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EAST AFRICA

Fight Against Violent Extremism, and Graft Take Toll on Region

As East Africa struggles to recover from the ravages of the Covid-19 pandemic, the region is also fighting extremism, crime and corruption. In this mix is illicit trade that is increasingly rising as the principal financier of extremism, criminal enterprises and breeder of corruption in East Africa....

allafrica 19 Apr 2021

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202104160352.html>

Ethiopia

Ethiopia declares state of emergency in Amhara state

Ethiopia has declared a state of emergency in the southern part of Amhara regional state amid violence in various towns. In a statement on Sunday, the Ministry of

Defense said the last three days have seen deadly armed violence in Ataye town and several other areas in Oromia special zones.

aa-en 19 Apr 2021

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/ethiopia-declares-state-of-emergency-in-amhara-state/2213120>

Two Killed in Addis Ababa Bomb Blast

Two people were killed when a bomb exploded in Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa on Sunday afternoon. According to the police, at least one person was seriously injured in the explosion. The explosion occurred in front of the Meteorological Centre in Lideta Sub-City, near a large residential condominium area where tens of thousands of people live.

allafrica 19 Apr 2021

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202104190064.html>

Somalia

Somalia welcomes African Union's help in solving crisis

Somalia said Monday that it would welcome the African Union taking a principal role in facilitating a process that would lead to dialogue between the government and other stakeholders in the country. "I welcome @_AfricanUnion to take a leading role in facilitating an election...."

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<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/somalia-welcomes-african-union-s-help-in-solving-crisis/2214065>

Somali, AU forces arrest Shabab fighters in joint operation

Somali National Army (SNA) and African Union Mission (AMISOM) forces arrested several Shabab fighters in a joint operation in southern Somalia on Sunday, the AU mission said on Monday. AMISOM said its Burundian contingent based at Gololey joined the operation, flushing out militants hiding in the Sayga forest.

shabelle 19 Apr 2021

<https://shabellemedia.com/somali-au-forces-arrest-shabab-fighters-in-joint-operation/>

Somali army says kills senior Shabab leader

The Somali National Army (SNA) has killed a senior Shabab operative and arrested two others in an operation in the Middle Shabelle region, a military officer confirmed on Monday. Abshir Mohamed Mohamud, SNA commander for Unit 3, told military radio that the army....

xinhuanet_en 19 Apr 2021

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2021-04/19/c_139890910.htm

Inside al Shabaab – Poverty Drives Recruitment, Say Insurgents

Al Shabaab “proved adept at capitalising on the local population's historical feelings of exclusion, compounded by resentment towards state violence, leading them to rebel against the state but also against their communities of origin,” Feijo notes. There is “great resentment towards the government,....

allafrica 19 Apr 2021

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202104180233.html>

Roadside blast in Somalia kills top military commander

At least two people, including a top national army commander, were killed when a roadside bomb targeted a military vehicle outside Bal’ad, Middle Shabelle region, an official said on Saturday. The attack occurred near Gololey on the outskirts of Bal’ad, an agricultural town 40 kilometers (24 miles) from the capital, Mogadishu.

shabelle 18 Apr 2021

<https://shabellemedia.com/roadside-blast-in-somalia-kills-top-military-commander/>

144 Nigerian police officers arrive to boost security in Somalia

A contingent of 144 police officers from Nigeria have arrived in Somalia to boost stabilization efforts in the country, the African Union mission said on Sunday. AMISOM Police operations coordinator Daniel Ali Gwambal said 30 police officers to serve under the AMISOM....

xinhuanet_en 18 Apr 2021

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2021-04/18/c_139889030.htm

CENTRAL AFRICA

Chad

Over 300 rebels, five soldiers killed in Chad

The Chadian army said Monday it had killed 300 rebels who waged a major incursion into the north of the country eight days ago, adding that it had lost five of its soldiers. A heavily armed rebel group launched a raid from its rear base in Libya on April 11, the same day as Chad's presidential....

nna-en 19 Apr 2021

<http://mna-leb.gov.lb/en/show-news/127153/Over-300-rebels-five-soldiers-killed-in-Chad-army>

