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EAST AFRICA

Ethiopia

More than 30 killed in militia attacks in western Ethiopia

Armed militia men killed more than 30 people in the Metakal zone of Ethiopia's Benishangul-Gumuz region, a senior opposition leader told Reuters on Thursday, the latest security headache for reformist Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's government.

iol 17 Sep 2020

<https://www.iol.co.za/news/africa/more-than-30-killed-in-militia-attacks-in-western-ethiopia-2c9b205a-633d-5a9b-b75b-a72a528ce504>

Djibouti

No end in sight for clashes in Njoro as 40 families displaced

Residents flee Kamonosso village following clashes in Neissuit and Mariashoni in Njoro and Molo. Tension remains high in parts of Njoro and Molo, Nakuru County as communities living at the edges of the Eastern block of Mau Forest continue to clash.

standardmedia 18 Sep 2020

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/rift-valley/article/2001386919/no-end-in-sight-for-clashes-in-njoro-as-40-families-displaced>

Somalia

Regional minister killed in Somalia

Gunmen believed to be Al-Shabaab militants have assassinated a state minister for the regional ministry of religious affairs in the southern town of Jowhar on Thursday evening. Nur Hashi Warsame, who was also a member of HirShabelle state parliament has been shot dead outside a mosque following the evening prayers, according to the police sources.

shabelle 17 Sep 2020

<https://www.radioshabelle.com/regional-minister-killed-in-somalia/>

Al-Shabab attacks intensify as election looms

The attacks come as Somalis prepare to go to the polls for a staggered general election. The process is due to start with legislative elections on November 1 and culminate in a presidential election by the beginning of 2021. The dates were announced on Thursday, following the resolution of a....

deutschwelle-en 18 Sep 2020

<https://www.dw.com/en/somalia-al-shabab-attacks-intensify-as-election-looms/a-54980396>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Burundi

Quatre morts dans une attaque armée

Toutes les victimes appartiennent à la Ligue des jeunes affiliés au parti au pouvoir CNDD-FDD. Quatre personnes sont mortes dans une attaque menée par des hommes armés, dans la nuit de mardi à mercredi, dans la commune Burambi, province Rumonge, au sud....

arib-info 18 Sep 2020

http://www.arib.info/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20597&Itemid=138

Burundi Rebel Group Claims Attacks in New Offensive

A Burundian rebel group claimed responsibility Friday for a spate of recent attacks on security forces and the ruling party's youth league that it said had killed dozens. The RED-Tabara group said it had between Sunday and Thursday engaged soldiers and police as well as members of the....

voanews 18 Sep 2020

<https://www.voanews.com/africa/burundi-rebel-group-claims-attacks-new-offensive>

Chad

Attaque de Boko Haram à Koulfoua, le CEMGA s'est rendu sur les lieux

L'île de Koulfoua, située dans la province du Lac, à proximité de la frontière avec le Cameroun, a été attaquée jeudi par des éléments de Boko Haram qui s'en sont pris à des Ferricks pour subtiliser les biens des civils. Les forces de défense et de sécurité ont riposté à l'attaque et ont récupéré huit pirogues appartenant à des civils.

al-wihda 12:19:00 PM CEST

https://www.alwihdainfo.com/Tchad-attaque-de-Boko-Haram-a-Koulfoua-le-CEMGA-s-est-rendu-sur-les-lieux_a94004.html

Democratic Republic of Congo

Une réserve d'okapis attaquée, deux gardes tués

Deux gardes d'une réserve naturelle d'okapis, classée au patrimoine mondial de l'Unesco, ont été tués par des hommes armés en Ituri dans le nord-est de la République du Congo, a-t-on appris vendredi auprès de l'Institut congolais de la Conservation de la Nature (ICCN).

rtbf 18 Sep 2020

https://www.rtbf.be/info/monde/detail_rdc-une-reserve-d-okapis-attaquee-deux-gardes-tues?id=10587742

Insécurité à Rutshuru : la société civile exige la réévaluation des opérations militaires

La coordination territoriale de la société civile, forces vives de Rutshuru, exige du gouvernement, la réévaluation des opérations militaires menées par les forces loyalistes dans cette région depuis plus de deux ans maintenant. Cette requête est consécutive à la persistance de l'insécurité dans le territoire de Rutshuru.

