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EAST AFRICA

Somalia

US designates two senior al Shabaab leaders as terrorists

The US Department of State has designated Abdullahi Osman Mohamed and Maalim Ayman, senior leaders of al Shabaab, as specially designated global terrorists, secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, announced on Tuesday. Abdullahi Osman Mohamed, a senior al Shabaab official also known as “Engineer Ismail,” ...

thestarkenya 17 Nov 2020

<https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/world/2020-11-17-us-designates-two-senior-al-shabaab-leaders-as-terrorists/>

Five killed in Somalia restaurant suicide attack

Five people, some of them police, were killed and more than 10 injured Tuesday when an Al-Shabaab suicide bomber attacked a restaurant in the Somali capital of Mogadishu, police said. The officer and witnesses said the attacker walked into the restaurant near a police academy and blew himself up.

JakartaPost 2:22:00 AM CET

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2020/11/18/five-killed-in-somalia-restaurant-suicide-attack-.html>

Trump may withdraw troops from Somalia as part of global pullback

President Donald Trump may withdraw nearly all U.S. troops from Somalia as part of a global pullback that includes reductions of forces in Afghanistan and Iraq, U.S. officials said on Tuesday. President Donald Trump delivers an update on the so-called...

ara-reuters 1:07:00 AM CET

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-somalia-withdrawal/trump-may-withdraw-troops-from-somalia-as-part-of-global-pullback-idUSKBN27X1YU?il=0>

Sanctions américaines contre deux chefs des shebabs

Le gouvernement américain a annoncé mardi des sanctions ciblées contre deux chefs du groupe islamiste somalien shebab, désormais inscrits sur la liste noire américaine des " terroristes internationaux. Abdullahi Osman Mohamed et Maalim Ayman ne peuvent plus avoir accès au système financier....

rtbf 17 Nov 2020

https://www.rtb.be/info/monde/detail_somalie-sanctions-americaines-contre-deux-chefs-des-shebabs?id=10634160

5 dead, 8 wounded in suicide bombing in Somalia's capital

Police in Somalia say five people were killed when a suicide bomber detonated an explosives belt near the police academy in the capital, Mogadishu. Spokesman Sadiq Adan Ali says eight other people were wounded in the blast on Tuesday. He said the bomber targeted a restaurant frequented by police.

ahram-EN 17 Nov 2020

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/2/8/394002/World/Region/-dead,-wounded-in-suicide-bombing-in-Somalias-cap.aspx>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Democratic Republic of Congo

Ituri : vive tension après le meurtre d'un civil par des miliciens de la FRPI à Gety

Une vive tension s'observe depuis la matinée de mardi 17 novembre à Gety-Chef-lieu de la chefferie de Walendu Bindi dans le sud d'Irumu. Cela après l'assassinat dans la nuit dernière, d'un civil par un groupe d'hommes armés identifié aux miliciens de la FRPI.

radiookapi 17 Nov 2020

https://www.radiookapi.net/2020/11/17/actualite/securite/ituri-vive-tension-apres-le-meurtre-dun-civil-par-des-miliciens-de-la?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29

Sud-Kivu : les «Banyindu» en dialogue intracommunautaire pour une paix durable dans la Ruzizi

Le dialogue intracommunautaire « Banyindu » s'est ouvert lundi 16 novembre à Kilomoni, dans la ville d'Uvira (Sud-Kivu) par le ministre provincial de l'intérieur et affaires coutumières. Près de cinquante membres représentants de cette communauté venus de Kinshasa, Goma, Bukavu, de Lwindi à Mwenga,....

