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#### **Ethiopia**

##### **De nouvelles violences ensanglantent la région de Benishangul-Gumuz**

Avec notre correspondant à Nairobi, Sébastien Németh. Les autorités locales insistent : la tuerie n'a pas de racine ethnique. Pour autant les versions divergent. Melese Beyene, porte-parole de l'Etat régional, parle d'un « acte de vengeance après l'assassinat du frère d'un officiel ».

*rfi-fr 1:38:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.rfi.fr/fr/afrique/20201013-ethiopie-violences-12-morts-region-benishangul-gumuz>

#### **Kenya**

##### **Defence CS Monica Juma's message to troops in Somalia on KDF Day**

I take this opportunity to salute our soldiers who are deployed in various Forward Operating Bases in Somalia on this auspicious day when we commemorate the Kenya Defence Forces Day. The 14th October – of every year, since 2011, is set aside in the Ministry of Defence to remember the ultimate....

*capitalfm 6:59:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2020/10/defence-cs-monica-jumas-message-to-troops-in-somalia-on-kdf-day/>

## **18 suspects arrested for torching police post**

At least 18 people have been arrested in connection with an attack on a police station in Likuyani, Kakamega County. The suspects were charged before an Eldoret court on Monday with arson, malicious damage to property and assaulting a police officer. They were each granted a Sh200,000 bond and surety of same amount.

*standardmedia 13 Oct 2020*

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/western/article/2001389965/18-suspects-arrested-for-torching-police-post>

## **Political violence eroding gains in fighting extremism**

Politically motivated violence is a recurrent challenge in many countries. Sadly, youth play a prominent role in perpetrating such violence. Throughout history, young people have been recruited into armies, militia and other organized fighting groups not to mention criminal gangs and extremist entities.

*thestarkenya 13 Oct 2020*

<https://www.the-star.co.ke/opinion/2020-10-13-political-violence-eroding-gains-in-fighting-extremism/>

## **Somalia**

### **Feared Shabab Exploit Somali Banking and Invest in Real Estate, U.N. Says**

The Shabab, the Somalia-based militant group that is Al Qaeda's most powerful ally in Africa, is not only collecting millions of dollars in tariffs and payoffs but moving the money through local banks and even investing it in real estate and businesses, according to a new United Nations Security Council report.

*nytimes 13 Oct 2020*

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/11/world/africa/feared-shabab-exploit-somali-banking-and-invest-in-real-estate-un-says.html>

### **Pentagon Drafting Plans to Withdraw US Troops From Somalia**

According to insider reports, US President Donald Trump has ordered the Pentagon and his senior national security advisers to begin drafting plans for a total withdrawal of US forces from Somalia.

*globalsecurity 6:33:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2020/10/mil-201013-sputnik01.htm>

## **CENTRAL AFRICA**

### **Democratic Republic of Congo**

## **Briefing Security Council, Special Envoy for Great Lakes Region Highlights New Strategy for Peace, Human Rights, Noting Situation Remains ‘Broadly Stable’**

Amid concern about unceasing hurdles to the exercise of political freedoms and human rights in the Great Lakes region, the United Nations is launching a new strategy focused on preventive diplomacy, security cooperation and development, the Secretary-General’s senior political official for....

*reliefWeb 12:38:00 AM CEST*

<https://reliefweb.int/report/democratic-republic-congo/briefing-security-council-special-envoy-great-lakes-region>

## **24 groupes armés de Beni et Lubero prêts à déposer les armes**

Vingt-quatre groupes armés actifs dans les territoires de Beni et Lubero au Nord-Kivu ont réitéré leur volonté de déposer les armes. Ils se sont exprimés le lundi 12 octobre à Butembo, à l’issue d’une rencontre organisée par la Commission interprovinciale d’appui au processus de désarmement, démobilisation et réinsertion communautaire.

*radiookapi 13 Oct 2020*

[https://www.radiookapi.net/2020/10/13/actualite/securite/rdc-24-groupes-armes-de-beni-et-lubero-prets-deposer-les-armes?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29](https://www.radiookapi.net/2020/10/13/actualite/securite/rdc-24-groupes-armes-de-beni-et-lubero-prets-deposer-les-armes?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29)

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Mali**

#### **Série d’attaques à Mopti : plus de 30 morts dont 12 militaires**

Trente-trois morts dont douze militaires maliens et quatorze blessés, c’est le bilan provisoire d’une série d’attaques perpétrées dans la nuit du lundi 12 à ce mardi 13 octobre 2020. Les attaques ont eu lieu à Sokoura, dans le cercle Bankass, et près de Bandiagara, région de Mopti.