Plus de 300 rebelles et cinq militaires tués dans des combats

Des soldats de l'armée tchadienne pendant une opération militaire contre des rebelles, le 19 avril 2021 à Ziguey (Tchad). L'armée tchadienne a annoncé, lundi 19 avril, avoir tué plus de 300 membres d'un groupe rebelle qui mène une incursion depuis huit jours dans le nord du .

franceinfo 19 Apr 2021

https://www.francetvinfo.fr/monde/afrique/politique-africaine/tchad-plus-de-300-rebelles-et-5-militaires-tues-dans-des-combats_4378377.html#xtor=RSS-3-%5blestitres%5d

Chadian gov't calls for calm after rebel incursion

Chadian communication minister and government spokesperson Cherif Mahamat Zene on Monday called on the population to stay calm after fierce clashes between the army and rebels over the weekend. "I want by my voice to reassure that there is nothing, absolutely nothing...."

xinhuanet_en 19 Apr 2021

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2021-04/20/c_139891507.htm

"Les forces de défense et de sécurité ont fini de traiter la colonne de terroristes"

Le porte-parole de l'armée, le général de brigade Azem Bermandoa Agouna, a déclaré lundi dans un communiqué que « les forces de défense et de sécurité ont fini de traiter la colonne de terroristes qui s'est aventurée dans la province du Kanem le 17 avril ».

al-wihda 8:45:00 AM CEST

https://www.alwihdainfo.com/Tchad-les-forces-de-defense-et-de-securite-ont-fini-de-traiter-la-colonne-de-terroristes_a102805.html

Democratic Republic of Congo

Ituri : 4 personnes tuées et des véhicules incendiés lors des combats entre FARDC et la FPIC à Nyakunde

Quatre personnes ont été tuées, quatre véhicules incendiés et plusieurs villages dans la région se sont vidés de leurs habitants lors des combats qui se sont déroulés dimanche 18 avril à Nyakunde centre, village situé à 45 km au sud de la ville de Bunia, dans le territoire d'Irumu (Ituri).

radiokapi 4:04:00 AM CEST

https://www.radiookapi.net/2021/04/20/actualite/securite/ituri-4-personnes-tuees-et-des-vehicules-incendies-lors-des-combats?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29

WEST AFRICA

Burkina Faso

Koumbri : Une centaine de HANI attaque des positions des FDS et des VDP

Une position des FDS et VDP basés à Koumbri a été la cible d'une attaque menée par des individus lourdement armés au petit matin de ce lundi 19 avril 2021. A appris Infowakat.net de sources sécuritaires et locales.

19 Apr 2021

<https://infowakat.net/koumbri-une-centaine-de-hani-attaque-des-positions-des-fds-et-des-vdp/>

Mali

Une quarantaine de morts dans des combats entre jihadistes et chasseurs traditionnels

Une quarantaine de personnes ont été tuées depuis une semaine dans le centre du Mali dans des affrontements entre de présumés jihadistes et des chasseurs traditionnels, des combats qui ont également fait un millier de déplacés, a indiqué lundi le gouvernorat de la capitale régionale Mopti.

lnc 19 Apr 2021

<https://www.lnc.nc/article/mali-une-quarantaine-de-morts-dans-des-combats-entre-jihadistes-et-chasseurs-traditionnels-autorites>

Boulikessi : 12 terroristes neutralisés

Vendredi dernier, à environ 35 km de Boulikessi, des éléments du 8^e bataillon tchadien et du bataillon malien de la même localité, de retour d'une mission, sont tombés dans une embuscade. La réaction prompte et vigoureuse des soldats a permis de mettre en déroute les assaillants et de prendre....

mali-web 19 Apr 2021

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/boulikessi-12-terroristes-neutralises>

Niger

19 civils tués dans une attaque terroriste dans l'ouest du pays

Dix-neuf personnes ont été tuées dans une attaque terroriste survenue samedi soir dans le village de Gaygorou, dans la région de Tillabéri, proche de la frontière avec le Mali, a annoncé dimanche soir le ministre nigérien de la Défense, Alkassoum Indatou à la télévision publique.

french-news 19 Apr 2021

http://french.xinhuanet.com/afrique/2021-04/19/c_139889193.htm

Suspected Islamic militants kill 19 people in Niger village

Gunmen on motorcycles attacked a village near Niger 's troubled border with Mali, shooting at people as they prayed at the mosque during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and killing 19 people, officials said Sunday. The attack took place Saturday evening in the village of....

