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EAST AFRICA

Kenya

Curbing violent extremism fuelled by COVID-19 pandemic

In a proactive move to curb the ever-existing threat of violent extremism in Kenya, the agency mandated to coordinate and strengthen counter-terrorism activities, the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) is engaging key stakeholders to play active roles.

capitalfm 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2021/03/curbing-violent-extremism-fuelled-by-covid-19-pandemic/>

Violent extremism rising in schools as safety kit launched

With violent extremism being significantly on the rise, its members are now targeting children of government officials. Acting National Counter-Terrorism Centre (NCTC) director Joseph Opondo says that this is a new trend by the group. "Right now they dont spare anyone.

thestarkeny 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2021-03-16-violent-extremism-on-the-rise-in-schools-as-safety-kit-rolled-out/>

Somalia

Somali army says Al-Shabab militants killed in southern region

Somali security forces killed five al-Shabab militants on Monday in an intense clash with the fighters in the southern town of Mahaday, an official said on Monday evening. Al-Shabab fighters attacked bases run by government forces in the town, but the army repelled and pushed them back, said Ahmed Hussein Afrah, governor of Mahaday town.

shabelle 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.radioshabelle.com/somali-army-says-al-shabab-militants-killed-in-southern-region/>

Somali army says 5 militants killed in southern region

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xinhuanet_en 16 Mar 2021

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2021-03/16/c_139814467.htm

CENTRAL AFRICA

Democratic Republic of Congo

Unknown gunmen kidnap 16 fishermen on Uganda-DR Congo border

Unknown militiamen kidnapped 16 Ugandan fishermen on Lake Albert shared with eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), police said here on Tuesday. Julius Hakiza, the Albertine Region Police spokesman, told Xinhua by telephone that the fishermen were abducted together....

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http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2021-03/16/c_139814591.htm

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. By Erikas Mwisi Kambale.

dailymaverick 15 Mar 2021

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-03-15-suspected-islamists-kill-at-least-a-dozen-villagers-in-eastern-congo/>

WEST AFRICA

Burkina Faso

Trois terroristes neutralisés et du matériel retiré

Il ressort du bilan de ces activités que trois terroristes ont été neutralisés lors de l'attaque du village de TIN-Agadel dans la province de l'Oudalan. Les éléments de l'unité d'intervention du détachement de Markoye ont aussi saisi du matériel roulant, de l'armement et du matériel de communication.

lefaso 16 Mar 2021

<http://lefaso.net/spip.php?article103371>

Mali

Militants kill 11 Malian soldiers in ambush, 11 others missing

Eleven Malian soldiers were killed and 11 more are missing after Islamist militants ambushed a patrol in the desert north, the army said on Tuesday. Fourteen soldiers were also wounded, eight of them seriously, in the attack in the northern region of Gao on Monday, the army said in a statement.

ara-reuters 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mali-security/militants-kill-11-malian-soldiers-in-ambush-11-others-missing-idUSKBN2B832V?il=0>

Two Mali soldiers killed in attack by suspected jihadists

Two Malian soldiers have been killed in an attack in a northeastern region where jihadist groups are rampant, the army said. The assailants on Monday stormed a military post southwest of the town of Ansongo, near the borders with Burkina Faso and Niger, the army said in a statement on social media.

news24 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.news24.com/news24/Africa/News/two-mali-soldiers-killed-in-attack-by-suspected-jihadists-20210316>

Accord dozos-jihadistes à Niono, au Mali: «On peut y croire»

Le cercle de Niono, dans la région de Ségou, au centre du Mali, où se trouve notamment le village de Farabougou, vit sous le joug des jihadistes depuis près de

six mois. Mais dimanche soir, ces combattants jihadistes, de la Katiba Macina, liés à al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique, ont conclu un accord de....

maliactu 8:41:00 AM CET

<https://maliactu.net/accord-dozos-jihadistes-a-niono-au-mali-on-peut-y-croire/>

Niger

Des hommes armés attaquent un convoi et un village, des morts Niger: Des hommes armés attaquent un convoi et un village, des morts

Des hommes armés attaquent un convoi et un village, des morts. NIAMEY (Reuters) - Des hommes armés ont tué au moins 58 personnes dans le sud-ouest du Niger lors de deux attaques, a annoncé mardi le gouvernement nigérien. La première a visé un convoi rentrant d'un marché et la deuxième un village proche.

msn-fr 9:10:00 AM CET

<https://www.msn.com/fr-fr/actualite/monde/niger-des-hommes-arm%C3%A9s-attaquent-un-convoi-et-un-village-des-morts/ar-BB1eF9vG>

At least 58 killed by gunmen on motorcycles in Niger

Gunmen on motorcycles attacked a group of civilians returning from market day in a volatile corner of Niger, leaving at least 58 people dead and then burning granaries to the ground, the government said Tuesday. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Monday's massacres, though extremists....

