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## **EAST AFRICA**

### **Ethiopia**

#### **Les structures de soins délibérément attaquées dans la région du Tigré**

Structures occupées par l'armée. Un établissement de santé sur cinq visité par les équipes MSF était occupé par des soldats. Dans certains cas, cette occupation a été temporaire, dans d'autres, elle se poursuivait au moment de la visite. À Mugulat, dans l'est du Tigré, des soldats érythréens....

*MSF-fr 15 Mar 2021*

<https://www.msf.fr/communiqués-presse/ethiopie-les-structures-de-soins-deliberement-attaques-dans-la-region-du-tigre>

#### **Doctors tell of attacks on health facilities in Ethiopia's Tigray region**

Health facilities in Ethiopia's embattled region of Tigray have been "looted, vandalised and destroyed in a deliberate and widespread attack on health care", the humanitarian group Doctors Without Borders said. Nearly 70% of 106 health facilities surveyed from mid-December to early March had been looted and more than 30% had been damaged.

*breakingnews-ie 15 Mar 2021*

<https://www.breakingnews.ie/world/doctors-tell-of-attacks-on-health-facilities-in-ethiopias-tigray-region-1096187.html>

## **Djibouti**

### **Djibouti et l'Ethiopie renforcent leur coopération en matière de sécurité transfrontalière**

Djibouti et l'Ethiopie vont renforcer leur coopération en matière de sécurité transfrontalière, a rapporté dimanche le quotidien djiboutien La Nation. Un accord en ce sens a signé samedi à Djibouti entre le directeur général de la police djiboutienne, le colonel....

*french-news 15 Mar 2021*

[http://french.xinhuanet.com/afrique/2021-03/15/c\\_139811660.htm](http://french.xinhuanet.com/afrique/2021-03/15/c_139811660.htm)

## **CENTRAL AFRICA**

### **Democratic Republic of Congo**

#### **Suspected Islamists Kill at Least a Dozen Villagers in Eastern Congo**

Attackers killed at least a dozen villagers in an overnight raid on a village in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, a witness and two civil rights groups said on Monday. They blamed the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), a Ugandan militia active in eastern Congo....

*voanews 15 Mar 2021*

<https://www.voanews.com/africa/suspected-islamists-kill-least-dozen-villagers-eastern-congo>

#### **En RDC, au moins quinze civils massacrés lors d'une attaque attribuée à des rebelles ougandais**

Installées depuis 1995 au Nord-Kivu, les Forces démocratiques alliées (ADF) constituent le groupe armé le plus meurtrier parmi les 122 encore actifs dans l'est du pays. Le Monde avec AFP Publié aujourd'hui à 15h44. Temps de Lecture 1 min. Partage; Le village de Manzalaho, près de Beni, après une....

*LeMonde 15 Mar 2021*

[https://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2021/03/15/en-rdc-au-moins-quinze-civils-massacres-lors-d-une-attaque-attribuee-a-des-rebelles-ougandais\\_6073203\\_3212.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2021/03/15/en-rdc-au-moins-quinze-civils-massacres-lors-d-une-attaque-attribuee-a-des-rebelles-ougandais_6073203_3212.html)

#### **Haut-Uele : la société civile dénonce l'activisme de la LRA à Dungu**

La société civile de Doruma, dans le territoire de Dungu (Haut-Uele) a dénoncé vendredi 12 mars la recrudescence des incursions des présumés rebelles de la LRA dans cette entité. Selon elle, depuis deux semaines, ces assaillants pillent les biens de la population et kidnappent les hommes pour le transport de leur butin.

*radiokapi 12 Mar 2021*

[https://www.radiokapi.net/2021/03/12/actualite/secure/haut-uele-la-societe-civile-denonce-lactivisme-de-la-lra-dungu?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+radiokapi%2Factu+%28Radiokapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29](https://www.radiokapi.net/2021/03/12/actualite/secure/haut-uele-la-societe-civile-denonce-lactivisme-de-la-lra-dungu?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+radiokapi%2Factu+%28Radiokapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29)

## **Nord-Kivu : calme apparent à Nyabiondo après de violents combats entre armée et miliciens**

Un calme apparent s'observe depuis lundi 15 mars dans la cité de Nyabiondo, à plus de 100 km à l'Ouest de Goma, dans le territoire de Masisi au Nord-Kivu. Ce calme se constate, après de violents affrontements qui ont opposé jusqu'à la veille, l'armée congolaise aux combattants de l'APCLS de Janvier Kalahiri.

*radiokapi 15 Mar 2021*

[https://www.radiokapi.net/2021/03/15/actualite/secure/nord-kivu-calme-apparent-nyabiondo-apres-de-violents-combats-entre?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+radiokapi%2Factu+%28Radiokapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29](https://www.radiokapi.net/2021/03/15/actualite/secure/nord-kivu-calme-apparent-nyabiondo-apres-de-violents-combats-entre?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+radiokapi%2Factu+%28Radiokapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29)

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Burkina Faso**

#### **Un policier tué dans une embuscade à la frontière avec la Côte d'Ivoire**

Un policier burkinabè a été tué samedi dans une embuscade tendue par des hommes armés non identifiés, dans la commune de Kpuéré de la province du Nounbièl (sud-ouest), à la frontière avec la Côte d'Ivoire, a-t-on appris de sources sécuritaires et locales.