washtimes 19 Apr 2021

https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2021/apr/18/suspected-islamic-militants-kill-19-people-in-nige/?utm_source=RSS_Feed&utm_medium=RSS

Nigeria

Gunmen attack police station in SE Nigeria

Gunmen numbering over 20 on Monday attacked a police station in Nigeria's southeastern state of Anambra, but no casualty was recorded, a spokesman for the police said. Geoffrey Ogbonna, the spokesman for the police in Anambra, told reporters in the state capital Awka on....

xinhuanet_en 19 Apr 2021

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2021-04/19/c_139891462.htm

Gunmen kill Policeman in Taraba, attack another checkpoint

Gunmen in their numbers have reportedly attacked a mobile police checkpoint at Dogongawa community, killing one officer on duty. This came as another set of gunmen opened fire on officers of the safer highway at their checkpoint along Wukari- Chonku road in Wukari local government area.

vanguardngr 17 Apr 2021

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/04/gunmen-kill-policeman-in-taraba-attack-another-checkpoint/>

Family of four killed as armed herdsmen invade Makurdi outskirts

family of four and three others were Saturday morning shot and butchered by suspected Fulani militia at Mbamonde community, Makurdi Modern Market Council Ward in Makurdi Local Government Area, LGA, of Benue state.

onlinenigeria 17 Apr 2021

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/884251-family-of-four-killed-as-armed-herdsmen-invade-makurdi-outskirts.html>

Five killed as soldiers storm bandits' hideout in Benue

Soldiers of Operation Whirl Stroke (OPWS) on Saturday killed five armed bandits who attacked a community in Makurdi Local Government Area of Benue State.... Soldiers of Operation Whirl Stroke (OPWS) on Saturday killed five armed bandits who attacked a community in Makurdi Local Government Area of Benue State.

dailytrust 17 Apr 2021

<https://dailytrust.com/five-killed-as-soldiers-storm-bandits-hideout-in-benue>

Nigeria's President advocates fighting against terrorist groups

Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari received on Monday in this capital his Nigerian counterpart, Mohammed Bazoum, to whom he ratified the country's commitment to fight against terrorist groups along with other States. After assuring that Niger suffers, as well as the....

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<https://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=r&id=66518&SEO=nigerias-president-advocates-fighting-against-terrorist-groups>

Troops inflict heavy casualty on Boko Haram terrorists in Dikwa

The Nigeria Army says troops of Operation Lafiya Dole, have again, inflicted heavy casualty on Boko Haram terrorists who attempted to launch attacks on Dikwa town in Borno on Sunday night. The Director, Army Public Relations, Brig.-Gen. Mohammed Yerima, disclosed this in a statement on Monday in Abuja.

nrguardiannews 19 Apr 2021

<https://guardian.ng/news/troops-inflict-heavy-casualty-on-boko-haram-terrorists-in-dikwa-army/>

Boko Haram Fighters Invade Dikwa During Defence Minister, Service Chiefs' Visit To Borno

Hours after the Minister of Defence, Maj Gen Bashir Magashi (retd.) led the Chief of Defence Chief, Gen Leo Irabor and other service chiefs on an assessment visit to Maiduguri, Borno State, the Boko Haram insurgents invaded Dikwa town with several gun trucks.

saharareporters 19 Apr 2021

<http://saharareporters.com/2021/04/19/boko-haram-fighters-invade-dikwa-during-defence-minister-service-chiefs%E2%80%99-visit-borno>

Au nord du Nigeria, l'école confrontée au terrorisme est menacée de disparaître et l'avenir des enfants avec

Face aux attaques et aux enlèvements à répétition, des centaines d'écoles ont fermé. Avec pour les filles le spectre supplémentaire du mariage précoce.