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https://www.radiookapi.net/2020/11/17/actualite/societe/sud-kivu-les-banyindu-en-dialogue-intracommunautaire-pour-une-paix?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29

Dozens killed in eastern DR Congo, ADF militia blamed

Around three dozen people have been killed in the Democratic Republic of Congo's troubled east, local officials said Tuesday, blaming the notorious ADF militia which has slaughtered hundreds of civilians over the past year. Twenty-nine bodies were found in the Virunga Park....

rfi-en 17 Nov 2020

<https://www.rfi.fr/en/wires/20201117-dozens-killed-eastern-dr-congo-adf-militia-blamed>

35 morts après attaques des ADF à Beni

Une trentaine de personnes ont été tuées ces dernières 24 heures dans le groupement Bambuba-Kisiki et dans le Parc national des Virunga en secteur de Rwenzori, dans le territoire de Beni. Selon un communiqué officiel du gouvernement provincial du Nord-Kivu, publié mardi 17 novembre, la découverte....

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https://www.radiookapi.net/2020/11/17/actualite/securite/rdc-35-morts-apres-attaques-des-adf-beni?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29

Children and armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo - Report of the Secretary-General (S/2020/1030)

The present report, submitted pursuant to Security Council resolution 1612 (2005) and subsequent resolutions, is the seventh report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It covers the period from 1 January 2018 to 31....

reliefWeb 17 Nov 2020

WEST AFRICA

Burkina Faso

Les élections générales au Burkina Faso sous la menace du terrorisme

Une patrouille de police sécurise les lieux lors d'un meeting du président Roch Marc Christian Kaboré à Dori, le 10 novembre 2020. Nul ne peut garantir la protection des bureaux de vote et des électeurs le 22 novembre. C'est particulièrement vrai au nord du pays.

francetvinfo 9:14:00 AM CET

https://www.francetvinfo.fr/monde/afrique/burkina-faso/les-elections-generales-au-burkina-faso-sous-la-menace-du-terrorisme_4184913.html#xtor=RSS-3-%5bmonde%5d

In jihadist-hit Burkina areas, no elections -- and no state

The death of Sorgho Wendtoin served as a brutal reminder of the difficulty of holding a national election in a country where large areas remain outside the state's control due to a grinding jihadist insurgency. Amadou Abdouramane Ly, a civil servant in Dori and parliamentary candidate for the ruling....

digitaljournal 4:07:00 AM CET

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/in-jihadist-hit-burkina-areas-no-elections-and-no-state/article/581270>

Security crisis dominates as Burkina heads to polls

His supporters are hoping for an outright victory in the first round, obviating the need for a runoff vote. But in the West African country's most open elections in years, Kabore faces a stiff challenge from Zephirin Diabre, the runner-up in 2015's election, and Eddie Komboigo, standing for the....

standardmedia 6:58:00 AM CET

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/world/article/2001394335/security-crisis-dominates-as-burkina-heads-to-polls>

Mali

Les USA “alarmés” par la libération de 200 prisonniers impliqués dans le terrorisme

Les Etats-Unis sont “alarmés” par la libération en octobre, au Mali, d’environ 200 prisonniers impliqués pour la plupart dans des violences terroristes, a fait savoir une

délégation américaine lors d'une réunion lundi au Conseil de sécurité, appelant les autorités de transition maliennes à mettre en....

mali-web 9:09:00 AM CET

<http://mali-web.org/crise-malienne/mali-les-usa-alarmes-par-la-liberation-de-200-prisonniers-impliques-dans-le-terrorisme>

Des accrochages meurtriers entre chasseurs donzos et groupes terroristes par endroits, barricades sur la RN6

De nombreuses personnes ont payé de leur vie l'insécurité qui prévaut sur la RN6 notamment l'axe Djenné-carrefour-Sofara-Somadougou ou Sévaré. Des assassinats ciblés aux enlèvements, la population a exprimé sa colère en maintenant un blocus autour de cette route. Au même moment, des chasseurs donzos et groupes terroristes se tiraient dessus.

maliweb 9:09:00 AM CET

<https://www.maliweb.net/insecurite/des-accrochages-meurtriers-entre-chasseurs-donzos-et-groupes-terroristes-par-endroits-barricades-sur-la-rn6-2904581.html>

RÉGION DE TOMBOUCTOU : LA MINUSMA LANCE LA FORMATION DES FAMA RECONSTITUÉES

La Mission Multidimensionnelle Intégrée des Nations Unies pour la Stabilisation au Mali (MINUSMA) a entamé une session de renforcement des capacités de quarante (40) soldats des Forces Armées Maliennes (FAMa) dans la région de Tombouctou. Il s'agit de deux (02) Officiers, huit (08) Sous-officiers et....

