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#### **EAST AFRICA**

##### **Kenya**

##### **Panic at Kenya-Somalia border as Shabaab militants sighted**

Dozens of Somalia's al Shabaab militants have crossed into Kenya, causing fear among residents of Amuma and Hemey regions of Garissa county. Shabaab militants often target security officials and non-Somalis in their attacks, and police are on high alert to deal with any incidents.

*thestarkenya 7:12:00 AM CET*

<https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2020-12-13-panic-at-kenya-somalia-border-as-shabaab-militants-sighted/>

##### **Somalia**

##### **Somali military says kills 8 Shabab militants**

The Somali military said it killed eight al-Shabab fighters on Sunday, a military officer confirmed Monday. The eight were killed when they tried to ambush Somali National Army (SNA) troops in Wajid, a town in the southern Bakol region, said Isak Mohamed Ibrahim, commander of the SNA's 260th Unit division.

*xinhuanet\_en 12:04:00 PM CET*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-12/14/c\\_139588866.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-12/14/c_139588866.htm)

## **La Somalie et les États-Unis ciblent les fabricants d'explosifs d'Al-Shabaab**

U.S. Africa Command En coordination avec le gouvernement fédéral de la Somalie, le Commandement américain pour l'Afrique a mené deux(2) frappes aériennes visant des experts en explosifs d'al-Shabaab dans les environs de Jilib, en Somalie, le 10 décembre. Nous continuerons à faire pression sur le réseau al-Shabaab.

*allafrica-fr 1:36:00 AM CET*

<https://fr.allafrica.com/stories/202012100845.html>

## **Sudan**

### **Les Etats-Unis retirent formellement le Soudan de leur liste noire Le Parisien**

La justice américaine avait notamment rendu le Soudan responsable de l'attaque contre le destroyer USS Cole. 17 militaires américains y avaient trouvé la mort. Les Etats-Unis ont formellement retiré lundi le Soudan de leur liste des pays soutenant le terrorisme, où....

*msn-fr 11:46:00 AM CET*

<https://www.msn.com/fr-fr/actualite/monde/terrorisme-les-etats-unis-retirent-formellement-le-soudan-de-leur-liste-noire/ar-BB1bUfpX>

### **US Embassy says Sudan no longer on list of terror sponsors**

President Donald Trump talks on a phone call with the leaders of Sudan and Israel, as Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, left, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, White House senior adviser Jared Kushner, and National Security Adviser Robert O'Brien, applaud in the Oval Office of the White House, in Washington.

*muscatinejournal 11:49:00 AM CET*

[https://muscatinejournal.com/news/national/us-embassy-says-sudan-no-longer-on-list-of-terror-sponsors/article\\_30e89467-20f3-50c2-af89-1d50a0ac6766.html](https://muscatinejournal.com/news/national/us-embassy-says-sudan-no-longer-on-list-of-terror-sponsors/article_30e89467-20f3-50c2-af89-1d50a0ac6766.html)

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Mali**

#### **Les FAMa tiennent Boulikessi**

Dans la soirée du 4 décembre alors que le camp FAMa de Boulikessi faisait l'objet de tirs de harcèlement, les troupes maliennes ont riposté et fait fuir les GAT. Les Guetteurs aériens. tactiques avancés (GATA) ont alors renseigné et coordonné les actions des moyens aériens des FAMa et des chasseurs de la Force Barkhane.

*mali-web 11:39:00 AM CET*

<http://mali-web.org/crise-malienne/les-fama-tiennent-boulikessi>

## **Niger**

### **At least 27 killed in latest Boko Haram attack in Niger**

Terrorists from the Boko Haram group have killed at least 27 people in an attack of "unprecedented savagery" in southeast Niger, local officials said. Other people were wounded and some more reported missing in the assault on Saturday evening in the....

