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CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon

Sécurité : La gendarmerie nationale va recruter 29 230 éléments en cinq ans

L'information est contenu dans un message porté du ministre de la défense au Secrétaire d'État à la Défense en charge de la gendarmerie et aux Chef d'État major des armées. ADS Cette décision arrive au moment où l'armée fait face à des centaines de désertion dans ces rangs à cause principalement du...

cameroun24 20 Dec 2020

https://www.cameroun24.net/actualite-cameroun-La_gendarmerie_nationale_va_recruiter_29_230_elemen-1-1-56244.html

Democratic Republic of Congo

UN chief condemns escalating violence during election campaign

20 December 2020 - With a week to go until elections are scheduled to take place in the Central African Republic (CAR), the UN is concerned about an escalation of

armed attacks, amid reports that armed groups have taken control of towns near the capital, Bangui.

globalsecurity 8:29:00 AM CET

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2020/12/mil-201220-unnews01.htm>

Les partenaires de la Centrafrique hausse le ton face aux groupes armés et Bozizé

Le climat est toujours aussi précaire en Centrafrique avant la présidentielle et les législatives de dimanche 27 décembre. Si la journée d'hier a été calme hier à Bangui, plusieurs affrontements ont en revanche été signalés dans l'intérieur du pays et la capitale renforce son dispositif sécuritaire.

rfi-fr 5:30:00 AM CET

<https://www.rfi.fr/fr/afrique/20201221-les-partenaires-de-la-centrafrique-hausse-le-ton-face-aux-groupes-arm%C3%A9s-et-boziz%C3%A9>

WEST AFRICA

Nigeria

Kidnappings in north Nigeria highlight deepening insecurity

Joyous, tearful Nigerian parents tightly hugged their sons, upon being reunited with them following their week-long abduction in the country's northwestern area. The boys, however, appeared traumatized and exhausted. After their days of captivity, including forced marches and hiding....

TorontoStar 12:34:00 PM CET

<https://www.thestar.com/news/world/africa/2020/12/21/kidnappings-in-north-nigeria-highlight-deepening-insecurity.html>

Focus on defeating terrorism, IPOB tells FG, governors

Insists ESN isn't Biafra army, but vigilance group. The Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) has asked the Federal Government, South East and South South governors as well as security agencies to defeat terrorism in the country before attempting to halt operations of the Eastern Security Network (ESN) it floated recently in the two regions.

nrguardiannews 11:53:00 AM CET

<https://guardian.ng/news/focus-on-defeating-terrorism-ipob-tells-fg-governors/>

Nigerian troops foil attempted kidnap of 39 girls in Katsina

Troops of Operation Hadarin Daji, in collaboration with the police and vigilance group deployed in Dandume Local Government Area of Katsina State, on Sunday, foiled an attempt by suspected bandits to abduct 39 Islamiya girls. Coordinator of Defence Media Operations Maj.-Gen.

dailypost 11:07:00 AM CET

<https://dailypost.ng/2020/12/21/nigerian-troops-foil-attempted-kidnap-of-39-girls-in-katsina/>

Sahel

International Operation Disrupts Supply of Firearms to Terrorists

A seven-day operation saw law enforcement officers intercept illicit firearms, ammunition and explosives, and disrupt the trafficking networks used to supply terrorists across West Africa and the Sahel.

unodc 12:40:00 PM CET

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/press/releases/2020/December/international-operation-disrupts-supply-of-firearms-to-terrorists.html>

Après trois ans d'existence, la force du G5 Sahel peine à convaincre

Composée de sept bataillons fournis par les cinq pays du Sahel (Mali, Tchad, Niger, Burkina Faso, Mauritanie), cette force a pour mission de faire évoluer ensemble les soldats sahéliens, toutes nationalités confondues, contre une menace jihadiste transfrontalière.

mali-web 11:57:00 AM CET

<http://mali-web.org/politique/apres-trois-ans-dexistence-la-force-du-g5-sahel-peine-a-convaincre>

Les défis économiques de la locomotive sécuritaire du Sahel

La République islamique de Mauritanie est considérée aujourd'hui comme la locomotive sécuritaire du Sahel. Le pays est relativement stable et la politique de sécurité a porté des fruits objectifs. C'est un précieux atout pour l'opération Barkhane et la coalition pour le Sahel.

cridem 20 Dec 2020

http://www.cridem.org/C_Info.php?article=743871

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Mozambique

Colonel Lionel Dyck's Army Holding Fort In Mozambique While SADC Continues To Talk

Colonel Lionel Dyck. Community leaders gathered for an emergency meeting this week in Maputo, Mozambique, following a recent get-together in Gaborone, Botswana, to discuss the volatile political and security situation in that country's gas-rich Cabo Delgado northern region.

zimeye 20 Dec 2020

<https://www.zimeye.net/2020/12/20/colonel-lionel-dycks-army-holding-fort-in-mozambique-while-sadc-continues-to-talk/>