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https://www.francetvinfo.fr/monde/afrique/nigeria/au-nord-du-nigeria-l-ecole-confrontee-au-terrorisme-est-menacee-de-disparaitre-et-l-avenir-des-enfants-avec_4374629.html

Sahel

Burkina Faso G5 Sahel: Un camp d'entraînement de terroriste démantelé, 33 Terroristes capturés

Le dimanche 11 avril 2021, le 8eme bataillon de la Force Conjointe G5 Sahel (FC-G5S) a réussi à démanteler un camp d'entraînement de terroriste aux environs de la localité de TORELA à quelques kilomètres de la frontière nord du Burkina Faso. En effet, lors d'une mission de ratissage, une unité du....

ouaga 17 Apr 2021

<http://news.aOuaga.com/h/132968.html>

Il est temps de repenser la stratégie américaine au Sahel

Plus important encore, il est grand temps que les États-Unis repensent leur stratégie dans la région. Avec moins d'activités liées au contre-terrorisme et des efforts diplomatiques mieux ciblés, les États-Unis parviendraient mieux à éviter les crises politiques et sécuritaires au Sahel.

mali-web 19 Apr 2021

<http://mali-web.org/crise-malienne/il-est-temps-de-repenser-la-strategie-americaine-au-sahel>

Des ONG appellent au dialogue avec les rebelles du Sahel

Des dizaines d'organisations non gouvernementales ont appelé mardi à une nouvelle approche de la lutte contre le djihadisme dans la région du Sahel en Afrique. Outre le dialogue avec les rebelles, ils ont déclaré qu'il était également important de....

mali-web 19 Apr 2021

<http://mali-web.org/crise-malienne/des-ong-appellent-au-dialogue-avec-les-rebelles-du-sahel>

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Mozambique

«Au Mozambique, l'attaque de l'Etat islamique à Palma a provoqué l'exil de 7000 à 10000 personnes»

Marco Tamburro est le chef de mission Mozambique pour l'organisation Humanity and Inclusion/Handicap International. Quelle est la situation humanitaire sur le terrain ? Les déplacements de population ont débuté il y a trois ans avec les premières attaques des insurgés.

lopinion-fr 19 Apr 2021

<https://www.lopinion.fr/edition/international/mozambique-l-attaque-l-etat-islamique-a-palma-a-provoque-l-exil-7000-a-242084>

De nouveaux affrontements près de Palma, dans le Cabo Delgado

De nouveaux affrontements ont eu lieu ce dans la ville de Palma, dans le nord-est du Mozambique. Ils sont intervenus trois semaines après une importante attaque jihadiste qui a fait des dizaines de morts et des milliers de déplacés. Le président mozambicain Filipé Nyusi avait pourtant affirmé la....

allafrica-fr 19 Apr 2021

<https://fr.allafrica.com/stories/202104160780.html>

NORTH AFRICA

Egypt

ISIS affiliate claims responsibility for Egypt beheadings

Video of a terror group in Egypt with ties to the Islamic State executing one Coptic Christian and two tribesmen is making the rounds online — as the country's Interior Ministry revealed Monday that it had killed three suspects in the slayings. The 13-minute video, released late Saturday, showed....

nypost 19 Apr 2021

<https://nypost.com/2021/04/19/isis-affiliate-claims-responsibility-for-egypt-beheadings/>

Egypt Says Killed Three Suspects in Jihadist Murder of Copt

Egypt's interior ministry said Monday it killed three "terrorist elements" in the Sinai Peninsula suspected of involvement in the execution of a Coptic Christian claimed by an Islamic State-affiliated group. "National security received intelligence about a group of terrorist elements involved in the killing of Nabil Habashi.

nna-en 19 Apr 2021

<http://mna-leb.gov.lb/en/show-news/127151/Egypt-Says-Killed-Three-Suspects-in-Jihadist-Murder-of-Copt>

Sécurité L'Égypte dit avoir tué trois "terroristes" suspectés du meurtre d'un copte au Sinaï

Trois membres d'un groupe jihadiste affilié à l'organisation Etat islamique (EI) et suspectés d'être impliqués dans l'exécution d'un copte dans la péninsule du Sinaï, en Égypte, ont été tués, a indiqué lundi le ministère égyptien de l'Intérieur. "La sécurité nationale a reçu des renseignements....

lorientlejour 19 Apr 2021

<https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1259139/egypte-dit-avoir-tue-trois-terroristes-suspectes-du-meurtre-dum-copte-au-sinai.html>

INTERNATIONAL

Why Experts Ignore Terrorism in Africa

In Western policy circles, Salafi-jihadi insurgencies in African countries get short shrift. A combination of political burnout, competing priorities, and policy hurdles is preventing policymakers from seeing the threat clearly or thinking cogently about what to do about it.