*globalsecurity 8:23:00 AM CET*

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2020/12/mil-201213-presstv01.htm>

### **Près d'une trentaine de morts dans une attaque à la frontière avec le Nigeria**

Au moins 27 personnes ont été tuées dans la nuit de samedi 12 à dimanche 13 décembre dans une attaque attribuée au groupe jihadiste Boko Haram dans la région de Diffa, dans le sud-est du Niger, proche du Nigeria, selon un responsable local. "Il y a officiellement eu 27 morts, des blessés et quelques....

*france24 9:56:00 AM CET*

<https://www.france24.com/fr/afrique/20201213-niger-pr%C3%A8s-d-une-trentaine-de-morts-dans-une-attaque-de-boko-haram-%C3%A0-la-fronti%C3%A8re-avec-le-nigeria>

### **Au Niger, une attaque djihadiste meurtrière dans le sud-est à deux semaines de la présidentielle**

. Au moins vingt-sept personnes ont été tuées dans un assaut attribué à Boko Haram, dans la région de Diffa, près de la frontière avec le Nigeria. Entraînement de soldats nigériens par des membres des forces spéciales de l'armée américaine à Diffa, en mars 2017.

*LeMonde 10:22:00 AM CET*

[https://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2020/12/14/au-niger-une-attaque-djihadiste-meurtriere-dans-le-sud-est-a-deux-semaines-de-la-presidentielle\\_6063293\\_3212.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2020/12/14/au-niger-une-attaque-djihadiste-meurtriere-dans-le-sud-est-a-deux-semaines-de-la-presidentielle_6063293_3212.html)

### **Niger votes in city, regional polls after jihadist attack**

Niger voted in long-delayed municipal and regional elections Sunday the day after an attack by the Boko Haram jihadist group claimed at least 27 lives according to local officials, and two weeks ahead of a landmark presidential election.

*vanguardngr 5:15:00 AM CET*

## **Le chaos après l'attaque de Toumour le jour des élections**

Une attaque d'ampleur. Entre défis sécuritaires et présidentielle à venir, le Niger sous pression « Il y a officiellement eu 27 morts, des blessés et quelques disparus dans cette attaque qui est l'œuvre de Boko Haram », a affirmé à l' AFP un responsable du département de Bosso, dont relève le....

*LePoint 8:40:00 AM CET*

[https://www.lepoint.fr/afrique/niger-le-chaos-apres-l-attaque-de-toumour-le-jour-des-elections-14-12-2020-2405590\\_3826.php](https://www.lepoint.fr/afrique/niger-le-chaos-apres-l-attaque-de-toumour-le-jour-des-elections-14-12-2020-2405590_3826.php)

## **Les jihadistes de Boko Haram ont perpétré une attaque d'une "barbarie inouïe" contre un village du Niger**

Au moins 27 personnes ont été tuées dans la nuit de samedi à dimanche dans une attaque « d'une barbarie inouïe » des jihadistes de Boko Haram dans le sud-est du Niger, à proximité de la frontière avec le Nigeria, quelques heures avant l'ouverture des scrutins municipaux et régionaux dans le pays.

*lepopulaire 8:28:00 AM CET*

[https://www.lepopulaire.fr/paris-75000/actualites/les-jihadistes-de-boko-haram-ont-perpetre-une-attaque-d-une-barbarie-inouie-contre-un-village-du-niger\\_13891205/](https://www.lepopulaire.fr/paris-75000/actualites/les-jihadistes-de-boko-haram-ont-perpetre-une-attaque-d-une-barbarie-inouie-contre-un-village-du-niger_13891205/)

## **Nigeria**

### **How I escape from gunmen abducted Kankara student**

One of the students abducted by unknown gunmen in Kankara Secondary school, Katsina, has said that he escaped from the bandits by crawling after they were drag to the bush with his colleagues. The escaped student, whose father did not want his name published spoke to BBC Hausa service on Monday.