radiookapi 18 Sep 2020

https://www.radiookapi.net/2020/09/18/actualite/securite/insecurite-rutshuru-la-societe-civile-exige-la-reevaluation-des?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29

Ituri : le lancement de l'opération de désarmement des miliciens du FRPI interviendra le 30 septembre à Walendu Bindi

Le responsable du STAREC en Ituri, Jean Marc Mazio, a annoncé jeudi 17 septembre à Radio Okapi que le lancement de l'opération de désarmement des miliciens du groupe armé Force de résistance patriotique de l'Ituri (FRPI) est prévu le 30 septembre prochain au site de Kazana et de Karatsi, en chefferie de Walendu Bindi.

radiookapi 18 Sep 2020

https://www.radiookapi.net/2020/09/18/actualite/securite/ituri-le-lancement-de-loperation-de-desarmement-des-miliciens-du-frpi?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29

WEST AFRICA

Niger

Islamic State claims Niger killings of French aid workers

The Islamic State group said in its al-Naba newsletter published Thursday that a security detachment carried out a "blitz attack with firearms" in the Koure area southwest of Niger's capital, Niamey. It also published a photo of two of the hostages still alive. The Aug.

startribune 17 Sep 2020

<https://www.startribune.com/islamic-state-claims-niger-killings-of-french-aid-workers/572442102/>

L'EI revendique l'assassinat de 8 personnes, dont 6 Français, au Niger

Le massacre avait choqué la France et le Niger, en plein coeur de l'été, mais n'avait pas été attribué: le groupe Etat islamique (EI) a revendiqué jeudi l'assassinat au Niger de huit personnes, dont six humanitaires français et deux Nigériens.

msn-fr 17 Sep 2020

<https://www.msn.com/fr-fr/actualite/monde/lei-revendique-l-assassinat-de-8-personnes-dont-6-fran%c3%a7ais-au-niger/ar-BB199jRw>

Nigeria

Unknown gunmen kill hotel owner in Osun

Unknown gunmen have killed the owner of Falola Hotel and Rental Services, Falola Oke in Ilesa, Osun State, on Wednesday. Falola, was reportedly killed beside his house on Wednesday night in Ilesa. It was gathered that Falola was killed around 9pm around Fadahunsi street, Imon area, Ilesa.

dailypost 17 Sep 2020

<https://dailypost.ng/2020/09/17/unknown-gunmen-kill-hotel-owner-in-osun/>

Nigerian Air Force vows to finish bandits

The Chief of Air Staff (CAS), Sadique Abubakar, has vowed that the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) will thoroughly deal with bandits. NAN reports that he made the pledge on Thursday while condemning the killing of civilians. The CAS spoke in Katsina during an on-the-spot assessment of Operation Wutan Daji....

dailypost 17 Sep 2020

<https://dailypost.ng/2020/09/17/nigerian-air-force-vows-to-finish-bandits/>

Bandits kill DPO, Inspector, abduct housewives in Sokoto village

Bandits in Tangaza Local Government Area of Sokoto State, Wednesday night, shot and killed a police DPO and an Inspector, and abducted two married women in Gidanmadi community. Locals said the bandits first attacked the police station in the community, killed the DPO....

vanguardngr 17 Sep 2020

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2020/09/bandits-kill-dpo-inspector-abduct-housewives-in-sokoto-village/>

Boko Haram kills 10, kidnap many passengers in fresh Borno attack

Boko Haram reportedly attacked vehicles and kidnapped many of its occupants in Borno state. - Also, the terrorists have reportedly killed about 10 of them. - According to report, the criminals were about 30 in numbers. "See First" under the "Following" tab to see Legit.

onlinenigeria 17 Sep 2020

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/851174-boko-haram-kills-10-kidnap-many-passengers-in-fresh-borno-attack.html>

Gunmen abduct 7 in northern Nigeria

A group of unidentified gunmen attacked a town in the northern state of Kaduna, abducting seven people, a local security source told Xinhua on Saturday. The gunmen invaded Barkallahu community in Igabi area of the state at about 1:30 a.m.

