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EAST AFRICA

Kenya

U.S. charges Kenyan militant with researching 9/11-style airplane hijacking

Reuters: U.S. prosecutors said on Wednesday they had charged a Kenya-born militant with terrorism-related offenses, including conspiring to hijack aircraft for a 9/11-style attack on an American target on behalf of the Somali-based al-Shabaab militant group. Federal prosecutors in Manhattan and the U.

kenyalondonnews 1:48:00 PM CET

<http://www.kenyalondonnews.org/u-s-charges-kenyan-militant-with-researching-911-style-airplane-hijacking/>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon

Former Cameroon lawmaker arrested for suspected ties with Boko Haram 10 mins ago Nigeria

Cameroonian security operatives have arrested a former member of the parliament Blama Malla for alleged ties with the Boko Haram terrorist group, HumAngle reports. Malla is a member of the country's ruling party – Cameroon Peoples Democratic Movement (CPDM).

nrguardiannews 1:38:00 PM CET

<https://guardian.ng/news/former-cameroon-lawmaker-arrested-for-suspected-ties-with-boko-haram/>

Chad

Le Tchad déplore la non-concrétisation des promesses pour le G5 Sahel

Le chef de l'Etat a reçu mercredi successivement le haut commissaire de la Grande Bretagne au Tchad avec résidence à Yaoundé au Cameroun, Rowan Laxton et l'Envoyé Spécial de la Coalition pour le Sahel, Frédéric Bontems. La situation sécuritaire dans la sous-région et la lutte contre le terrorisme ont été évoquées au cours de ces deux audiences.

al-wihda 10:35:00 AM CET

https://www.alwihdainfo.com/Terrorisme-Le-Tchad-deplore-la-non-concretisation-des-promesses-pour-le-G5-Sahel_a98323.html

Democratic Republic of Congo

Ituri : 5 morts lors de l'incursion des ADF dans deux localités d'Irumu

Une nouvelle attaque des ADF fait cinq morts dans les localités de Matombi et Mungulu en chefferie de Walese Vonkutu en territoire d'Irumu. Selon l'Organisation de défense des Droits de l'homme, convention pour le respect des droits humains (CRDH), ces rebelles ont emporté également plusieurs biens....

radiokapi 16 Dec 2020

https://www.radiokapi.net/2020/12/16/actualite/securite/ituri-5-morts-lors-de-lincursion-des-adf-dans-deux-localites-dirumu?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+radiokapi%2Factu+%28Radiokapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29

Beni : 33 écoles fermées dans le secteur de Rwenzori

Au moins trente-trois écoles primaires et secondaires de la sous division éducationnelle de Bulongo, secteur de Rwenzori dans le territoire de Beni (Nord-Kivu) sont fermées ou en difficultés de fonctionnement depuis quelques semaines. Cette situation est consécutive à la multiplication des attaques....

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https://www.radiokapi.net/2020/12/17/actualite/securite/beni-33-ecoles-fermees-dans-le-secteur-de-rwenzori?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+radiokapi%2Factu+%28Radiokapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29

WEST AFRICA

Mali

Bomb kills Malian soldier, wounds five

A Malian soldier was killed and five others were wounded when their vehicle hit an improvised explosive device on a highway, the nation's army said Wednesday. Mali is struggling with an Islamist insurgency that first erupted in the north but has since spread to the centre of the country, as well as....

vanguardngr 5:57:00 AM CET

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2020/12/bomb-kills-malian-soldier-wounds-five/>

Nigeria

Boko Haram didn't abduct Katsina schoolboys... we know the bandits who did -Gov. Masari

Bello Masari, governor of Katsina state, says the abduction of some students of Government Science Secondary School, Kankara, was "conducted and executed" by local bandits, contrary to the claim of Abubakar Shekau, leader of Boko Haram. On December 11, gunmen invaded the school, shooting into the air to scare away people in the area.

onlinenigeria 1:23:00 PM CET

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/864152-boko-haram-didn%E2%80%99t-abduct-katsina-schoolboys%E2%80%A6-we-know-the-bandits-who-did-gov.-masari.html>

Kankara abduction: Sokoto joins roster of Nigerian states to schools over insecurity

The recent abduction of schoolboys in Kankara local government area of Katsina by the dreaded Boko Haram sect has again renewed the panic over rising insecurity in the northern region. PAY ATTENTION: Click "See First" under the "Following" tab to see Legit.