CBSnews 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/niger-massacre-gunmen-civilians-killed/>

Gunmen kill at least 58 in attack on Niger market sellers

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japantoday 16 Mar 2021

<https://japantoday.com/category/world/gunmen-kill-at-least-58-in-attack-on-niger-market-sellers>

Armed men attack passenger convoy and village in Niger, killing 58

Armed men in southwestern Niger killed at least 58 people when they intercepted a convoy returning from a weekly market and attacked a nearby village, the government said. The attacks on Monday occurred in the Tillabery region, which is near the border with Mali and Burkina Faso....

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<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-niger-security/armed-men-attack-passenger-convoy-and-village-in-niger-killing-58-idUSKBN2B82TX?il=0>

Une cinquantaine de civils tués dans des attaques près du Mali

Le Niger a de nouveau été la cible lundi d'attaques de djihadistes présumés qui ont fait une cinquantaine de morts dans l'Ouest du pays, près du Mali, les premières violences depuis l'élection du président Mohamed Bazoum le 21 février. Une première attaque «a eu lieu hier (lundi) dans l'après-midi....

24heures 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.24heures.ch/une-cinquantaine-de-civils-tues-dans-des-attaques-pres-du-mali-876474507934>

At least 58 dead in Niger market shooting

Gunmen on motorcycles attacked and shot dead at least 58 civilians in a volatile corner of Niger, the government said Tuesday. The group of civilians was returning from a livestock market in Banibangou, near Niger's troubled border with Mali. Storehouses of grain and animal feed were also burned to the ground in the attacks on Monday.

CBC 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/niger-attack-market-1.5952158?cmp=rss>

Fifty-eight killed in 'barbarous' Niger attacks near Mali border

On Monday afternoon, "groups of armed, still unidentified individuals intercepted four vehicles carrying passengers back from the weekly market of Banibangou to the villages of Chinedogar and Darey-Daye," the government said in a statement read out on public television.

digitaljournal 16 Mar 2021

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/fifty-eight-killed-in-barbarous-niger-attacks-near-mali-border/article/587034>

Nigeria

B/H Sets Hospital, Primary School On Fire In Yobe

Gunmen suspected to be members of Boko Haram yesterday attacked Katarko community in Gujba local government council of Yobe State, setting a community healthcare centre and primary school in the village on fire. Speaking with LEADERSHIP shortly after the attack, a resident, Lawan Mahmoud said that....

leadership 7:54:00 AM CET

<https://leadership.ng/fresh-attack-b-h-sets-hospital-primary-school-on-fire-in-yobe/>

Nigerian troops kill 41 Boko Haram terrorists

Nigerian special forces eliminated 41 Boko Haram fighters in the country's northeastern Borno state Monday. Mohammed Yerima, a spokesman for the Nigerian Army, said in a statement that an anti-terror operation was carried out in Gulwa and Musuri villages in the Gamboru Ngala local government area.

aa-en 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/nigerian-troops-kill-41-boko-haram-terrorists/2177207>

Troops kill more terrorists, capture more weapons in Borno — Army spokesman

The Nigerian Army says its troops of Operation Lafiya Dole have eliminated more Boko Haram and ISWAP terrorists and captured more arms and ammunitions in an encounter in the Dikwa axis of Borno. Yerima said the troops' sustained onslaught against the terrorists had continued to gain traction,....

vanguardngr 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/03/troops-kill-more-terrorists-capture-more-weapons-in-borno-army-spokesman/>

Troops kill dozens of ISWAP/Boko Haram, recover sophisticated weapon, sex enhancement drugs

Nigerian soldiers. In an operation described as “hitch-free”, troops of the Nigerian Army on Sunday evening descended heavily on ISWAP/ Boko Haram elements killing over 30 and rescuing 60 locals held hostage by the terrorists. PRNigeria gathered that troops of Sector 1 Operation Lafiya Dole, led by Commanding Officer of 3 Battalion Lt Col.