xinhuanet_en 1:01:00 PM CEST

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-09/19/c_139381419.htm

Des hommes armés enlèvent 7 personnes dans le nord du pays

Un groupe d'hommes armés non identifiés ont attaqué une ville de l'Etat nigérian de Kaduna (nord), enlevant sept personnes, a déclaré samedi une source de sécurité locale à Xinhua. Vendredi, des hommes armés ont envahi la communauté de Barkallahu dans la région d'Igabi, vers 1h30, heure locale, a indiqué la source.

french-news 1:56:00 PM CEST

http://french.xinhuanet.com/afrique/2020-09/19/c_139381541.htm

Gunmen kill one, injure many

Three gunmen attacked Royal Garden Relaxation Spot in Egume, Dekina Local Government of Kogi on Friday, killing one person and injuring many others, the police said on Saturday. According to state police command, the armed men shot sporadically into the premises of the relaxation spot at about 7:45 pm on Friday.

vanguardngr 12:59:00 PM CEST

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2020/09/just-in-gunmen-kill-one-injure-many-police-report/>

16 combattants de Boko Haram tués dans le nord-est du pays

Les troupes nigérianes ont tué 16 combattants de Boko Haram et en ont arrêté 38 autres dans l'Etat agité de Borno (nord-est), dans le cadre d'efforts renouvelés pour mettre fin aux activités des insurgés, a déclaré vendredi un porte-parole militaire.

french-news 12:53:00 PM CEST

http://french.xinhuanet.com/afrique/2020-09/19/c_139381434.htm

Unknown gunmen kill one, kidnap three persons in Kogi

Tragedy occurred on Thursday at Egume Community in Dekina Local Government Area of Kogi State when unknown Gunmen struck at Royal Garden Relaxation Spot, along Anyigba – Ankpa highway, killing one man, and kidnapping three persons to an

unknown destination. Eyewitness told DAILY POST that the gunmen were allegedly dressed in Fulani attires.

dailypost 12:46:00 PM CEST

<https://dailypost.ng/2020/09/19/unknown-gunmen-kill-one-kidnap-three-persons-in-kogi/>

16 Boko Haram militants killed in NE Nigeria

Nigerian troops have killed 16 Boko Haram militants and arrested 38 others in its restive northeastern Borno state in renewed efforts to put down insurgent activities, a military spokesperson said Friday. The troops have recorded appreciable success in the past week, John....

xinhuanet_en 9:56:00 AM CEST

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-09/19/c_139381170.htm

Anglican Bishop laments Nigeria's insecurity, calls for overhaul of security architecture

The Bishop of Anglican Communion, Diocese of Kaduna, Timothy Yahaya, has observed with dismay that insecurity in the country has made life nasty, brutish and short. He stated that insecurity in the country has reached an alarming dimension that not only needs an emergency stakeholders approach....

dailypost 18 Sep 2020

<https://dailypost.ng/2020/09/18/anglican-bishop-laments-nigerias-insecurity-calls-for-overhaul-of-security-architecture/>

Troops rescue 22 kidnapped victims in Zamfara, Katsina

The Nigerian Army troops of Operation Sahel Sanity fighting banditry and kidnapping in the northwest region have foiled bandit attacks and rescued 22 kidnapped victims. The troops also recovered arms and ammunition in various operations in Zamfara and Katsina States. Gen.

dailytrust 1:57:00 PM CEST

<https://dailytrust.com/troops-rescue-22-kidnapped-victims-in-zamfara-katsina>

Gunmen invade relaxation spot in Kogi, kill 1, injure many

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dailytrust 1:57:00 PM CEST

<https://dailytrust.com/gunmen-invade-relaxation-spot-in-kogi-kill-1-injure-many>

Sept morts dans deux attaques

Deux officiers de police et cinq fermiers ont été tués dans deux attaques séparées menées dans la nuit de mercredi à jeudi par des hommes armés dans le nord du Nigeria, selon les autorités policières hier. Un groupe d'environ 100 hommes armés “habillés en tenue de camouflage” ont pris d'assaut un....

liberte-algerie 11:43:00 AM CEST

<http://www.liberte-algerie.com/international/sept-morts-dans-deux-attaques-345754>

Gunmen Overrun Police Base in Northern Nigeria

Two police officers were killed when some 100 gunmen attacked and overran a police base in Nigeria's northwestern Sokoto state on Thursday. The gunmen, disguised in military uniforms, struck a police base in the Tangaza local government area around 1 a.m. local time.

globalsecurity 8:07:00 AM CEST

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2020/09/mil-200918-voa03.htm>

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Mozambique

Alleged Soldiers Execute Woman

Mozambican army soldiers patrol the streets of Mocimboa da Praia in March 2018. Mozambican authorities should promptly and impartially investigate the apparent summary execution of an unarmed and naked woman by men wearing army uniforms.

