parole de la Conférence des évêques de ce pays pauvre des Caraïbes, en proie à une forte insécurité.

LeMonde 12 Apr 2021

https://www.lemonde.fr/international/article/2021/04/11/sept-religieux-catholiques-dont-deux-francais-enlevés-a-haïti_6076403_3210.html

À la veille du ramadan, la menace contre les lieux de culte et les musulmans persiste

. Analyse Le mois du Ramadan débute, mardi 13 avril, dans un contexte troublé ces derniers jours par plusieurs actes anti-musulmans. Le mois du Ramadan débute ce mardi 13 avril et les menaces à l'encontre du culte musulman se multiplient. Des tags racistes contre le prophète Mohammed et contre «....

la-croix 12 Apr 2021

<https://www.la-croix.com/France/menace-contre-lieux-culte-musulmans-persiste-2021-04-12-1201150545>

Gunman kills one and injures another in attack outside Paris hospital

Police in Paris launched a manhunt on Monday after a lone gunman killed a man and injured a woman near a hospital in western Paris. The attack took place in broad daylight outside the Henry Dunant Hospital in the 16th district of Paris. Police union official Rocco Contento told BFM TV there had been an argument between the gunman and the woman.

rfi-en 12 Apr 2021

<https://www.rfi.fr/en/france/20210412-gunman-kills-one-and-injures-another-in-attack-outside-paris-hospital>

14 ans de prison pour une recrue du cerveau présumé des attentats du 13-Novembre

Ce verdict est «une très bonne nouvelle» pour l’avocat de Reda Hame. Ce djihadiste français avait recruté en Syrie par le coordinateur présumé des attentats du 13-Novembre, Abdelhamid Abaaoud.

12 Apr 2021

<https://www.leparisien.fr/faits-divers/terrorisme-14-ans-de-prison-pour-une-recrue-du-cerveau-presume-des-attentats-du-13-novembre-09-04-2021-HPT5LNULXFB5BNITVDI7CEVCVY.php>

UK

Terrorism alert warning as lockdown eases

Deputy assistant commissioner Matt Twist, one of Counter Terrorism Policing’s senior national coordinators responsible for making sure the UK is protected from such threats, urged the public and businesses to “be alert” to more than just the dangers of Covid-19 this summer.

thanetgazette 12 Apr 2021

<https://www.kentlive.news/news/uk-world-news/terrorism-alert-warning-lockdown-eases-5290495>

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