*dailytrust 11:48:00 AM CET*

<https://dailytrust.com/how-i-escape-from-gunmen-abducted-kankara-student>

### **CSO gives AI 7-day notice to vacate Nigeria over alleged false report on Nigerian troops**

A Civil rights group,Conference of Nigeria Civil Society for Peace, Human Rights and National Unity,has frowned at the 2020 report of Amnesty International alleging rights violation and atrocities by the Nigerian troops in the North East and demanding full investigation into the allegations by International Criminal Court.

*vanguardngr 13 Dec 2020*

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2020/12/terrorism-cso-gives-ai-7-day-notice-to-vacate-nigeria-over-alleged-false-report-on-nigerian-troops/>

## **"Des bandits sont arrivés à moto en tirant par intermittence": au Nigeria, plusieurs centaines de collégiens portés disparus après une attaque**

Des hommes armés ont attaqué un établissement d'enseignement secondaire dans l'Etat de Katsina, dans le nord du Nigeria ce vendredi. Plusieurs élèves ont été enlevés et sont toujours portés disparus ce lundi. L'armée se mobilise pour retrouver les plusieurs centaines d'élèves.

*rtl-BE 11:41:00 AM CET*

[https://www.rtl.be/info/monde/international/nigeria-l-armee-recherche-toujours-plusieurs-centaines-de-collegiens-disparus-apres-une-attaque-nous-sommes-sans-nouvelles-de-333-d-entre-eux--1265695.aspx?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+Rtlinfos-ALaUne+%28RTL.be+-+La+une+de+1%27actualit%C3%A9%29](https://www.rtl.be/info/monde/international/nigeria-l-armee-recherche-toujours-plusieurs-centaines-de-collegiens-disparus-apres-une-attaque-nous-sommes-sans-nouvelles-de-333-d-entre-eux--1265695.aspx?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Rtlinfos-ALaUne+%28RTL.be+-+La+une+de+1%27actualit%C3%A9%29)

## **Oyo: Two killed in effort to rescue abducted foreigner**

The Oyo State Police Command has said that two bodies were recovered in an effort to rescue one Hassan Mills, a foreigner who was kidnapped by gunmen in the State. Channels Tv reports that Mills was abducted at about 5pm on Saturday from Panorama Farm Mekun in the Oke Alaro area of Ibadan, the Oyo State capital.

*dailypost 11:47:00 AM CET*

<https://dailypost.ng/2020/12/14/oyo-two-killed-in-effort-to-rescue-abducted-foreigner/>

## **L'armée recherche plusieurs centaines de collégiens disparus après une attaque**

Les autorités nigérianes ont assuré dimanche que l'armée ne ménageait pas ses efforts pour retrouver plusieurs centaines d'élèves portés disparus après une attaque. Des hommes armés venus à moto ont ciblé tard vendredi soir un établissement d'enseignement secondaire dans l'Etat de Katsina, dans le nord du Nigeria.

*msn-fr 11:03:00 AM CET*

<https://www.msn.com/fr-fr/actualite/monde/nigeria-larm%C3%A9e-recherche-plusieurs-centaines-de-coll%C3%A9giens-disparus-apr%C3%A8s-une-attaque/ar-BB1bU7GS>

## **Hundreds Of Nigerian Students Missing After Attack On School**

Hundreds of Nigerian students are missing after gunmen attacked a secondary school in the country's northwestern Katsina state, police said, while the president said the military was in gunfights with bandits in a forest as it tried to find the students.

*huffingtonpost-us-en 10:40:00 AM CET*

[https://www.huffpost.com/entry/hundreds-of-nigerian-students-missing-after-attack-on-school\\_n\\_5fd72a9ec5b6218b42ea7818](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/hundreds-of-nigerian-students-missing-after-attack-on-school_n_5fd72a9ec5b6218b42ea7818)

## **Près de 30 morts dans une attaque de Boko Haram**

Au Niger, la nébuleuse Boko Haram a endeuillé les populations lors d'une violente attaque survenue dans la nuit du samedi 12 décembre 2020. Le bilan humain et les dégâts matériels témoignent de l'horreur vécue par les populations attaquées. Près de 30 personnes sont tombées sous les balles assassines des membres de la secte Boko Haram.

