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EAST AFRICA

Kenya

Al-Shabab Threat Rising in Kenya's Northeast

Friday marked two years since al-Shabab terrorists attacked the Dusit D2 hotel in central Nairobi, killing 22 people. The anniversary comes as Kenya's Mandera, a county bordering Somalia, is seeing increased attacks from the Islamist militants amid fears they are gaining control of the area.

globalsecurity 16 Jan 2021

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2021/01/mil-210115-voa06.htm>

Somalia

Kenya denies al-Shabab in control of county bordering Somalia

A Kenyan official on Saturday refuted claims that the north-eastern county of Mandera that borders Somalia was under the control of al-Shabaab militants.

Nicodemus Musyoki Ndalana, North Eastern Regional Commissioner said the allegations made by Mandera governor Ali Roba....

xinhuanet_en 16 Jan 2021

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-01/16/c_139673259.htm

British Army trains 500th Somali soldier in infantry skills

Troops from Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment shared key military skills with Somali National Army soldiers to help them conduct effective security operations. 15 January 2021. The British Army has trained its 500th Somali soldier in the essential infantry skills they need to combat armed groups and ensure security and stability in the country.

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<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2021/01/mil-210115-ukmod01.htm>

Britain to double number of Somali infantry soldiers it trains this year

The British Ministry of Defense said Friday it plans this year to double the number of Somali National Army soldiers it trains in infantry skills, and announced the 500th graduate of its training course in Somalia. A British force of 26 is involved in training Somalia's army in....

upi 16 Jan 2021

<https://www.upi.com/Defense-News/2021/01/15/Britain-to-double-number-of-Somali-infantry-soldiers-it-trains-this-year/8631610733412/>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Central African Republic

UN peacekeeper killed in targeted attack in Central African Republic

A United Nations peacekeeper was killed and another suffered injuries in an attack in the Central Africa Republic (CAR), said United Nations secretary-general's spokesman Stephane Dujarric. In a statement, Dujarric said United Nations Secretary-General....

iol 16 Jan 2021

<https://www.iol.co.za/news/africa/un-peacekeeper-killed-in-targeted-attack-in-central-african-republic-4c4efefd-e4ff-5a17-9779-7d137af52aaa>

Un Casque bleu burundais tué dans une attaque de rebelles en Centrafrique

Un Casque bleu burundais a été tué vendredi en Centrafrique, le 5e soldat de la mission de l'ONU d'une offensive de rebelles contre le régime du président Faustin Archange Touadéra, a annoncé

http://www.arib.info/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20863&Itemid=138

La CEEAC condamne les attaques rebelles

Le Président de la Commission de la Communauté Economique des Etats de l'Afrique Centrale (CEEAC), Gilberto Da Piedade Verissimo, a suivi avec une grande consternation et indignation les attaques simultanées des groupes armés de la « Coalition des Patriotes pour le Changement » (CPC), le 13....

al-wihda 16 Jan 2021

https://www.alwihdainfo.com/Centrafrrique-la-CEEAC-condamne-les-attaques-rebelles_a99712.html

UN troops retake control of rebel-held C.African city 3 mins ago World

UN peacekeeping troops say they have retaken control of a city in the Central African Republic captured two weeks ago by armed groups waging an offensive against President Faustin Archange Touadera's regime. Rebels abandoned their positions in Bangassou, 750 kilometres east of the capital Bangui,....

nrguardiannews 10:47:00 AM CET

<https://guardian.ng/news/world/un-troops-retake-control-of-rebel-held-c-african-city/>

Les Casques bleus reprennent aux rebelles le contrôle de Bangassou

Les Casques bleus en Centrafrique ont repris le contrôle de Bangassou, à 750 km à l'est de Bangui, occupée depuis début janvier par des groupes armés qui ont lancé une offensive contre le régime du président Faustin Archange Touadéra, a annoncé samedi l'ONU.

rtbf 11:07:00 AM CET

https://www.rtb.be/info/monde/detail_centrafrrique-les-casques-bleus-reprennent-aux-rebelles-le-contrrole-de-bangassou?id=10675569

Retrait des groupes armés de la ville de Bangassou

Avec notre envoyée spéciale à Bangui, Alexandra Brangeon. Selon plusieurs officiels, les groupes armés ont entamé leur retrait dès jeudi, avec le départ d'au moins cinq picks-up et une dizaine de motos et ce retrait s'est accéléré dans la nuit de vendredi à samedi. Selon le maire de la ville, des tirs ont été entendus vers minuit.

rfi-fr 16 Jan 2021

<https://www.rfi.fr/fr/afrique/20210116-centrafrique-retrait-des-groupes-arm%C3%A9s-de-la-ville-de-bangassou>

Democratic Republic of Congo

46 killed in suspected Daesh-related attack in eastern DR Congo

Armed rebels, with suspected links to the Daesh Takfiri terrorist group, have killed dozens of civilians in an attack in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, a senior provincial official says. The fatalities took place in the village of Abembi in....