*ouaga 15 Mar 2021*

<http://news.aOuaga.com/h/132591.html>

#### **Twin Burkina Faso attacks kill three**

The jihadist insurgency began in neighbouring Mali in 2012 and spread into its territory in 2015, killing more than 1,200 people and displacing roughly one million. Three people including one police officer were killed during two attacks in Burkina Faso, security sources said Sunday, the latest....

*economictimes 15 Mar 2021*

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/defence/twin-burkina-faso-attacks-kill-three/articleshow/81510865.cms>

## **Mali**

### **Les différents groupes armés du Nord du Mali**

Le Nord du Mali était occupé par trois (03) principaux mouvements: le Mouvement national pour la libération de l'Azawad (MNLA), Ançar Dine et le Mouvement pour l'unicité et le jihad en Afrique de l'Ouest (MUJAO); les différentes Katibas d'Al-Qaïda au Maghreb Islamique (AQMI) se sont fondues dans....

*abamako 15 Mar 2021*

<http://news.abamako.com/h/248931.html>

### **A Tessalit, une ruée vers l'or sous la coupe des jihadistes**

Suite de notre série de reportages dans le nord du Mali. Dans les environs de la localité de Tessalit, des sites d'orpaillages sont pris d'assaut en dehors de toute réglementation de l'État malien. Alors les jihadistes imposent leur loi aux exploitants, aux vendeurs et acheteurs du métal jaune.

*allafrica-fr 15 Mar 2021*

<https://fr.allafrica.com/stories/202103150329.html>

### **Tessit: Une embuscade tendue par des groupes armés terroristes**

La relève montante du poste de Sécurité de Tessit, localité située à 55 km au Sud-Ouest d'Ansongo, a fait l'objet d'une embuscade tendue par des groupes armés terroristes aux environs de 13h30. Les opérations de ratissages sont en cours dans le secteur.

*mali-web 6:20:00 AM CET*

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/tessit-une-embuscade-tendue-par-des-groupes-armes-terroristes>

## **Nigeria**

### **Des élèves et enseignants kidnappés après une attaque armée contre une école dans le nord-ouest**

Un responsable de la sécurité intérieure de l'Etat de Kaduna, dans le nord-ouest du Nigeria, a déclaré lundi qu'un nombre indéterminé d'élèves et d'enseignants auraient été enlevés après que des hommes armés ont attaqué une école primaire de l'Etat.

*french-news 1:21:00 AM CET*

[http://french.xinhuanet.com/afrique/2021-03/15/c\\_139812338.htm](http://french.xinhuanet.com/afrique/2021-03/15/c_139812338.htm)

## **Nigerian troops kill 41 Boko Haram militants in NE Nigeria**

Nigerian troops killed 41 Boko Haram militants in an offensive operation against the extremist group in the country's restive northeast state of Borno, the army confirmed on Monday. Mohammed Yerima, an army spokesperson, said in a statement that troops of Operation Lafiya....

*xinhuanet\_en 15 Mar 2021*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2021-03/16/c\\_139812686.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2021-03/16/c_139812686.htm)

## **Nigeria primary school children abducted in Kaduna state**

39 students seized from college in Kaduna state; 26 February - 279 schoolgirls seized in Jangebe, Zamfara state; 17 February - One pupil killed; 42 staff, students and family members taken from Kagara, Niger state; 25 January - Gunmen kidnap seven children from an orphanage in the....

*bbc 15 Mar 2021*

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-56404673>

## **Nigeria says no negotiations with Boko Haram terrorists**

Nigeria announced Thursday that it would not negotiate with the Boko Haram terrorist group. Speaking at a press conference, National Security Adviser Babagana Monguno said the Nigerian government does not see negotiations as a means to deal with the worsening security conditions in the country.

*aa-en 12 Mar 2021*

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/nigeria-says-no-negotiations-with-boko-haram-terrorists/2173243>

## **Gunmen kidnap primary school pupils in Nigeria's northwest Kaduna state**

Gunmen kidnapped primary school pupils and teachers in the northwestern Nigerian state of Kaduna, the state's security commissioner said on Monday. Samuel Aruwan, in a statement, said the state government has received reports of kidnapping of pupils and teachers in Birnin Gwari local government area....

*ahram-EN 15 Mar 2021*

<https://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/2/10/406047/World/Africa/Gunmen-kidnap-primary-school-pupils-in-Nigerias-no.aspx>

## **Kidnapping: Payment of Ransom is short term solution, Atiku warns**

A former Vice President of Nigeria, Atiku Abubakar, has warned against the payment of ransoms to kidnapers, saying it is a short term solution that will cause

long term destruction. Atiku had, a few days ago, urged the authorities to spare no resources in securing the release of the abducted....