*mali-web 10:17:00 AM CET*

<http://mali-web.org/afrique/niger-pres-de-30-morts-dans-une-attaque-de-boko-haram>

## **UN chief calls for immediate release of abducted children in Nigeria**

The United Nations Secretary-General has called for the “immediate and unconditional” release of hundreds of boys, abducted by suspected bandits, after an attack on their school in northwest Nigeria. Over three hundred children are reported to be still missing, with many feared abducted, after....

*un-org 8:05:00 AM CET*

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/12/1079942>

## **UN chief condemns attack on Nigerian school, abduction of boys**

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has strongly condemned Friday's attack on a secondary school in Nigeria's Katsina State and the reported abduction of hundreds of boys by suspected armed bandits, said his spokesman on Sunday.

*peopledaily 7:11:00 AM CET*

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2020/1214/c90000-9798912.html>

# **SOUTHERN AFRICA**

## **Mozambique**

### **Mnangagwa prepares to deploy soldiers in Mozambique?**

PRESIDENT Emmerson Mnangagwa is preparing to deploy soldiers to fight terrorism in neighbouring Mozambique with Zimbabwe Defence House officials being locked in meetings to analyse the risks of placing boots on the ground, it has emerged. Military and government sources interviewed by The NewsHawks....

*bulawayo24 10:12:00 AM CET*

<https://bulawayo24.com/news/national/196222>

### **Mozambique jihadists push masses to Pemba**

Pemba (Mozambique) (AFP) The population has soared in Pemba, a northern Mozambique port known for its wide bay, but rather than tourists coming for a swim, the newcomers have fled Islamic extremists. In the past few months, boatloads of people with little but the clothes they wear have landed under....

*TheFrontierPost-en 10:48:00 AM CET*

<https://thefrontierpost.com/mozambique-jihadists-push-masses-to-pemba/>

## **Nearly Half A Million People Flee Islamist Militants In Mozambique**

At least 400,000 people have fled militant attacks in northern Mozambique, the United Nations refugee agency said, warning that the crisis could quickly spread beyond the country's borders if regional neighbours did not help tackle the insurgency. Mozambique's northernmost province of Cabo Delgado,....

*zimeye 8:57:00 AM CET*

<https://www.zimeye.net/2020/12/14/nearly-half-a-million-people-flee-islamist-militants-in-mozambique/>

## **UN agency says more than 400,000 flee Mozambique militant attacks**

At least 400,000 people have fled militant attacks in northern Mozambique, the United Nations refugee agency said, warning that the crisis could quickly spread beyond the country's borders if regional neighbours did not help tackle the insurgency.

*ara-reuters 8:37:00 AM CET*

<https://www.reuters.com/article/mozambique-insurgency/un-agency-says-more-than-400000-flee-mozambique-militant-attacks-idUSKBN28O0M6?il=0>

## **Zimbabwe**

### **Zimbabwe prepares to deploy soldiers in Mozambique**

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*thezimbabwemail 13 Dec 2020*

<https://www.thezimbabwemail.com/politics/zimbabwe-prepares-to-deploy-soldiers-in-mozambique/>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Egypt**

## **Al-Burhan welcomes U.S. removal of Sudan from state sponsors of terrorism list**

Chairman of Sudan's Sovereign Council Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan on Monday said the removal of Sudan from the U.S. list of states sponsoring terrorism contributes to supporting democratic transition. "This decision will contribute to supporting the democratic transition and....