mali-web 4:31:00 AM CET

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/region-de-tombouctou-la-minusma-lance-la-formation-des-fama-reconstituees>

Le Conseil de sécurité entend un bref exposé du Président du Comité des sanctions créé par la résolution 2374 (2017) concernant le Mali

Le Conseil de sécurité a entendu ce matin, un bref exposé du Président du Comité établi par la résolution 2374 (2017) du Conseil de sécurité sur le Mali, M. José Singer Weinsinger, par ailleurs Représentant permanent de la République dominicaine auprès des Nations Unies. Aucun membre du Conseil n'est intervenu à la suite de cet exposé.

reliefWeb 17 Nov 2020

<https://reliefweb.int/report/mali/le-conseil-de-s-curit-entend-un-bref-expos-du-pr-sident-du-comit-des-sanctions-cr-par-la>

Nigeria

‘I’m doing God’s work, can’t be arrested’ – Boko Haram leader, Abubakar Shekau replies Nigerian Army

The leader of Boko Haram, Abubakar Shekau, has declared that he can’t be arrested. Shekau explained that security operatives can’t arrest him because he was doing God’s work. He made the declaration in response to reports of manhunt for him and his followers by the government.

dailypost 8:39:00 AM CET

<https://dailypost.ng/2020/11/18/im-doing-gods-work-cant-be-arrested-boko-haram-leader-abubakar-shekau-replies-nigerian-army/>

Boko Haram terrorists down helicopter, kill 5

Multiple people were reportedly killed in northeastern Nigeria Wednesday when Boko Haram terrorists targeted a helicopter. According to local reports, members of the Boko Haram terrorist group downed a helicopter in Bama region of Borno state, killing five civilians.

aa-en 7:13:00 AM CET

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/nigeria-boko-haram-terrorists-down-helicopter-kill-5/2047409>

Thugs attack community security volunteers, injure many in Bauchi

Thugs By Charly Agwam. Members of a local vigilante group in Bauchi commonly called ‘Yan Komiti’ were allegedly attacked and sustained various degrees of injuries after suspected thugs called ‘Yan sara suka’ who stormed Kofar Dumi quarters of Bauchi metropolis with weapons.

vanguardngr 9:09:00 AM CET

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2020/11/thugs-attack-community-security-volunteers-injure-many-in-bauchi/>

386 Boko Haram Terrorists Convicted In 2 Years

According to the document, 233 charges were preferred in 2019 alone. It further revealed that 1,970 suspects were remanded in various detention facilities across the country within the period. The figure is for cases tried in a court in Kainji, Niger State, while 19 cases are being tried outside the town and 16 others adjourned.

leadership 8:23:00 AM CET

<https://leadership.ng/386-boko-haram-terrorists-convicted-in-2-years/>

Gunmen, kidnappers on the prowl

gunmen ...Kill district head, son in fresh Kaduna attacks ..Kidnap eight persons in Edo, 12 ASPs in N-West ...Police’ll no longer fold its arms – Edo CP ..I’m in firm

control of police force, IGP replies retired general By Kingsley Omonobi, Gabriel Engholase, Ndahi Marama, Alemma Ozioruva & Ibrahim HassanWuyo.

vanguardngr 7:01:00 AM CET

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2020/11/insecurity-gunmen-kidnappers-on-the-prowl/>

No helicopter shot down in Borno

The Nigeria Air Force on Tuesday dismissed a report that Boko Haram terrorists shot down a Nigerian helicopter carrying unidentified passengers in Bama Local Government Area of Borno State. Daily Trust had erroneously reported that the insurgents shot down the helicopter.

dailytrust 6:55:00 AM CET

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202011180064.html>

Again, bandits attack Southern Kaduna, kill two in Zangon Kataf 1 hour ago Nigeria

