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#### **EAST AFRICA**

##### **Somalia**

###### **Al-Shabaab Reveals Names of DusitD2 Hotel Attackers**

Al-Shabaab militants have for the first time released the names and photos of the men who attacked the DusitD2 Hotel in Kenya. A seven-minute video showed the five men eating and watching Osama Bin Laden video days before they stormed the DusitD2 hotel. Of the five attackers, three were Kenyans and two were Somali nationals.

*allafrica 1:43:00 AM CET*

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202012140397.html>

###### **Somali Military Convoy Hit By Roadside Bomb in Mogadishu**

A military convoy transporting government forces came under a bomb attack in Mogadishu on Saturday morning, police and witnesses said. The blast struck one army vehicle along Abdikasim street, a former president's residence near the busy K-4 junction, sending thick plumes of smoke into the sky.

*allafrica 1:43:00 AM CET*

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202012140297.html>

## **Senior Al-Shabaab Foreign Fighters Killed in Lower Shabelle**

The Special Forces squad, Danab killed 17 Al-Shabaab militants including two foreigners in the Lower Shabelle region in operation conducted on Sunday. According to a statement from the army, the soldiers destroyed a base belonging to the militants in Sablale district on Saturday morning following an operation there.

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<https://allafrica.com/stories/202012140398.html>

## **Au moins 15 personnes dont un chef religieux tuées lors d'une attaque des shebab**

Des rebelles shebab en train de s'entraîner, au sud de Mogadiscio, en Somalie (photo d'illustration) © Farah Abdi Warsameh/AP/SIPA. Au moins 15 personnes, dont le leader religieux Abdiweli Ali Elmi, ont été tuées et 10 autres blessées le 26 novembre dans l'attaque d'un lieu de culte soufi par des....

*jeuneafrique 12:39:00 AM CET*

<https://www.jeuneafrique.com/672153/politique/somalie-au-moins-15-personnes-dont-un-chef-religieux-tues-par-des-shebab/>

## **CENTRAL AFRICA**

### **Democratic Republic of Congo**

#### **Maniema : environ 100 élèves portés disparus lors des combats entre miliciens à Kabambare**

Une centaine d'élèves sont portés disparus et plusieurs villages, notamment Kulewa et Kahoya, ont été incendiés lors des affrontements entre factions des miliciens. L'information a été livrée mardi 15 décembre à Radio Okapi par un acteur de la société civile locale et confirmée par l'administrateur du territoire de Kabambare (Maniema).

*radiookapi 9:01:00 AM CET*

[https://www.radiookapi.net/2020/12/16/actualite/secure/maniema-environ-100-eleves-portes-disparus-lors-des-combats-entre?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29](https://www.radiookapi.net/2020/12/16/actualite/secure/maniema-environ-100-eleves-portes-disparus-lors-des-combats-entre?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29)

## **WEST AFRICA**

## **Burkina Faso**

### **Burkina Faso Djibo : « les djihadistes viennent à l'intérieur de Djibo mais sans armes »**

La ville de Djibo coupée du Burkina Faso à cause des attaques terroristes est sur la voie de reprendre son ambiance d'antan a indiqué à radio Oméga l'émir de la localité. « La situation est redevenue calme à Djibo les gens vaquent à leurs occupations. Ceux qui sont courageux peuvent même voyager à l'intérieur de Djibo.

*aouaga 1:23:00 AM CET*

<http://news.aOuaga.com/h/131672.html>

## **Mali**

### **SITUATION SÉCURITAIRE TENDUE AU CENTRE ET AU NORD DU MALI \*02 MILITAIRES TUÉS DANS L'EXPLOSION D'UNE MINE AU PASSAGE DE LEUR VÉHICULE À HOMBORI \*DES RENFORTS DU GSIM EN PROVENANCE DU BURKINA SIGNALÉS DANS LA ZONE DE TATAKARATE**

Le Mali continue de compter ses morts au nord et au centre liés à la présence d'hommes sans foi ni loi .Ces criminels en plus de s'attaquer aux populations et à l'armée ont mis des engins de la mort partout dans les zones d'influence. De sources sûres, hier mardi 15 Décembre 2020, un pick-up....