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<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/864170-kankara-abduction-sokoto-joins-roster-of-nigerian-states-to-schools-over-insecurity-full-list.html>

B/Haram: Zulum meets Deby over Borno refugees in Chad

The Borno State Governor, Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum, and the Nigerian Ambassador to Chad, Zannah Umar Bukar Kolo, on Wednesday, met with the Chadian President, Idriss Deby, and the Chadian Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr. Abakar Saleh Chahaimi, to discuss the possible return of thousands of Nigerian refugees.

dailytrust 4:57:00 AM CET

<https://dailytrust.com/b-haram-zulum-meets-deby-over-borno-refugees-in-chad>

Nigerian gangs kidnapped children on behalf of Boko Haram — sources

Boko Haram recruited three local gangs in northwest Nigeria to kidnap hundreds of schoolboys on its behalf, security and local sources said on Wednesday. The extremist group has claimed responsibility for Friday's attack, which targeted a secondary school in the town of Kankara, in Katsina state.

jordantimes 1:10:00 PM CET

<http://jordantimes.com/news/world/nigerian-gangs-kidnapped-children-behalf-boko-haram-%E2%80%94-sources>

Sahel

« On a fait le tour du cadran » : la France cherche une stratégie de sortie pour l'opération « Barkhane » au Sahel (Le monde.fr)

En visite au Mali début décembre, le chef d'état-major des armées, François Lecointre, a confié au Monde vouloir « limiter le niveau d'engagement des armées ». Mais les forces de Bamako et du G5 Sahel ne sont pas encore en mesure de prendre le relais. Le mercredi 11 Décembre 2019, le Général....

abamako 11:52:00 AM CET

<http://news.abamako.com/h/245038.html>

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Mozambique

Mozambique knew of jihadists five years before attacks

Mozambique. Mozambican President Filipe Nyusi said Wednesday the government was aware of Islamic radicalisation in the northern province of Cabo Delgado five years before jihadists launched a bloody insurgency there. More than 2,300 people have died and over 570,000 have fled their homes since a....

vanguardngr 5:57:00 AM CET

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2020/12/mozambique-knew-of-jihadists-five-years-before-attacks-%e2%80%95-president/>

NORTH AFRICA

Mauritania

Le commandant de la deuxième région militaire aux orpailleurs se rendant à Chegatt : « la sécurité prime sur tout »

Le commandant de la deuxième région militaire le général Abba O. Babty s'est adressé hier aux milliers d'orpailleurs autorisés à se rendre à Chegatt en leur réaffirmant que la sécurité était au-dessus de toute considération et que l'autorisation d'accès à la zone militaire bouclée ne doit pas être au détriment de la sécurité.

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http://www.cridem.org/C_Info.php?article=743764

AMERICA

US

Al-Shabab operative who plotted 9/11-style attack on US indicted, pleads not guilty

Federal authorities on Wednesday unsealed an indictment charging a man with trying to stage a 9/11 -style attack on the United States on behalf of the terrorist organization Cholo Abdi Abdullah, 30, who was arrested in the Philippines in 2019, was transferred to U.S.

foxnews 1:15:00 PM CET

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/al-shabab-operative-who-plotted-9-11-style-attack-on-us-pleads-not-guilty>

US prosecutors accuse ‘al-Shabaab operative’ of plotting to hijack plane and crash it into skyscraper

“This case, which involved a plot to use an aircraft to kill innocent victims, reminds us of the deadly threat that radical Islamic terrorists continue to pose to our nation,” Assistant Attorney General for National Security John Demers said in a statement.

standard 11:12:00 AM CET

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/world/9-11-terror-attack-alshabaab-philippines-b351893.html>

US Joint Chiefs chairman meets with Taliban on peace talks

The top U.S. general held unannounced talks with Taliban peace negotiators in the Persian Gulf to urge a reduction in violence across Afghanistan, even as senior American officials in Kabul warned that stepped-up Taliban attacks endanger the militant group's nascent peace negotiations with the Afghan government.