HumanRightsWatch 17 Sep 2020

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/09/17/mozambique-alleged-soldiers-execute-woman>

ISIS jihadists overrun paradise islands where Bono and Daniel Craig holidayed before torching villas

Today, along with three other neighbouring islands, militants calling themselves Islamic State Central Africa Province have commandeered the white sands. It comes after IS last month captured and established Sharia law in the nearby strategic port town of Mocimboa da Praia on the mainland, in the gas-rich province of Cabo Delgado.

dailymail 17 Sep 2020

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8744283/ISIS-jihadists-overrun-paradise-islands-Bono-Daniel-Craig-holidayed-torching-villas.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

INTERNATIONAL

Islamic State expanding globally amid setbacks, says US official

The Islamic State group continues to expand globally with some 20 affiliates, despite being forced out of Syria and the killing of its leaders, a top US counter-terror official said Thursday. The extremist group "has repeatedly demonstrated the ability to rebound from severe losses over....

abs-cbnnews 17 Sep 2020

<https://news.abs-cbn.com/overseas/09/18/20/islamic-state-expanding-globally-amid-setbacks-says-us-official>

Daech, repoussé en Syrie, se développe au niveau international, selon l'administration américaine

Malgré les succès militaires de la coalition antijihadiste en Syrie et en Irak, le groupe Etat islamique (EI) s'est développé à l'international, notamment en Afrique, a indiqué ce jeudi un haut responsable du gouvernement américain. Depuis un an, les efforts antiterroristes des Etats-Unis et de la....

rtbf 17 Sep 2020

https://www.rtf.be/info/monde/detail_terrorisme-daech-repousse-en-syrie-se-developpe-au-niveau-international-selon-l-administration-americaine?id=10587062

AMERICA

US

At least 2 dead, 14 wounded in Rochester shooting

The shooting comes as the city's police department has been rocked by the suffocation death of Daniel Prude. Two people died and 14 others were wounded at a backyard

party in Rochester, New York, early Saturday, police said. A male and a female died in the shooting, Interim Police Chief Mark Simmons told reporters.

expressindia 12:34:00 PM CEST

<https://indianexpress.com/article/world/new-york-deadly-shooting-in-rochester-6602319/>

ASIA

Afghanistan

Taliban and government talk, but fighting feeds distrust

When long-awaited intra-Afghan peace talks began Sept. 12 in Qatar, the government called for an immediate cease-fire. “It would be a miscalculation to think that causing more casualties would make people more hopeful about peace,” warned Abdullah Abdullah. The Taliban disagreed.

csmonitor 17 Sep 2020

<https://www.csmonitor.com/World/Middle-East/2020/0917/Afghanistan-Taliban-and-government-talk-but-fighting-feeds-distrust?icid=rss>

Deputy police chief killed in Taliban roadside bomb in Afghan province

A deputy provincial police chief was killed and several police officers wounded in a Taliban roadside bomb explosion in Afghanistan's eastern Paktika province on Saturday, a provincial police spokesman confirmed.

xinhuanet_en 1:01:00 PM CEST

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-09/19/c_139381432.htm

Saudi Arabia

Yemen Drone Attack Targets Abha Airport in Asir

Yemen's unmanned air force launched an attack on Abha airport in Asir, accurately hitting a military target. The spokesman of the Yemeni armed forces, General Yehya Sarea, said that Sammad III drone was employed in the attack “which came in response to the ongoing Saudi blockade and aggression on Yemen”.

almanar-en 17 Sep 2020

<http://english.almanar.com.lb/1145828>

Yemen

No peace deal in Yemen in sight despite prisoner swap talks

For the first time since February, the Yemeni government and Houthi representatives will be meeting in Geneva on Friday or Saturday to discuss final touches to the prisoner swap deal. The direct talks revived hopes that the trust-building discussions would not only see hundreds of...

arabnews 17 Sep 2020

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1736151/middle-east>

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