NORTH AFRICA

Tunisia

Un jeune homme décapité dans une attaque «terroriste»

«Le corps décapité d'un jeune homme a été retrouvé dans la région d'Al-Soltanya, dans le gouvernorat de Kasserine, et il est probable qu'un groupe terroriste soit derrière l'attaque», a indiqué à l'AFP le substitut du procureur général au tribunal de première instance de Tunis, Mohsen Dali.

rian-fr 10:18:00 AM CET

<https://fr.sputniknews.com/international/202012211044964034-tunisie-un-jeune-homme-decapite-dans-une-attaque-terroriste/>

Attackers 'behead' Tunisian shepherd

"The decapitated body of a young man has been found... and it is probable that a terrorist group was behind the attack," senior prosecutor Mohsen Dali said, naming the victim as 20-year-old Oqba al-Dhibi. An investigation was underway, he added. Local radio said Dhibi was a shepherd who was tending his flock when he came under attack.

manilastandardtoday 7:49:00 AM CET

<https://manilastandardtoday.com/news/world-news/342565/attackers-behead-tunisian-shepherd.html>

AMERICA

US

U.S. Embassy in Baghdad damaged in rocket attack

On Monday, outgoing Attorney General William Barr is expected to announce criminal charges against Abu Agila Masud, a former Libyan intelligence officer, in connection with the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, three U.S. officials familiar with the matter told CNN. Masud is believed to be in Libya, and CNN reports that U.

news-yahoo 7:45:00 AM CET

<https://news.yahoo.com/u-embassy-baghdad-damaged-rocket-053800776.html>

EUROPE

France

Avec les femmes et les hommes de l'opération "Barkhane"

À quelques jours des fêtes de Noël, nos équipes sont allées au Mali à la rencontre des militaires français. Des femmes et des hommes qui mènent une guerre qui dure maintenant depuis huit ans. C'est un champ de bataille à l'immensité vertigineuse. La zone dite des "trois frontières" entre le Mali,....

metrofrance 11:02:00 AM CET

<https://www.lci.fr/international/video-avec-les-fem>

EAST AFRICA

Somalia

Al-Shabaab Displays Dusit Attackers in Video

Al-Qaeda linked terror group Al-Shabaab has for the first time released a video displaying the names and faces of five assailants who attacked the DusitD2 complex in Nairobi last year. The images of the assailants were displayed in a 7-minute clip. In the video, the five attackers state that their....

allafrica 1:34:00 AM CET

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202012160797.html>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon

Lutte Contre La Cybercriminalité : L'administration Du Littoral Mise à Jour

"Des agents publics entretenus à Douala hier, 17 décembre, par le Minpostel, Minette Libom Li Likeng." ... Cameroon Tribune. "Avec la publication ce jour de son 10e rapport, l'institution relève des impacts notables dans la lutte contre ce fléau au Cameroun." 5 days ago; Cameroon Tribune.

cameroon-one 7:34:00 AM CET

<http://www.cameroon-one.com/site/news/index.php?op=view&id=180388>

Cybercrime - Permanent Threat

It is recurrent to see reports of how cyber criminals have invaded the digital platforms of enterprises and individuals. Cyber criminality has been on the rise recently in Cameroon with digital pages of public authorities and influential personalities allegedly hacked for dubious purposes.

allafrica 1:34:00 AM CET

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202012170131.html>

Democratic Republic of Congo

À Djugu, où l'insécurité persiste, la population cherche la protection de la Monusco

Dans le territoire de Djugu, province de l'Ituri, la situation est toujours tendue. En ce mois de décembre, les attaques attribuées aux miliciens de la Codeco se multiplient et la population réclame le renforcement du dispositif sécuritaire. Dans certaines zones, elle quitte les villages et se rapproche des bases de la Monusco.

rfi-fr 10:51:00 AM CET

<https://www.rfi.fr/fr/afrique/20201220-rdc-%C3%A0-djugu-o%C3%B9-l-ins%C3%A9curit%C3%A9-persiste-la-population-cherche-la-protection-de-la-monusco>

WEST AFRICA

Mali

Barkhane: le camp d'Hombori sur le pied de guerre

4 mn. Franck Alexandre À Hombori dans le désert du Gourma malien, une base opérationnelle avancée accueille désormais trois unités des forces armées maliennes et le groupe tactique désert 1 Lamy de la force Barkhane. Soldats maliens et français vont s'y entraîner, ces prochaines semaines, avec pour objectif : l'interopérabilité.

rfi-fr 9:23:00 AM CET

<https://www.rfi.fr/podcasts/lignes-de-d%C3%A9fense/20201220-barkhane-le-camp-d-hombori-sur-le-pied-de-guerre>

Nigeria

More students abducted in Nigeria but are quickly rescued

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria Gunmen in Nigeria abducted more than 80 Islamic school students in northwestern Katsina state Saturday night, but the pupils were quickly rescued by security forces after a fierce gun battle, police announced Sunday. The foiled abduction comes less than two days after the release....

