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#### **EAST AFRICA**

##### **Somalia**

#### **144 Nigerian Policemen Deployed To Somalia To Fight Insecurity**

A contingent of 144 police officers from Nigeria has arrived in Somalia to boost stabilisation efforts in the country, the African Union mission said on Sunday, April 18. According to a report by China Global Television Network Africa, the AU mission said the arrival of the new contingent is a major...

*saharareporters 20 Apr 2021*

<http://saharareporters.com/2021/04/20/144-nigerian-policemen-deployed-somalia-fight-insecurity>

#### **Un fonctionnaire local tué par une mine artisanale**

Un fonctionnaire local somalien a été tué mardi dans l'explosion d'une mine artisanale dans la capitale, Mogadiscio. Abdi Mohamed Mohamud, commissaire adjoint du district de Daynile, a été tué quand son véhicule a roulé sur cet engin explosif dans la banlieue nord de....

*french-news 20 Apr 2021*

[http://french.xinhuanet.com/afrique/2021-04/20/c\\_139894079.htm](http://french.xinhuanet.com/afrique/2021-04/20/c_139894079.htm)

## **CENTRAL AFRICA**

### **Chad**

#### **Chad President Idriss Déby Assassinated in Combat**

Chad President Idriss Deby 68, has died. Subtleties of Deby's passing stay meager albeit as per the Nation's military, the President kicked the bucket of "wounds" supported on the bleeding edge. "He was visiting troops on the front lines of a fight against northern rebels," a military representative said.

*redpepper 20 Apr 2021*

[https://www.redpepper.co.ug/2021/04/chad-president-idriss-deby-assassinated-in-combat/?utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=chad-president-idriss-deby-assassinated-in-combat](https://www.redpepper.co.ug/2021/04/chad-president-idriss-deby-assassinated-in-combat/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=chad-president-idriss-deby-assassinated-in-combat)

#### **Will Events in Chad Force a Reset of Sahel Strategy?**

In the last week, several columns of rebel fighters have entered Chad from neighboring Libya with the intention of unseating long-time strongman and friend of the West Idriss Déby Itno, Chad's ruler for the past thirty years. Despite multiple claims by Chad's government spokesman that the rebel...

*allafrica 20 Apr 2021*

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202104200025.html>

#### **Avec le décès du Président Idriss Déby, l'ONU perd un « partenaire essentiel »**

« Le Secrétaire général a été profondément attristé par la nouvelle du décès du Président tchadien Idriss Déby Itno ce matin », a déclaré le porte-parole d' António Guterres , dans une déclaration de presse publiée le 20 avril. Selon le porte-parole du chef de l'ONU, « le Président Déby Itno était...

*un-org-newscentre 20 Apr 2021*

<https://news.un.org/fr/story/2021/04/1094322>

#### **Le Tchad, pion central du dispositif militaire français au Sahel**

La France a perdu un allié, mais pas son meilleur point d'ancrage au Sahel. La mort de Déby ne devrait pas bouleverser la donne tant tactique que stratégique dans la sous-région en proie à l'instabilité créée par les groupes armés djihadistes que combattent la France et ses alliés. Le pion central du dispositif français.

*mali-web 20 Apr 2021*

<http://mali-web.org/afrique/le-tchad-pion-central-du-dispositif-militaire-francais-au-sahel>

## **Rebels vow to take capital after Chadian president killed**

Chad's president of three decades died of wounds suffered during a visit to front-line troops battling a shadowy rebel group, the military announced Tuesday, as the insurgents vowed to take the capital in what could become a violent battle for control of the oil-rich Central African nation.

*news-yahoo 5:19:00 AM CEST*

<https://news.yahoo.com/military-chadian-president-killed-30-111241811.html>

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Mali**

#### **Lutte contre le terrorisme au Mali : La MINUSMA offre des équipements au ministère de la justice**

Après les mots de bienvenue du directeur national des affaires judiciaires et du sceau, Mohamed Najim, la Représentante Spéciale adjointe du Secrétaire général des Nations Unies au Mali, Coordinatrice humanitaire, Coordinatrice résidente du Système des Nations unies au Mali, Mme Mbaranga....