ABCnews 1:00:00 PM CET

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/us-joint-chiefs-chairman-meets-taliban-peace-talks-74775846>

US to unseal charges against Lockerbie bombing suspect

The United States plans to unseal charges soon against a Libyan man suspected of assembling the bomb that blew up a US airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988, US newspapers reported on Wednesday. The suspect, Abu Agila Mohammad Masud, is currently held by the Libyan authorities, according to The....

timesofmalta 11:19:00 AM CET

<https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/us-to-unseal-charges-against-lockerbie-bombing-suspect-media.839492>

ASIA

India

Delhi court awards 7-yr-jail to ISIS operative

A Delhi court on Wednesday awarded seven-years jail term to an ISIS operative for conspiring to commit terror acts in the country. Tamil Nadu-based Mohamed Naser Packeer was deported from Republic of Sudan and arrested in the case on December 11, 2015.

Hindu 16 Dec 2020

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/delhi-court-awards-7-yr-jail-to-isis-operative/article33347059.ece>

Pakistan

Suspected ISIS sympathiser shot dead on motorway could be linked to elderly couple found dead

'ISIS sympathiser' shot dead on the motorway could be linked to elderly couple found dead in their homes as murder cops probe the incidents A man shot dead in a standoff with police was known to terrorism investigators; Raghe Abdi, 22, from Calamvale was shot on the Logan motorway near Brisbane; AFP....

dailymail 12:57:00 PM CET

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9062969/Armed-man-shot-dead-police-Brisbane-motorway-known-counterterrorism-investigators.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

EUROPE

France

Paris s'oppose au dialogue avec les chefs djihadistes au Sahel

. France et Mali divergent sur l'opportunité de négocier avec les forces islamistes, mais les esprits évoluent. Partage désactivé Cyril Bensimon Manifestation contre la Mission des Nations unies pour la stabilisation au Mali (Minusma) et l'opération « Barkhane », le 19 août 2020 à Bamako.

LeMonde 11:19:00 AM CET

https://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2020/12/17/paris-s-oppose-au-dialogue-avec-les-chefs-djihadistes-au-sahel_6063707_3212.html

Court finds 14 people guilty of complicity in Charlie Hebdo, supermarket attacks

The January 2015 attacks against Charlie Hebdo and, two days later, a kosher supermarket, touched off a wave of killings claimed by the Islamic State group across Europe. (AP Photo/Peter Dejong, File) A French court on Wednesday found 14 people guilty of complicity in the January 2015 attacks on the....

expressindia 1:16:00 PM CET

<https://indianexpress.com/article/world/french-court-finds-14-people-guilty-of-complicity-in-charlie-hebdo-supermarket-attacks-7108616/>

Man sentenced to 30 years over Charlie Hebdo killings

Seventeen people were killed over three days of attacks in January 2015. A French court has jailed for 30 years the main accused present for the trial over the 2015 killings at the Charlie Hebdo magazine offices and a Jewish supermarket, stopping short of the life term demanded by the prosecution.

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<https://www.rte.ie/news/world/2020/12/16/1184888-charlie-hebdo-trial/>

UK

Lockerbie Bombing: Father of victim hopes for truth if US announces new charges

The father of a Lockerbie bombing victim has said he hopes “some truth will come out” after it emerged the US Justice Department expects to unseal charges in connection with the attack. The bombing of Pan Am flight 103, travelling from London to New York on December 21 1988, killed 270 people in Britain’s largest terrorist atrocity.

heraldscotland 1:44:00 PM CET

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/18951453.lockerbie-bombing-father-victim-hopes-truth-us-announces-new-charges/?ref=rss>

Lockerbie bombing: How brother of one of the victims tracked down suspected bomb-maker

During three separate trips to the country he learned that most of the people on his list had died or were inaccessible - he once ended up in a room next door to Megrabi, but was denied permission to meet him. But the wife of one of the suspects informed him of a Swiss man called Edwin Bollier, who....

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https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9062863/Lockerbie-bombing-brother-one-victims-tracked-suspected-bomb-maker.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

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