*dailytrust 15 Mar 2021*

<https://dailytrust.com/kidnapping-payment-of-ransom-is-short-term-solution-atiku-warns>

## **SOUTHERN AFRICA**

### **Mozambique**

#### **Militants beheading children, aid agency reports**

One mother told the agency she had to watch helplessly as her 12-year-old son was killed in this way close to where she was hiding with her other children. In its report, Save the Children said it had spoken to displaced families who reported gruesome scenes in the gas-rich province. "When it all started, I was at home with my four children.

*bbc 7:03:00 AM CET*

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-56411157>

#### **American Soldiers Help Mozambique Battle an Expanding ISIS Affiliate**

American Special Forces soldiers began training Mozambican troops this week as part of an effort to repel a spreading insurgency in northeastern Mozambique that American officials say is linked to the Islamic State. The insurgency, near some of the world's biggest gas reserves, has....

*nytimes 15 Mar 2021*

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/15/world/africa/mozambique-american-troops-isis-insurgency.html>

#### **US to train Mozambique forces fighting jihadists**

American military personnel will spend two months training soldiers in Mozambique to help the country fight a jihadist insurgency in its northeast, US embassy officials said on Monday. Insurgents have staged regular attacks in the gas-rich Cabo Delgado province since 2017, leaving at least 2 600 people dead and displacing hundreds of thousands.

*news24 15 Mar 2021*

<https://www.news24.com/news24/Africa/News/us-to-train-mozambique-forces-fighting-jihadists-20210315>

## **Threats and violence against health care in Mozambique in 2020**

In the early morning of 28 May 2020 between 120 and 150 jihadist militants raided the capital of Macomia district in Cabo Delgado province. They blocked all the roads in and out of the town, forcing civilians to flee into the bush. An INGO staff member describes their experience: “We were at least a...

*reliefWeb 15 Mar 2021*

<https://reliefweb.int/report/mozambique/threats-and-violence-against-health-care-mozambique-2020>

## **ASIA**

### **Afghanistan**

#### **2 killed, 6 wounded in university bus attack in northern Afghanistan**

Two people were killed and six university teachers wounded after gunmen attacked a university bus in Afghanistan's northern Baghlan province on Tuesday, local police said. Enditem.

*xinhuanet\_en 8:19:00 AM CET*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/asiapacific/2021-03/16/c\\_139814208.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/asiapacific/2021-03/16/c_139814208.htm)

#### **Blasts on civilian vehicles in Kabul cause panic among locals**

Targeting civilians vehicles by terrorist groups and anti-government militants in Kabul have caused panic among Afghan as three civilians have been confirmed dead and over two dozen others injured since Sunday. In the latest such indiscriminate attacks on civilian....

*xinhuanet\_en 15 Mar 2021*

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/asiapacific/2021-03/15/c\\_139812351.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/asiapacific/2021-03/15/c_139812351.htm)

## **India**

### **3 members of ISIS module arrested**

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) officials, along with the local police, conducted simultaneous searches at 11 locations, including two in Bengaluru, eight in Kerala, spread over Kannur, Mallapuram, Kollam and Kasaragod, and one location in Delhi, in a case pertaining to alleged terrorist....

Hindu 15 Mar 2021

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/3-members-of-isis-module-arrested/article34076236.ece>

## **Iraq**

### **Iraqi Military Base North of Baghdad Comes Under Rocket Attack**

The base was handed over to the Iraqi Air Force in 2011 after the US withdrawal from the country. It previously came under a similar rocket attack in late February which reportedly left two employees injured.

*globalsecurity 8:16:00 AM CET*

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/iraq/2021/iraq-210315-sputnik01.htm>

### **Sept roquettes s'abattent sur une base abritant des Américains 20 Minutes**

L'attaque, imputée à des factions pro-Iran, n'a pas fait de blessé, lundi © Nasser Nasser/AP/SIPA Base de la coalition en Irak (illustration). TENSIONS - L'attaque, imputée à des factions pro-Iran, n'a pas fait de blessé, lundi. Les escarmouches continuent en Irak.

*msn-fr 8:16:00 AM CET*

<https://www.msn.com/fr-fr/actualite/monde/irak-sept-roquettes-sabattent-sur-une-base-abritant-des-am%C3%A9ricains/ar-BB1eCr0k>

## **Syria**

### **Syria foils suicide bombing plot in capital Damascus - state news agency**

Syria foiled a suicide bombing plot in the capital Damascus with security forces killing three people they described as terrorists and arresting three others, state news agency SANA said on Monday. SANA quoted a security source as saying the plot, which involved the use of...

*ara-reuters 15 Mar 2021*

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-syria-security/syria-foils-suicide-bombing-plot-in-capital-damascus-state-news-agency-idUSKBN2B71O6>

## **Yemen**

### **Yemen's Al-Qaeda regenerates amid battle for the north**

Years of setbacks have weakened the once mighty Yemeni branch of Al-Qaeda, but the militants are seizing the opportunity to regenerate while the government and Huthi rebels are locked in a fight to the death in the north. Government security officials and tribal leaders told AFP that the fierce...



JakartaPost 7:48:00 AM CET

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2021/03/16/yemens-al-qaeda-regenerates-amid-battle-for-the-north.html>

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