*maliactu 9:13:00 AM CEST*

<https://maliactu.net/mali-lutte-contre-le-terrorisme-au-mali-la-minusma-offre-des-equipements-au-ministere-de-la-justice/>

### **Nigeria**

#### **Soldiers Working With Boko Haram Expose Civilian Collaborators**

Some soldiers arrested in the crack down on Boko Haram funders have disclosed the identities of their civilian collaborators, according to sources. The arrests of the officers came after an in-depth investigation into connections between Boko Haram members and military officers, that they helped to....

*allafrica 20 Apr 2021*

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202104200378.html>

#### **Gunmen Attack Police Station In Enugu, Kill Officers**

Some gunmen have reportedly attacked the Divisional Police Headquarters, Adani in Uzo-Uwani Local Government Area of Enugu State. The attack was said to have happened in the early hours of Wednesday, according to Daily Post. SaharaReporters Media. Two of the police officers on duty were reportedly....

saharareporters 9:55:00 AM CEST

<http://saharareporters.com/2021/04/21/breaking-gunmen-attack-police-station-enugu-kill-officers>

## **Troops rescue herders, 200 cattle in Southern Kaduna**

Troops under the auspices of Operation Safe Haven (OPSH) reported that two herders were rescued from an attack in Mabuhu village of Zangon Kataf local government area of Kaduna State. Samuel Aruwan, Commissioner, Ministry of Internal...

onlinenigeria 6:51:00 AM CEST

<https://news2.onlinenigeria.com/news/general/884924-troops-rescue-herders-200-cattle-in-southern-kaduna.html>

## **Police Kill 30 Bandits In Zamfara**

The Police said yesterday that they killed 30 bandits while others escaped to the forest with possible gunshot wounds In Zamfara State. The bandits had attacked some communities in Maradun and Bakura local government areas of the state, killing an unaccounted number of people.

leadership 5:59:00 AM CEST

<https://leadership.ng/police-kill-30-bandits-in-zamfara/>

# **SOUTHERN AFRICA**

## **Mozambique**

### **Fresh Clashes in Mozambique's Restive Cabo Delgado Province**

New fighting has broken out in Mozambique's northern town of Palma, some three weeks after an attack by hardline Islamist militants killed dozens of people and displaced thousands from their homes. "The situation is under control," a military commander told AFP news agency, describing how shots were fired.

allafrica 20 Apr 2021

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202104180066.html>

**« Nous avons dû fuir à nouveau les attaques car ils nous avaient retrouvés »**

J'ai reçu un appel de mon mari vers 15 heures le 24 mars. Il m'a prévenue que la situation était mauvaise et que je devais quitter notre maison avec nos enfants et le rejoindre sur son lieu de travail. Avant même que nous quittions la maison, j'entendais déjà le bruit des coups de feu dans la ville.

MSF-fr 20 Apr 2021

<https://www.msf.fr/actualites/mozambique-nous-avons-du-fuir-a-nouveau-les-attaques-car-ils-nous-avaient-retrouves>

## **NORTH AFRICA**

### **Egypt**

#### **ISIS Terrorists Involved in a Christian Slaying Killed**

Egypt's Interior Ministry has announced the killing of three terrorists who belonged to a ISIS cell in northern Sinai responsible for the murder of an Egyptian citizen of Coptic descent.

*albawaba-en 20 Apr 2021*

<https://www.albawaba.com/news/egypt-isis-terrorists-involved-christian-slaying-killed-1423406>

## **ASIA**

### **India**

#### **GPKSC slams brutal killing of 10 Kashmiri youth, desecration of...**

Rao. Mirpur (Ajk) Britian-based Kashmiri rights outfit – the Global Pak-Kashmir Supreme Council (GPKSC) Tuesday vehemently condemned the desecration of a mosque and killing of over ten innocent Kashmiri youth by the brutal Indian forces in the Shopian and Pulwama areas of Indian Illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

*pakobserver 20 Apr 2021*

<https://pakobserver.net/gpksc-slams-brutal-killing-of-10-kashmiri-youth-desecration-of-mosque/>

### **Indonesia**

#### **ISIS supporters want Indonesian who claimed to be '26th prophet' beheaded for insulting Islam's Prophet Mohammed South China Morning Post**

Islamic State sympathisers have called for the beheading of an Indonesian man who claimed to be the “26th prophet”. A man identifying himself as Jozeph Paul Zhang made the claim alongside other remarks offensive to Muslims in a YouTube video that went viral over the weekend.