therepublic 11:57:00 AM CET

<http://www.therepublic.com/2020/12/20/ap-af-nigeria-school-attack/>

Police, vigilante rescue 84 Katsina students kidnapped by bandits

A fresh attack by bandits last Saturday night to kidnap another set and scores of Islamic school students have been foiled in Dandume local government area of Katsina State. Information from the area revealed that the students (Islammiyya students) numbering over hundred....

vanguardngr 11:55:00 AM CET

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2020/12/police-vigilante-rescue-84-katsina-students-kidnapped-by-bandits/>

Nigeria Libération de plusieurs dizaines d'écoliers après un nouveau rapt dans le nord-ouest

Des dizaines d'écoliers ont été kidnappés samedi soir par des hommes armés dans le nord-ouest du Nigeria avant d'être libérés dimanche matin grâce à l'intervention armée d'un groupe d'auto-défense et de la police, a annoncé à l'AFP un porte-parole de la police locale, Gambo Isah.

lorientlejour 12:06:00 PM CET

<https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1245537/liberation-de-plusieurs-dizaines-decoliers-apres-un-nouveau-rapt-dans-le-nord-ouest.html>

80 abducted Islamiyya students, 4 others rescued in Katsina

All Islamiyya students, who were abducted from an Islamiyya school in Dandume Local Government Area of Katsina on Saturday night, have been rescued by the police. The students were abducted by unidentified gunmen on their way back from Maulid celebrations at a village called Unguwar Al-Kasim of the same local government area on Saturday.

dailytrust 11:50:00 AM CET

<https://dailytrust.com/abducted-islamiyya-students-4-others-rescued-in-katsina>

Boko Haram abducts 35 along Maiduguri-Damaturu Highway

Barely one week after suspected Boko Haram fighters kidnapped two aid workers travelling from Damaturu to Maiduguri, and later used the aid workers' Facebook account to allege that they had killed them and "their corpses would never be found," they struck again last Friday taking away 35 commuters along the same route.

nrguardiannews 6:01:00 AM CET

<https://guardian.ng/news/boko-haram-abducts-35-along-maiduguri-damaturu-highway/>

Tinubu lauds Buhari, Masari over rescue of Kankara schoolboys

The National Leader, All Progressives Congress (APC), Sen. Bola Tinubu, has congratulated President Muhammadu Buhari for the prompt intervention in rescuing kidnapped students of Kankara Government Science Secondary School in Katsina State. Tinubu, in a statement on Saturday through his media aide,....

vanguardngr 4:16:00 AM CET

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2020/12/tinubu-lauds-buhari-masari-over-rescue-of-kankara-schoolboys/>

‘Nigerian Military Tackling Terrorism Within Best International Standard, RoE’

The Nigerian military is prosecuting the war against terrorism, banditry and other criminal vices in the country in accordance with its operational code of conduct and international best practices, an American conflict resolution expert, Daniel Furnad has said.

leadership 3:31:00 AM CET

<https://leadership.ng/nigerian-military-tackling-terrorism-within-best-international-standard-roe/>

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Mozambique

Potential Allies Are Losing Patience With Mozambique's Indecisiveness in Fighting Islamic State-Linked Terrorist Insurgency

Southern Africa and the wider international community are growing increasingly impatient as they wait for Mozambique to spell out a coherent, credible plan which others can support to help it fight an Islamic State-linked terrorist insurgency in its gas-rich northernmost province, Cabo Delgado.

allafrica 1:34:00 AM CET

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202012180232.html>

Terrorism in Mozambique Needs African Solutions

If Mozambique at last accepts regional support, SADC must heed the hard lessons learned elsewhere on the continent. On 14 December, Mozambican President Filipe Nyusi convened a meeting of the Southern African Development Community's (SADC) Troika of the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security to discuss the situation in Cabo Delgado.

allafrica 1:34:00 AM CET

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202012180909.html>

EUROPE

UK

UK jihadi White Widow dodging justice 'with Kenya security service mole's help'

the widow of 7/7 bomber Germaine Lindsay – orchestrated the 2013 Westgate Mall attack in capital Nairobi, which killed 71 people, including five Brits. Kenyan police believe the 30-year-old entered the country in 2011 on a fake passport and joined terror network al-Shabaab in Mombasa.

themirror 12:31:00 AM CET

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/brit-jihadi-white-widow-dodging-23194238>

International Organisations

UN

Le chef de l'ONU condamne l'attentat de Galkayo, en Somalie

Le secrétaire général des Nations Unies, Antonio Guterres, a fermement condamné samedi l'attentat qui a été perpétré vendredi à Galkayo et qui a fait de nombreuses victimes. Par un communiqué attribuable à son porte-parole Stéphane Dujarric, le chef....

french-news 2:05:00 AM CET

http://french.xinhuanet.com/2020-12/20/c_139603803.htm

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