vanguardngr 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/03/troops-kill-dozens-of-iswap-boko-haram-recover-sophisticated-weapon/>

Troops Kill Several Terrorists Along Lake Chad, Loses 3 Personnel In Battle – Army

The Nigerian Army has disclosed how troops eliminated several Boko Haram Terrorists along the Lake Chad and Tumbus, destroyed gun trucks and captured arms and ammunitions. The director, army public relations, Brig Gen Mohammed Yerima, in a statement said sadly one officer and three gallant soldiers paid the supreme price in the encounter.

leadership 15 Mar 2021

<https://leadership.ng/troops-kill-several-terrorists-along-lake-chad-loses-3-personnel-in-battle-army/>

Despite Kaduna Schoolchildren Abduction, El-Rufai Insists He'll Not Negotiate With Bandits

Kaduna State Governor, Nasir El-Rufai has restated that his administration will not negotiate with bandits despite the recent kidnapping incidents in the state. El-Rufai stated this during an expanded meeting of the State Security Council, which was held at the Council Chambers of Sir Kashim Ibrahim House, Kaduna, on Tuesday.

saharareporters 16 Mar 2021

<http://saharareporters.com/2021/03/16/despite-kaduna-schoolchildren-abduction-el-rufai-insists-hell-not-negotiate-bandits>

Sahel

Le terrorisme pousse deux millions de sahéliens à l'exil

En janvier dernier, un rapport du haut-commissariat aux réfugiés (HCR) de l'ONU révélait des chiffres terrifiants sur les populations déplacées au Sahel. Depuis le début du conflit, les camps de réfugiés se multiplient pour accueillir des familles qui n'ont d'autres choix que de fuir devant les groupes terroristes qui sèment terreur et désolation.

maliweb 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.maliweb.net/contributions/le-terrorisme-pousse-deux-millions-de-saheliens-a-l'exil-2920982.html>

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Mozambique

US military joins the fight against Isis in Mozambique

A large group of insurgents — presumed to be from the Isis-affiliated Al Sunnah wa Jama'a (ASWJ) group, attacked the town of Mocimboa da Praia in the northernmost province of Cabo Delgado in March 2020. (Photo: Supplied) The move indicates a greater commitment by the new Biden administration to the....

dailymaverick 12:05:00 AM CET

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-03-17-us-military-joins-the-fight-against-isis-in-mozambique/>

Islamists terrorize Mozambique An Islamist group has terrorized Mozambique for years, leaving hundreds dead and thousands displaced. But few details about the situation have left the area. DW's Adrian Kriesch managed to gain some rare insight into the brutal situation.

DW News Islamists terrorize Mozambique under international radar. An Islamist group has terrorized Mozambique for years, leaving hundreds dead and thousands displaced. But few details about the situation have left the area. DW's Adrian Kriesch managed to gain some rare insight into the brutal situation.

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<https://www.dw.com/en/islamists-terrorize-mozambique-under-international-radar/av-56891388>

Children beheaded in front of their mothers by ISIS-linked militants

One mother told Save the Children that her eldest son, 12, had his head cut off close to where she was hiding with her three other children when their village was raided. Another mother described her heartache as leaving her murdered 11-year-old son in their village without a burial because her family were forced to flee.

vanguardngr 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/03/children-beheaded-in-front-of-their-mothers-by-isis-linked-militants/>

Children as young as 11 decapitated in Mozambique by jihadists The Telegraph

Children as young as 11 are being beheaded by an armed extremist group in Mozambique which professes to have ties to Islamic State. © ALFREDO ZUNIGA/AFP via Getty Images Thousands have been displaced by the violence - ALFREDO ZUNIGA/AFP via Getty Images.

msn-uk 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/children-as-young-as-11-decapitated-in-mozambique-by-jihadists/ar-BB1eDHNj>

United States deploys troops in Mozambique to fight insurgency

THE United States Special Operations Forces will spend two months training Mozambican marines to help the country fight a jihadist insurgency in the north eastern Cabo Delgado province. In a statement, the United States Embassy in Maputo said it will provide training along with medical and....

thezimbabwemail 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.thezimbabwemail.com/world-news/united-states-deploys-troops-in-mozambique-to-fight-insurgency/>