*maliactu 11:26:00 AM CET*

<https://maliactu.net/mali-situation-securitaire-tendue-au-centre-et-au-nord-du-mali-02-militaires-tues-dans-lexplosion-dune-mine-au-passage-de-leur-vehicule-a-hombori-des-renforts-du-gsim-en-provenan/>

## **Nigeria**

### **Gunmen kidnap Catholic priest in Imo**

Unidentified gunmen reportedly kidnapped a Catholic priest, Rev. Fr. Valentine Oluchukwu Ezeagu, who was on his way to his Aguata, Anambra State, ancestral home, for his father's burial. Vanguard also gathered that the priest was kidnapped at Umulolo, Arondizuogu,....

*vanguardngr 1:27:00 PM CET*

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2020/12/gunmen-kidnap-catholic-priest-in-imo/>

### **Time to consider talks with Boko Haram?**

The recent Katsina abductions in Nigeria are a reminder that solutions need to go beyond military campaigns. First published by ISS Today Military interventions have failed to end a violent insurgency and humanitarian crisis in the Lake Chad Basin. The recent brutal murder of over 100 rice farmers....

*dailymaverick 12:37:00 PM CET*

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-12-16-time-to-consider-talks-with-boko-haram/>

## **Porous borders aggravating insecurity – Northern committee News**

The Northern Security Monitoring Committee (NSMC) has attributed growing security challenges in the country to the porosity of borders, adding that it is one of the reasons Nigeria was losing war against bandits and Boko Haram. It also said that for federal government to successfully win the war....

*dailytrust 10:26:00 AM CET*

<https://dailytrust.com/porous-borders-aggravating-insecurity-northern-committee>

## **Boko Haram revendique l'enlèvement de centaines de lycéens, les parents "dévastés"**

Boko Haram a revendiqué mardi l'enlèvement de plusieurs centaines de lycéens dans le nord-ouest du Nigeria , une annonce qui a "dévasté" leurs parents et pourrait marquer un tournant important dans l'expansion du groupe jihadiste. Les autorités affirment que 333 adolescents sont toujours portés....

*LePoint 2:17:00 PM CET*

[https://www.lepoint.fr/monde/nigeria-boko-haram-revendique-l-enlevement-de-centaines-de-lyceens-les-parents-devastes-16-12-2020-2406181\\_24.php](https://www.lepoint.fr/monde/nigeria-boko-haram-revendique-l-enlevement-de-centaines-de-lyceens-les-parents-devastes-16-12-2020-2406181_24.php)

# **SOUTHERN AFRICA**

## **Mozambique**

### **Militant attacks force 570,000 to flee homes in northern Mozambique, president says**

Militants have forced 570,000 people to flee their homes in Mozambique's northern Cabo Delgado province, President Filipe Nyusi said on Wednesday, vowing to defeat insurgents who stepped up attacks since pledging loyalty to Islamic State last year.

*ara-reuters 11:59:00 AM CET*

<https://www.reuters.com/article/mozambique-insurgency/militant-attacks-force-570000-to-flee-homes-in-northern-mozambique-president-says-idUSKBN28Q15S?il=0>

## **Organised Crime 'A Central Concern of Security Policy'**

Maputo Organised and transnational crime "should be a central concern of our internal security policy", declared Mozambique's Attorney-General, Beatriz Buchili, on Monday. Speaking at the opening session of a three day national meeting between her office and the criminal investigation service....

*allafrica 1:43:00 AM CET*

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202012141101.html>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Algeria**

#### **L'Algérie condamne un acte terroriste qui a visé des civils sans défense au Niger**

L'Algérie condamne dans "les termes les plus fermes" l'agression terroriste, qui avait visé dimanche le village Tomour, dans la région de Diffa, dans le Sud-est du Niger, qui a fait de nombreux morts et blessés parmi les civils sans défense, indique mardi un communiqué du ministère des Affaires étrangères.

