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#### **EAST AFRICA**

##### **Somalia**

##### **Somali police bomb attack in the capital**

Somali security forces have managed to avert an attack in the capital, Mogadishu on Thursday evening. A witness said the police dismantled IEDs planted in the vicinity of KM4 junction which is a nerve road that links the airport to the presidential palace. No casualties reported as a result of the foiled blast, according to the police.

*shabelle 18 Mar 2021*

<https://www.radioshabelle.com/somali-police-bomb-attack-in-the-capital/>

#### **WEST AFRICA**

##### **Burkina Faso**

##### **Trois terroristes neutralisés**

L'armée burkinabè a affirmé, mardi soir, avoir neutralisé trois terroristes présumés, du 10 au 14 mars, dans des opérations antiterroristes menées dans plusieurs régions

du pays, a indiqué l'armée dans un rapport sur la situation des opérations. Selon le rapport, le 10 mars, suite à une attaque....

*liberte-algerie 18 Mar 2021*

<https://www.liberte-algerie.com/international/trois-terroristes-neutralises-355742>

## **Mali**

### **Plus de 30 soldats encore tués dans une attaque : Que comprendre de cette nouvelle lourde perte ?**

Une trentaine de nos soldats ont été tués lundi dernier près des frontières du Burkina Faso et du Niger dans l'attaque la plus meurtrière attribuée à des djihadistes contre les forces maliennes, cette année 2021. Selon un nouveau bilan obtenu mercredi 17 mars 2021 de sources militaires et locales, de deux, on est à 31 morts.

*maliactu 6:15:00 AM CET*

<https://maliactu.net/mali-plus-de-30-soldats-encore-tues-dans-une-attaque-que-comprendre-de-cette-nouvelle-lourde-perte/>

### **Une grande partie des soldats du 27e BCA va partir cet été en mission au Mali**

Plusieurs centaines de soldats du 27 e Bataillon de chasseurs alpins (BCA), dont le quartier est à Cran-Gevrier, vont partir cet été dans la bande sahélo-saharienne, au Mali. Ils vont officier, dans le cadre de l'opération Barkhane et de la Coalition pour le Sahel, annoncée en janvier 2020, à Pau, par le président de la République.

*ledauphine 6:10:00 AM CET*

<https://www.ledauphine.com/defense-guerre-conflit/2021/03/18/une-grande-partie-des-soldats-du-27e-bca-va-partir-cet-ete-en-mission-au-mali>

## **Nigeria**

### **Military Takes Over Airport Security In Northern States**

A combined team of security operatives from the Nigerian Army and the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) have taken over strategic positions in most of the airports in the Northern part of the country to prevent any form of security breach by bandits and other criminal elements.

*leadership 2:49:00 AM CET*

<https://leadership.ng/military-takes-over-airport-security-in-northern-states/>

### **Why Children Are Prime Targets of Armed Groups in Northern Nigeria**

The country as the third most affected by terrorism. There was a sharp increase in Boko Haram's targeting of civilians by 25%, and killings by herdsmen increased by 26%, compared with the previous year. The two countries higher on the index are Iraq and Afghanistan.

*ipsnews 18 Mar 2021*

[http://www.ipsnews.net/2021/03/children-prime-targets-armed-groups-northern-nigeria/?utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=children-prime-targets-armed-groups-northern-nigeria](http://www.ipsnews.net/2021/03/children-prime-targets-armed-groups-northern-nigeria/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=children-prime-targets-armed-groups-northern-nigeria)

## **By Targeting Schools, Nigerian Kidnappers Put Country At Risk**

Jihadists in northeastern Nigeria have long outraged the world with mass abductions of schoolchildren but now armed gangs in search of income are using the same tactic in other parts of the country, sparking warnings that no school is safe. More than 300 schoolgirls were snatched from dormitories by....

*ibtimes 18 Mar 2021*

<https://www.ibtimes.com/targeting-schools-nigerian-kidnappers-put-country-risk-3153266>

## **School abductions: Education sector, future of our children under attack**

Continued attacks and abductions of school children especially the female ones have put the education sector and the future of our wards under serious jeopardy, members of the House of Representatives said Thursday.

*onlinenigeria 18 Mar 2021*

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/878011-school-abductions-education-sector%2C-future-of-our-children-under-attack-%E2%80%94-reps.html>

# **SOUTHERN AFRICA**

## **Mozambique**

### **Mozambique Forces, Jihadists Committing 'War Crimes'**

Jihadists, government forces and a "private militia" backing the authorities have indiscriminantly killed hundreds of civilians in troubled northeastern Mozambique, Amnesty International said in a report Tuesday. Violence stoked by armed Islamists in gas-rich Cabo Delgado province has left at least....

*ibtimes 18 Mar 2021*

<https://www.ibtimes.com/mozambique-forces-jihadists-committing-war-crimes-amnesty-3154718>

# **NORTH AFRICA**

## **Libya**

### **Child dies in ammunition explosion in Libya**

At least one child was killed by a military ammunition explosion in Libya, a medical official told Anadolu Agency on Thursday. Three others were injured in the blast in the Ain Zara region in southern Tripoli, according to Osama Ali, spokesman for the Libyan Health Ministry's First Aid and Emergency Service.

*aa-en 12:27:00 AM CET*

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/child-dies-in-ammunition-explosion-in-libya/2181073>

### **11 bullet-ridden bodies found in eastern Libya**

The bodies of 11 people bearing gunshot wounds were discovered on Thursday in eastern Libya's Benghazi, said a security source, suggesting they had been "executed". "Security forces were alerted on Thursday of the presence of 11 unidentified bodies at the southern entrance to Benghazi in the Haouari....

*timesofmalta 18 Mar 2021*

<https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/11-bullet-ridden-bodies-found-in-eastern-libya.858961>

## **AMERICA**

### **Mexico**

#### **Gunmen ambush police convoy near Mexico City, killing 13**

Gunmen apparently from a drug gang ambushed a police convoy on Thursday in central Mexico, killing eight state police officers and five prosecution investigators in a hail of gunfire, authorities said. The massacre of the 13 law enforcement officers in the State of Mexico was the country's single....

*thehindu 8:52:00 AM CET*

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/gunmen-ambush-police-convoy-near-mexico-city-killing-13/article34106162.ece>

## **ASIA**

### **Philippines**

#### **3 kidnapped Indonesians rescued after Philippine sea mishap**

Philippine police rescued three Indonesian hostages and captured one of their Abu Sayyaf captors when the militants' speedboat was lashed by huge waves and overturned as they were fleeing government operations, the military said Friday.

washtimes 8:36:00 AM CET

[https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2021/mar/19/3-kidnapped-indonesians-rescued-after-philippine-s/?utm\\_source=RSS\\_Feed&utm\\_medium=RSS](https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2021/mar/19/3-kidnapped-indonesians-rescued-after-philippine-s/?utm_source=RSS_Feed&utm_medium=RSS)

## **EUROPE**

### **Russia**

#### **Russia urges speedy Afghanistan peace deal at Moscow talks**

Russia on Thursday urged Afghan officials and the Taliban during talks in Moscow to reach an accord to end years of violence ahead of a deadline for US troops to withdraw from Afghanistan. The conference in Moscow is part of intensifying negotiations between the Afghan government, the....

TheFrontierPost-en 6:20:00 AM CET

<https://thefrontierpost.com/russia-urges-speedy-afghanistan-peace-deal-at-moscow-talks/>

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