State govt condemns carnage, identifies 11 persons killed in Igabi council Armed bandits have killed the District Head of Gidan Zaki, Haruna Kuye and his son, Destiny in a fresh attack on Southern Kaduna, a development that has generated further tension in the area.

nrguardiannews 6:30:00 AM CET

<https://guardian.ng/news/nigeria/national/again-bandits-attack-southern-kaduna-kill-two-in-zangon-kataf/>

Gunmen takeover Edo Yam Market, hold traders hostage

Some armed robbers stormed the Yam Market along Dawson road by Forestry road Junction in Benin city, Edo State on Tuesday. The armed men, who raided almost all the traders in the market, held them hostage for several hours before leaving the market arena.

dailypost 6:23:00 AM CET

<https://dailypost.ng/2020/11/18/gunmen-takeover-edo-yam-market-hold-traders-hostage/>

Bandits Kill Southern Kaduna District Head, Son

The military under the auspices of Operation Safe Haven has informed the Kaduna State Government of the killing of the District Head of Gidan Zaki, Mr Haruna Kuye and his son, Destiny Kuye in the early hours of today (Tuesday, 17th November 2020). They were killed in their residence at Gidan Zaki, Zangon Kataf local government.

allafrica 2:31:00 AM CET

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202011170600.html>

Group Condemns Killing Of District Head, Son In Kaduna

The Southern Kaduna Peace Practitioners Network has condemned the killing of the district head of Gidan Zaki Village in Zangon Kataf Local Government Area of Kaduna State, Mr Haruna Kuyet, and his son by some criminal elements in the early hours of Tuesday.

saharareporters 4:33:00 AM CET

<http://saharareporters.com/2020/11/17/group-condemns-killing-district-head-son-kaduna>

Multiple attacks claim 16 lives in 4 Kaduna LGAs

Multiple attacks have claimed 16 lives in Kajuru, Igabi, Giwa and Zangon Kataf local government areas (LGAs) of Kaduna State between Monday and Tuesday, leaving many abducted and at least four injured. This is despite Sunday's multiple attacks on the Kaduna-Abuja highway which claimed at least 15....

dailytrust 3:54:00 AM CET

<https://dailytrust.com/multiple-attacks-claim-16-lives-in-4-kaduna-lgas>

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Mozambique

Les civils continuent de fuir l'insécurité dans le nord du pays

Des dizaines de milliers de personnes continuent de fuir l'insécurité à Cabo Delgado, dans le nord du Mozambique, mettant en péril la capacité du gouvernement et de ses partenaires humanitaires à répondre par des abris, de la nourriture et d'autres formes d'assistance adéquats.

infosplusgabon 17 Nov 2020

<https://www.infosplusgabon.com/component/content/article/29910-2020-11-17-18-34-50>

AMERICA

US

Al-Qaida 'On the Ropes' After 2 Decades of War

Key U.S. officials are not backing down from their assessment that core al-Qaida, while still a threat, is in decline, brushing aside intelligence suggesting the terror organization remains entrenched in Afghanistan and may be growing stronger.

kenyastar 3:47:00 AM CET

<https://www.kenyastar.com/news/267010200/al-qaida-on-the-ropes-after-2-decades-of-war>

ASIA

Afghanistan

U.S. To Sharply Cut Troop Levels In Afghanistan By Mid-January

The United States will cut its troop presence in Afghanistan from 4,500 to 2,500 by January 15, just days before President Donald Trump leaves office. Acting Secretary of Defense Christopher Miller said on November 17 that U.S. troops would also be reduced by 500 in Iraq to 2,500.

globalsecurity 8:31:00 AM CET

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2020/11/mil-201117-gandhara01.htm>

Iraq

Iraqi army jets target Daesh remnants in eastern Diyala Province

The Iraqi Army F-16 aircraft have targeted the positions of remaining Daesh terrorists in the eastern province of Diyala. The Iraqi Security Information Cell said in a statement that the aerial operation was conducted on Diyala's Khanaqin district on Tuesday morning.

globalsecurity 8:31:00 AM CET

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/iraq/2020/iraq-201117-presstv02.htm>

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