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<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2021/01/mil-210115-presstv03.htm>

WEST AFRICA

Mali

L'opération « Barkhane » au Mali, en cinq questions

Le 13 janvier 2019, Emmanuel Macron réunissait à Pau ses alliés du G5 Sahel (Mauritanie, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger et Tchad) pour leur demander un soutien plus ferme à l'opération « Barkhane », quelques semaines après le décès de 13 soldats français dans une collision meurtrière entre deux hélicoptères.

mali-web 6:03:00 AM CET

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/loperation-barkhane-au-mali-en-cinq-questions>

L'armée ouvre une enquête après la mort de 3 prisonniers Jihadistes

Le chef d'état-major de l'armée malienne a ordonné l'ouverture d'une enquête sur les circonstances de la mort de trois prisonniers jihadistes pendant leur transfèrement vers un camp militaire, ont indiqué samedi les forces armées maliennes, régulièrement accusées d'exactions.

mali-web 6:03:00 AM CET

<http://mali-web.org/crise-malienne/mali-larmee-ouvre-une-enquete-apres-la-mort-de-3-prisonniers-jihadistes>

Niger

At least 70 killed in suspected militant attacks in Niger - security sources

At least 70 civilians were killed in simultaneous attacks on two villages by suspected Islamist militants in Niger, near the border zone with Mali, security sources said on Saturday. About 49 villagers were killed and 17 people wounded in the village of Tchombangou, said one of the security sources, who requested anonymity.

ara-reuters 3:18:00 AM CET

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-niger-security/at-least-70-killed-in-suspected-militant-attacks-in-niger-security-sources-idUSKBN2970M0>

Nigeria

Armed bandits attack Benue patrol team, kill one, injure another

A member of Benue Live stock Guard has been reportedly shot dead while an official of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, NSCDC, attached to the Agro-Rangers sustained injuries when suspected armed bandits ambushed them while on patrol at Mballagh Ward in the outskirts of Makurdi.

vanguardngr 11:09:00 AM CET

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/01/armed-bandits-attack-benue-patrol-team-kill-one-injure-another/>

Buratai commends Air Task Force for decisive roles in foiling Boko Haram invasion

Following the ambush by troops of Operation Tura Takaibango against Boko Haram terrorists when they foiled attempted attack on troops' location at the outskirts of Marte, in Borno State, the Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen Tukur Buratai has commended the Nigerian Airforce whose....

vanguardngr 11:09:00 AM CET

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/01/buratai-commends-air-task-force-for-decisive-roles-in-foiling-boko-haram-invasion/>

Nigerian military kills scores of Boko Haram militants in gunfight: spokesman

Scores of Boko Haram militants were killed in a gunfight with Nigerian troops at a military formation in the country's northeastern state of Borno, said a spokesman for the armed forces on Saturday. Benard Onyeuko, the spokesman for the military in the restive northeast....

xinhuanet_en 3:56:00 AM CET

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-01/17/c_139673483.htm

Au Nigéria - Des djihadistes contrôlent une base militaire

Des djihadistes présumés, affiliés au groupe État islamique en Afrique de l'Ouest (Is wap), ont pris le contrôle de la base militaire de Marte, dans le nord-est du Nigeria, vendredi soir. De nombreux combattants sont arrivés à bord de camions militarisés et ont attaqué cette base de la région du lac....

lessentiel-lu-fr 16 Jan 2021

<http://www.lessentiel.lu/fr/news/monde/story/19778469>

Islamist militants seize military base in northeast Nigeria

Jihadists aligned with the Islamic State militant group have captured a military base in northeast Nigeria's Borno state after overnight clashes with troops, sources told AFP on Saturday. Machine-gun wielding fighters from Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) attacked the base in the town of....

ahram-EN 16 Jan 2021

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/2/10/398936/World/Africa/Islamist-militants-seize-military-base-in-northeas.aspx>

U.S. condemns abduction of Nigeria schoolboys, looking into Boko Haram claim of responsibility

The United States on Tuesday condemned “in the strongest terms” the abduction of more than 300 schoolboys from their school in northwestern Nigeria and was investigating Boko Haram’s claim of responsibility, a spokesperson for the State Department said.

ara-reuters 7:52:00 AM CET

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-nigeria-security-kidnappings-usa/u-s-condemns-abduction-of-nigeria-schoolboys-looking-into-boko-haram-claim-of-responsibility-idUSKBN28P2VW?il=0>

Sahel

Face au danger mortel des engins explosifs, les armées cherchent à s’adapter

En l’espace de trois semaines, entre fin décembre et début janvier, cinq militaires de la force antijihadiste Barkhane ont été tués au Mali dans l’explosion d’un IED au passage de leur véhicule blindé léger (VBL), et six autres blessés par une voiture piégée conduite par un kamikaze.

mali-web 6:03:00 AM CET

<http://mali-web.org/crise-malienne/sahel-face-au-danger-mortel-des-engins-explosifs-les-armees-cherchent-a-sadapter>

AMERICA

US

Security tightens as law enforcement raises fresh alarms about extremist plots.

The Transportation Security Administration is increasing the number of federal marshals on flights and explosive-detection dogs at airports. Screening officers will be deployed to assist a militarized “green zone” in downtown Washington. Federal officials say the security perimeter, which includes....

nytimes 2:41:00 AM CET

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/16/us/politics/security-tightens-as-law-enforcement-raises-fresh-alarms-about-extremist-plots.html>

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