*maliactu 7:00:00 AM CEST*

<https://maliactu.net/mali-serie-dattaques-a-mopti-plus-de-30-morts-dont-12-militaires/>

#### **Une attaque terroriste contre les FAMa à Sokoura**

Le poste des Forces armées maliennes (FAMa) de Sokoura, dans le Cercle de Bankass, Région de Mopti (Centre), a fait l’objet d’une attaque terroriste, dans la nuit du lundi au mardi, qui a fait neuf morts et des blessés chez les soldats, selon un bilan provisoire, annonce le site des FAMa.

*mali-web 6:35:00 AM CEST*

<http://mali-web.org/crise-malienne/une-attaque-terroriste-contre-les-fama-a-sokoura-centre-fait-11-morts-armee>

## **Bankass : 12 civils et 12 militaires maliens tués dans une double « attaque terroriste »**

Du lundi au mardi 13 octobre 2020, dans le cercle de Bankass, région de Mopti, 12 civils et 12 soldats maliens sont morts dans une double attaque contre l'armée. « 9 terroristes ont été abattus » lors de la deuxième attaque, selon l'armée malienne. Le poste militaire de Sokoura, dans le cercle de....

*mali-web 5:31:00 AM CEST*

<http://mali-web.org/crise-malienne/bankass-12-civils-et-12-militaires-maliens-tues-dans-une-double-attaque-terroriste>

## **Nigeria**

### **Boko Haram kills 14 farmers in Nigeria**

Members of the Boko Haram terrorist group killed 14 farmers in an attack in northeastern Nigeria, local media reported Tuesday. The terrorists seized 15 farmers working in their fields in Ngwom village, located 14 kilometers (nine miles) north of the region's main city Maiduguri, and cut their throats, according to local media.

*aa-en 6:54:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/boko-haram-kills-14-farmers-in-nigeria/2005471>

### **Vigilante kill 14 Fulani in Katsina**

Yan Sakai, the banned vigilante in Katsina State, were said to have murdered 14 Fulani in Kurfi Local Government Area of the state on Monday. Residents told Daily Trust that those killed were suspected to be bandits terrorizing the area. "Most of them have their hamlets around Wurma village in Kurfi....

*dailytrust 6:52:00 AM CEST*

<https://dailytrust.com/vigilante-kill-14-fulani-in-katsina>

### **Troops destroy bandits camps, kill 3, rescue 26 kidnapped victims in Katsina, Kebbi, Zamfara**

From Ibrahim Sidi Muh'd, Gusau. Gallant men of the Nigerian Army under Operation Sahel Sanity in joint operations with 17 Brigade and Sector 9 Operation Hadarin Daji have succeeded in killing 4 bandits after destruction of 8 identified notorious bandits camps that led to the rescue of 26 kidnapped victims in Katsina and Zamfara States.

peoplesdaily-online 10:38:00 AM CEST

<https://peoplesdailyng.com/troops-destroy-bandits-camps-kill-3-rescue-26-kidnapped-victims-in-katsina-kebbi-zamfara/>

## **SOUTHERN AFRICA**

### **Mozambique**

#### **EU Counterinsurgency Aid to Mozambique Should Help Protect Rights**

Civilians Bear the Brunt of Insurgents, Government Abuses. Zenaida Machado Researcher, Africa Division. The European Union has agreed to a request by the Mozambican government for help. The insurgency began in October 2017 and affects several districts in the northern province of Cabo Delgado.

reliefWeb 10:01:00 AM CEST

<https://reliefweb.int/report/mozambique/eu-counterinsurgency-aid-mozambique-should-help-protect-rights>

## **ASIA**

#### **Kirill calls for peace in Nagorno Karabakh. Fears of a 'religious' conflict**

The patriarch of Moscow Kirill (Gundjaev) yesterday addressed an appeal to Armenians and Azeris in conflict in Nagorno Karabakh, to end "this new whirlwind of conflict that has lasted for more than thirty years, in which the inhabited centres are bombed, people die, the...."

asianews-en 9:57:00 AM CEST

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Kirill-calls-for-peace-in-Nagorno-Karabakh.-Fears-of-a-%27religious%27-conflict-51296.html>

#### **How an explosion of cheap armed drones is changing the nature of warfare**

Armenia and Azerbaijan have been in a state of conflict for several decades over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region, but a deluge of grisly video released by the combatants in recent days shows that it's now being fought in a newer high-tech — and highly lethal — fashion.

nbcnews 10:39:00 AM CEST

<https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/cheap-drones-china-turkey-israel-are-fueling-conflicts-armenia-azerbaijan-ncna1243246>

### **Philippines**

#### **1 dead, 4 hurt as MILF members, ex-rebels clash in Maguindanao**

One died while 4 were hurt in a clash between former and active members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) in Mamasapano, Maguindanao on Monday, the military said. The confrontation happened at Barangay Tukanalipao in Mamasapano between the group of Salik Kiko, a delisted....

*abs-cbnnews 9:56:00 AM CEST*

<https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/10/14/20/1-dead-4-hurt-as-milf-members-ex-rebels-clash-in-maguindanao>

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