*aps-dz 10:35:00 AM CET*

<http://www.aps.dz/algerie/114337-l-algerie-condamne-un-acte-terroriste-qui-a-vise-des-civils-sans-defense-au-niger>

## **AMERICA**

### **US**

#### **Mastermind behind Pearl's murder is an international terrorist: SC informed**

The counsel for slain American journalist Daniel Pearl's parents informed the Supreme Court (SC) on Wednesday that the mastermind behind the murder is an international terrorist. Pearl, the then South Asia bureau chief for The Wall Street Journal was abducted in Karachi in January 2002 while....

tribune 12:32:00 PM CET

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2276199/mastermind-behind-pearls-murder-is-an-international-terrorist-sc-informed>

## **ASIA**

### **UAE**

#### **UAE strongly condemns Kabul terror attacks**

The UAE has strongly condemned the two terror attacks that targeted two locations in the Afghan capital, Kabul, which resulted in the death and injury of civilians. In a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation emphasised that the UAE strongly condemns these criminal....

khaleejtimes 8:54:00 AM CET

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/news/uae-strongly-condemns-kabul-terror-attacks>

### **Bahrain**

#### **US designates Bahrain-based group as terrorist, accusing it of having Iran backing**

The United States on Tuesday designated the Bahrain-based Saraya al-Mukhtar group as a terrorist organization, accusing it of being backed by Iran and of having plotted attacks against US personnel in the Gulf Arab state. The move, which comes amid a slew of sanctions....

egyptindependent 10:35:00 AM CET

<https://www.egyptindependent.com/us-designates-bahrain-based-group-as-terrorist-accusing-it-of-having-iran-backing/>

### **Pakistan**

#### **Govt remains 'determined' against terrorism, says PM on APS anniversary**

Prime Minister Imran Khan on Wednesday said that the country remains "determined" to tackle the scourge of terrorism and the government is "moving forward" in fulfilling the commitment to the nation. The premier's tweet comes on the 6th anniversary of the horrifying Army Public School attack in 2014.

tribune 12:32:00 PM CET

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2276198/govt-remains-determined-against-terrorism-says-pm-on-aps-anniversary>

## **EUROPE**

### **UK**

#### **Armed counter-terror police to board London buses and patrol bus stops in bid to thwart attacks**

Armed counter-terror police will board London buses and patrol bus stops in crackdown to thwart attacks as Met reveals number of investigations into extremist plots has hit record high The Met's Roads and Transport command has formed a new counter-terror team; Specialist officers, backed by armed....

*dailymail 12:14:00 PM CET*

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9059087/Armed-counter-terror-police-board-London-buses-patrol-bus-stops-bid-thwart-attacks.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9059087/Armed-counter-terror-police-board-London-buses-patrol-bus-stops-bid-thwart-attacks.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## **International Organisations**

### **UN**

#### **UN 'gravely concerned' for safety of refugees in Niger, following Boko Haram attack**

The United Nations voiced grave concern on Tuesday for the safety of thousands of refugees and internally displaced in the wake of a deadly Boko Haram attack on Toumour, a town in southeastern Niger's Diffa region, near the border with Nigeria. A UN statement sad at least 28 people were killed and....

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<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/863994-un-%E2%80%98gravely-concerned%E2%80%99-for-safety-of-refugees-in-niger%2C-following-boko-haram-attack.html>

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<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/863996-un-concerned-for-safety-of-refugees-in-niger-following-boko-haram-attack.html>

## UN Security Council Calls for Exit of Mercenaries from Libya

The UN Security Council on Tuesday called for all mercenaries and foreign fighters to leave Libya, in a unanimous statement that included Russia, which is accused of enabling a Russian contractor to send paramilitaries. Libya has been wracked by violence and chaos since the toppling and killing of dictator Moamer Kadhafi in 2011.

almanar-en 11:24:00 AM CET

<https://english.almanar.com.lb/1222993>

## Le Conseil de sécurité de l'ONU réclame le départ des mercenaires et combattants étrangers

– Site de la chaîne AlManar-Liban ....

almanar-fr 9:59:00 AM CET

<https://french.almanar.com.lb/1962149>

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