19 Apr 2021

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2021/04/19/why-experts-ignore-terrorism-in-africa/>

AMERICA

US

Trump urges Biden to reinstate travel ban to keep US safe from radical Islamic terrorism

Former US President Donald Trump has urged his successor Joe Biden to reinstate the travel ban on certain Muslim countries in order to keep the country safe from radical Islamic terrorism. "If Joe Biden wants to keep our country safe from radical Islamic terrorism, he should reinstitute the foreign....

expressindia 8:41:00 AM CEST

<https://indianexpress.com/article/world/trump-urges-biden-to-reinstate-travel-ban-to-keep-us-safe-from-radical-islamic-terrorism-7281187/>

ASIA

Afghanistan

Will Afghanistan Become a Terrorism Safe Haven Once Again?

The Sept. 11 attacks led American troops into Afghanistan in 2001 for what became a two-decade war. Now President Biden's decision to withdraw military forces has prompted a central question: Will the threat of terrorism against America re-emerge from Afghanistan?

19 Apr 2021

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/13/us/politics/afghanistan-terrorism-threat.html>

9,592 troops of 36 countries serving in Afghanistan

In line with US President Joe Biden's announcement, all American troops will depart from Afghanistan by September later this year, coinciding with the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the US. Deployment of foreign troops began in Afghanistan on Oct.

aa-en 17 Apr 2021

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/asia-pacific/9-592-troops-of-36-countries-serving-in-afghanistan/2212251>

Saudi Arabia

Yemeni Explosive Drone Hits King Khaled Airbase in Khamis Msheit

The Yemeni Air Force launched a drone attack on King Khaled Airbase in Khamis Msheit, according to the military spokesman, General Yahya Sarea. General Sarea mentioned that an explosive drone (Qasef K2) accurately hit an important target the the Saudi military base, stressing that the operation came....

almanar-en 17 Apr 2021

<https://english.almanar.com.lb/1318352>

EUROPE

Albania

Five people injured in knife attack at a mosque in Tirana

Police said a man entered the Dine Hoxha mosque around 14:30 local time and wounded five people worshipping there. A 34-year-old suspect from Burrel was arrested at the scene and taken into custody. The five wounded, all men aged from 22 to 35, were taken to hospital and are not reported to be in life-threatening conditions.

euronews-en 19 Apr 2021

https://www.euronews.com/2021/04/19/five-people-injured-in-knife-attack-at-a-mosque-in-tirana?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+euronews%2Fen%2Fnews+%28euronews+-+news+-+en%29

Cinq blessés dans une attaque au couteau dans une mosquée

Cinq fidèles qui priaient dans une mosquée de Tirana, ont été blessés à coups de couteau lundi par un suspect qui a été arrêté, a annoncé la police. C'est la première fois qu'une attaque est commise dans un lieu de culte dans le petit pays des Balkans où règne la tolérance religieuse.

24heures 19 Apr 2021

<https://www.24heures.ch/cinq-blesses-dans-une-attaque-au-couteau-dans-une-mosquee-890841233818>

Une attaque au couteau dans une mosquée vient ébranler la tolérance religieuse du pays et fait plusieurs blessés

Image d'illustration d'une mosquée à Tirana, la capitale albanaise. Cinq fidèles qui priaient dans une mosquée de Tirana, ont été blessés à coups de couteau lundi par un suspect qui a été arrêté, a annoncé la police. C'est la première fois qu'une attaque est commise dans un....

rtbf 19 Apr 2021

https://www.rtbf.be/info/monde/detail_albanie-une-attaque-au-couteau-dans-une-mosquee-vient-ebbranler-la-tolerance-religieuse-du-pays-et-fait-plusieurs-blesses?id=10744269

Netherlands

Child soldier turned LRA commander says he was powerless to stop atrocities

Lord's Resistance Army ex-commander Dominic Ongwen who is accused of participating in the LRA's alleged crimes, sits in the courtroom of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague, Netherlands February 4, 2021.

reuters-af 15 Apr 2021

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-warcrimes-uganda-ongwen/child-soldier-turned-lra-commander-says-he-was-powerless-to-stop-atrocities-idUSKBN2C21K7?il=0>

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