ISIS Kills Over 2,500 in Mozambique in The Last Three Years

The 28-year-old mother who lost her 12-year-old son told Save the Children of the night her village was razed by the Islamists. 'That night our village was attacked, and houses were burned,' she said. 'When it all started, I was at home with my four

children. We tried to escape to the woods, but they took my eldest son and beheaded him.

albawaba-en 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.albawaba.com/news/isis-kills-over-2500-mozambique-last-three-years-1416896>

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<https://www.dw.com/en/islamists-terrorize-mozambique-under-international-radar/av-56891388>

Mozambique Militants Beheading Children as Young as 11, Save the Children Says

Children as young as 11 are being beheaded in Mozambique, Britain-based aid group Save the Children said Tuesday, as part of an Islamist insurgency that has killed thousands and forced many magnitudes more from their homes. Save the Children said it had spoken to displaced families....

voanews 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.voanews.com/africa/mozambique-militants-beheading-children-young-11-save-children-says>

Militants beheading Mozambique kids: UK charity says

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taipeitimes 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.taipeitimes.com/News/world/archives/2021/03/17/2003754006>

Children targeted, beheaded in Mozambique insurgency

Children as young as 11 have been targeted by violence and beheaded in northeast Mozambique during an jihadist insurgency in the region, the charity Save the

Children said on Tuesday. The UK-based aid organisation said it was "outraged and deeply saddened" by reports that children had been targeted....

news24 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.news24.com/news24/Africa/News/children-targeted-beheaded-in-mozambique-insurgency-charity-20210316>

Children among victims of jihadi rebels in Mozambique

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<https://www.thestar.com/news/world/africa/2021/03/16/children-among-victims-of-jihadi-rebels-in-mozambique.html>

Children among victims of Islamic extremists in Mozambique

Northern Mozambique's humanitarian crisis is growing rapidly, with nearly 670,000 people displaced by the Islamic extremist insurgency in Cabo Delgado province, international aid groups said Tuesday Children as young as 11 are being beheaded by the rebels, according to workers for Save the Children,....

ahram-EN 16 Mar 2021

<https://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/2/10/406105/World/Africa/Children-among-victims-of-Islamic-extremists-in-Mo.aspx>

Les forces spéciales américaines vont former des fusiliers marins locaux Ovest-France

Mozambique. Les forces spéciales américaines vont former des fusiliers marins locaux © Africom La cérémonie de lancement de la formation a eu lieu lundi. L'armée mozambicaine fait face à une insurrection djihadiste dans le nord où se trouvent des gisements gaziers. Washington a décidé de lui donner un coup de pouce.

msn-fr 16 Mar 2021

<https://www.msn.com/fr-fr/actualite/other/mozambique-les-forces-sp%3%a9ciales-am%3%a9ricaines-vont-former-des-fusiliers-marins-locaux/ar-BB1eDs1Q>

AMERICA

US

US Govt Blacklists, Links ADF to Terrorist Organizations

The United States has designated rebel groups in Mozambique and the Democratic Republic of Congo as foreign terrorist organisations. The State Department said the DRC's Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) and Madina at Tauheed Wau Mujahedeen were affiliated to the jihadist group Islamic State (ISIS).

redpepper 15 Mar 2021

https://www.redpepper.co.ug/2021/03/us-govt-blacklists-links-adf-to-terrorist-organizations/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=us-govt-blacklists-links-adf-to-terrorist-organizations

ASIA

India

Former extremists take up arms again in Assam

Some leaders of the disbanded National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB) have formed a new extremist group to revive the armed movement. They have also called for driving the Bharatiya Janata Party out of Assam. In a video statement released to the media, the leaders of the National Liberation....

Hindu 15 Mar 2021

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/former-extremists-take-up-arms-again-in-assam/article34078481.ece>

Syria

UN says international diplomacy crucial to end Syria's war

The U.N. special envoy for Syria said Monday that international diplomacy is crucial to end Syria's 10-year war and it's important to establish a new format to bring together key nations with an influence on the conflict, including the United States, Russia, Iran, Turkey, Arab states and the European Union.

TorontoStar 15 Mar 2021

<https://www.thestar.com/news/world/africa/2021/03/15/un-says-international-diplomacy-crucial-to-end-syrias-war.html>

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