*AsiaOne 20 Apr 2021*

<https://www.asiaone.com/asia/isis-supporters-want-indonesian-who-claimed-be-26th-prophet-beheaded-insulting-islams-prophet>

### **Pakistan**

## **Natanz attack, a clear example of nuclear terrorism: Pakistani legal expert**

During an interview with IRNA on Tuesday, Saad Rasool said the IAEA has remained silent on it and I am sure this would be discussed at the international level in coming days and the IAEA will have to provide a justifiable reason for their silence. He added that this action which at least in the....

*irna 20 Apr 2021*

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84303144/Natanz-attack-a-clear-example-of-nuclear-terrorism-Pakistani>

## **Sri Lanka**

### **Sri Lanka's Catholic Church to observe two-minute silence on second anniversary of Easter attacks**

Sri Lanka's Catholic church will observe a two-minute silence on Wednesday morning to mark the second anniversary of the deadly, including 11 Indians. Easter Sunday attacks in 2019 that killed 258 people Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, the Archbishop of Colombo, has requested people to observe a two-minute silence at 8.

*thehindu 20 Apr 2021*

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/sri-lankas-catholic-church-to-observe-two-minute-silence-on-second-anniversary-of-easter-attacks/article34367479.ece>

## **Syria**

### **Russian Forces Destroyed Terrorists' Shelters Northeast of Syria's Palmyra, Up to 200 Militants Dead**

Militants created a camouflaged base northeast of Syria's Palmyra, where groups were formed for terrorist attacks and explosive devices were made. Russian Aerospace Forces planes have hit these targets, Rear Adm.

*globalsecurity 20 Apr 2021*

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/syria/2021/syria-210419-sputnik01.htm>

## **Turkey**

### **Turkey summons Swedish envoy for meeting terrorists**

Turkey on Tuesday summoned Sweden's envoy to strongly condemn recent meetings between Swedish high-level officials and terrorists, according to diplomatic sources. Summoning Ambassador Staffan Herrstrom, Turkey's Foreign Ministry censured a video conference between Swedish Defense Minister Peter....

*aa-en 20 Apr 2021*

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/europe/turkey-summons-swedish-envoy-for-meeting-terrorists/2215046>

## **EUROPE**

### **France**

#### **France says Chad's Deby was 'essential' ally in fight against terrorism**

France and a number of African countries offered their condolences for Chadian strongman Idriss Déby whose death was announced on Tuesday, after he was injured in clashes with rebel forces in the west of the country. French Defence Minister Florence Parly described Déby, who has ruled Chad for some....

*rfi-en 20 Apr 2021*

<https://www.rfi.fr/en/africa/20210420-france-says-chad-s-deby-was-essential-ally-in-fight-against-terrorism>

### **Ireland**

#### **Northern Ireland car bomb: New IRA are blamed for planting viable explosive**

Police in Northern Ireland suspect the New IRA could be responsible for the attempted murder of a female officer after revealing that a bomb was planted at the rear of the car where her three-year-old daughter sits. The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) discovered a bomb under the car of the....

*dailymail 20 Apr 2021*

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9491075/Police-viable-bomb-officers-car-Northern-Ireland.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9491075/Police-viable-bomb-officers-car-Northern-Ireland.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

#### **Allison Morris Opinion New IRA so desperate it's reduced to copying worst tactics of Isis**

The targeting of a part-time female officer with a firebomb-style device will horrify even the most hardened of republicans. The PSNI say they believe the so-called New IRA may have been responsible for leaving the bomb at the home of the young woman.

*belfasttelegraph 20 Apr 2021*

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/new-ira-so-desperate-its-reduced-to-copying-worst-tactics-of-isis-40337237.html>

## **International Organisations**

## **Efforts of European Member States to Prevent Terrorists from Abusing Asylum Systems while Ensuring Compliance with International Refugee and Human Rights Law**

The Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate has published a Regional Analytical Brief on “Efforts of European Member States to prevent terrorists from abusing asylum systems while ensuring compliance with international refugee and human rights law: challenges, recommendations and good practices”.

*reliefWeb 20 Apr 2021*

<https://reliefweb.int/report/world/efforts-european-member-states-prevent-terrorists-abusing-asylum-systems-while-ensuring>

## **UN chief deeply saddened by death of Chadian President Idriss Déby**

President Idriss Déby died from injuries sustained in clashes with rebels in the north over the weekend, according to State media reports. The Secretary-General was deeply saddened to learn of his death, UN Spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said in ‘A key partner’ Mr.

*un-org 20 Apr 2021*

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/04/1090232>

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