*xinhuanet\_en 12:04:00 PM CET*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-12/14/c\\_139588867.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-12/14/c_139588867.htm)

## **Egyptian, Mauritanian presidents discuss counter-terrorism cooperation, Libyan crisis**

Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi and his Mauritanian counterpart Mohamed Ould Ghazouani discussed on Sunday joint cooperation in combating terrorism and the repercussions of the Libyan crisis. During a phone conversation, both leaders also discussed ways to enhance....

*xinhuanet\_en 13 Dec 2020*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-12/14/c\\_139586735.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-12/14/c_139586735.htm)

# **AMERICA**

## **US**

### **Pentagon Authorizes Release of Guantanamo's 'Forever' Prisoner**

The Pentagon authorized on Saturday the release of one of the so-called "forever prisoners" from the Guantanamo Naval Base jail since he is not considered a threat to national security. Yemeni Said Salih Said Nashir has spent more than 18 years, almost half of his life, in the....

*laht 3:39:00 AM CET*

<http://www.laht.com/article.asp?ArticleId=2497576&CategoryId=36641>

# **ASIA**

## **India**

### **FO rejects Indian minister's terror-related insinuations**

Foreign Office spokesperson Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri said that the 'dossier' presented by Pakistan to the world community and the EU DisinfoLab's recent



report speak for themselves. — Photo courtesy Radio Pak/File. ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Sunday categorically rejected terrorism-related insinuations of....

*dawn 5:49:00 AM CET*

[https://www.dawn.com/news/1595662/fo-rejects-indian-ministers-terror-related-insinuations?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+dawn-news+%28Dawn+News%29](https://www.dawn.com/news/1595662/fo-rejects-indian-ministers-terror-related-insinuations?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+dawn-news+%28Dawn+News%29)

## **Indonesia**

**Police arrest top militant linked to Bali bombings Indonesian police have arrested a senior leader of the al-Qaida-linked extremist group which carried out the 2002 Bali bombings. The militant was also believed to be involved in other deadly attacks.**

Police in Indonesia arrested a senior leader of the Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) on Thursday for his alleged role in the 2002 Bali bombings , a police spokesman announced on Saturday. After 18 years on the run the 57-year-old Zulkarnaen was arrested, without resistance, in Lampung on Sumatra island by anti-terrorism police, spokesman Ahmad Ramadhan said.

*deutschwelle-en 13 Dec 2020*

<https://www.dw.com/en/indonesia-police-arrest-top-militant-linked-to-bali-bombings/a-55921629>

## **Pakistan**

**25 injured in Rawalpindi grenade explosion**

In a second blast in the garrison city of Rawalpindi this month, over two dozen people including women and children were injured in the busy Ganj Mandi area on Sunday. The explosion, which took place at around 2pm just a few hundred metres from the Ganj Mandi police station and close to a water filtration plant, also damaged a car.

*dawn 5:49:00 AM CET*

[https://www.dawn.com/news/1595652/25-injured-in-rawalpindi-grenade-explosion?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+dawn-news+%28Dawn+News%29](https://www.dawn.com/news/1595652/25-injured-in-rawalpindi-grenade-explosion?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+dawn-news+%28Dawn+News%29)

**Cops arrest ‘terrorist of a banned outfit’**

The Steel Town police claimed on Sunday to have arrested a terrorist associated with a banned terrorist outfit, who has been involved in the targeted killings of cops, extortion, terrorism, and other crimes. The police claimed to have found a pistol and a hand grenade in his possession.

*tribune 6:00:00 AM CET*

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2275841/cops-arrest-terrorist-of-a-banned-outfit>

## **Philippines**

### **Radical Islamic jihad in the Philippines**

In the Southern Philippines, another Islamic State under the name of so-called Moroland, which composed of Mindanao, the second-largest island of the country and the Sulu archipelago, Palawan, Basilan, and the neighboring islands certainly was a huge threat not only to the sovereignty of the....

*weeklyblitz 13 Dec 2020*

<https://www.weeklyblitz.net/news/radical-islamic-jihad-in-the-philippines/>

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