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AFRICAN UNION NEWS

AU: Lack of funds threatens peacekeeping in Somalia

Lack of funding is threatening the operations of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), an African Union (AU) official said Thursday. Francisco Madeira, Special Representative of the Chairperson of the AU Commission for Somalia and Head of AMISOM, said the inadequate....

coastweek 23 Dec 2017

<http://www.coastweek.com/4051-AU-says-insufficient-funding-threatens-peacekeeping-in-Somalia.htm>

AU Says it Needs Urgent Resources for its Mission in Somalia

The African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) says it needs urgent and reliable funding in order to defeat al-Shabab militants and transfer security responsibilities to the Somali National Army. AMISOM chief Francisco Madeira issued the appeal while talking to reporters in Nairobi Thursday.

globalsecurity 22 Dec 2017

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2017/12/mil-171221-voa05.htm>

EAST AFRICA

Djibouti

Horn of Africa Forum Discusses Regional Integration, Peace, Security

More than 100 ethnic Somali scholars, politicians and traditional leaders from across the Horn of Africa region have concluded a three-day forum in Djibouti that touched on the issues of peace, security and regional integration. The forum was organized by The Heritage Institute for....

voanews 4:14:00 AM CET

<https://www.voanews.com/a/horn-of-africa-forum/4177072.html>

Somalia

Security fears in East Africa as Amisom starts withdrawing from Somalia

The African Union Mission in Somalia (Amisom) has not undertaken military operations with the Somali National Army (SNA) in the recent past because of limitations in personnel and equipment. During a meeting with President Uhuru Kenyatta in Nairobi last week, Uganda President Yoweri Museveni said he....

EastAfrican 23 Dec 2017

<http://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/news/Security-fears-in-EA-as-Amisom-starts-withdrawing-from-Somalia/2558-4239576-12yuv3g/index.html>

How Al-Qaeda chief Osama Bin Laden sowed seed of Somalia's woes

When I visited Mogadishu in 1996 after a 22-year exile, I found a divided city run by two warlords, each claiming his half as his fiefdom. And with no government to provide any civic amenities and no state-run schools functioning, the Qataris, the Saudis and the Emirates entered Somalia, especially....

EastAfrican 23 Dec 2017

<http://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/news/How-Osama-Bin-Laden-sowed-seed-of-Somalias-woes/2558-4239822-10pfr3f/index.html>

الإرهابية بالصومال «الشباب» قطر تدعم: سياسي سوداني

قال سياسي سوداني ذو صلة وثيقة بالملف الصومالي، إن قطر تدعم حركة الشباب ال (مواقع إخبارية)أبوظبي وأكدعمار السجاد، رئيس لجنة إسناد الحوار ا. صومالية الإرهابية وتؤوي عدداً من منسوبي الحركة منذ تأسيسها.... الإخبارية، أنه لا مجال لإنكار دعم قطر لتلك الحركة «بوابة العين» لوطني في السودان، في تصريح خاص لـ

alittihad-ae 23 Dec 2017

<http://www.alittihad.ae/details.php?id=77927&y=2017>

Uganda

Uganda attacks militant group in the DR Congo

The Uganda People's Defense Force, the Ugandan army, on Friday said it had launched attacks on a shadowy rebel group in the east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo), where the militants killed 14 UN peacekeepers earlier this month. Army spokesman Richard Karemire said the air force....

taipeitimes 23 Dec 2017

<http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/world/archives/2017/12/24/2003684566>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Centrafrique: des experts de l'Onu déplorent une "détérioration" de la sécurité

Il y a une "détérioration des conditions de sécurité " en Centrafrique, causée par une expansion des groupes autoproclamés d'autodéfense, une meurtrière lutte d'influence entre groupes armés et le peu de progrès de la restauration....

centrafrique 23 Dec 2017

<http://centrafrique-presse.over-blog.com/2017/12/centrafrique-des-experts-de-l-onu-deplorent-une-deterioration-de-la-securite.html>

Cameroon

Three killed in suspected Boko Haram attacks in Cameroon

At least three people were killed in two attacks by suspected members of terror group Boko Haram on Friday night and Saturday morning in Cameroon's Far North region, a local source told Xinhua. According to a member of the local vigilance committee contacted by Xinhua,....

xinhuanet_en 23 Dec 2017

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/24/c_136847871.htm

WEST AFRICA

Mali

Otage française au Mali : un an après, les proches de Sophie Pétronin se sentent "abandonnés"

"La crainte, le désarroi et la tristesse" : un an jour pour jour après l'enlèvement de Sophie Pétronin au Mali, son neveu a confié sa peine à franceinfo. "On n'a aucune info concrète sur son lieu de détention et surtout sur son état de santé" a-t-il regretté. Sophie Pétronin le 2 juillet 2017 dans une vidéo de la branche d'Al-Qaïda au Mali.

franceinfo 9:29:00 AM CET

https://www.franceinfo.fr/politique/emmanuel-macron/otage-francaise-au-mali-un-an-apres-les-proches-de-sophie-petronin-se-sentent-abandonnes_2529473.html#xtor=RSS-3-%5blestitres%5d

Mali : un Casque bleu décède de ses blessures suite aux attaques contre la MINUSMA à Kidal

Un Casque bleu guinéen est décédé de ses blessures suite à l'une des quatre attaques menées contre la Mission multidimensionnelle intégrée des Nations Unies pour la stabilisation au Mali (MINUSMA) vendredi à Kidal. Le soldat de la paix a succombé à ses blessures à la clinique....

mali-web 6:34:00 AM CET

<http://mali-web.org/nord-mali/mali-un-casque-bleu-decede-de-ses-blessures-suite-aux-attaques-contre-la-minusma-a-kidal>

L'opération Barkhane, un bouclier fragile au Sahel

«Les départs pour l'Europe, aussi dangereux soient-ils, demeurent perçus comme des opportunités, voire un moyen de se délester des gens qui nous empêchent de tourner en rond. Il nous faut rompre avec cette posture et changer de discours sur l'émigration.

mali-web 6:34:00 AM CET

<http://mali-web.org/crise-malienne/operation-barkhane-un-bouclier-fragile-au-sahel>

France ready to enhance military presence in Sahel: Macron

French President Emmanuel Macron has expressed his country's preparedness to beef up its military presence in the Sahel to fight alongside African forces against extremist militants in the region. "France is ready, not only to maintain, but if necessary to....

globalsecurity 4:46:00 AM CET

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/france/france-171223-presstv01.htm>

Cinq terroristes tués jeudi par les forces armées maliennes

Le ministre rwandais chargé des Affaires étrangères, de la Coopération et de la Communauté est-africaine, Olivier Nduhungirehe, a décrit jeudi, la décision des juges anti-terroristes français de mettre fin à une enquête sur une attaque missile qui a tué l'ex-président....

panapress 22 Dec 2017

<http://www.panapress.com/pana-2-lang1-SOC-index.html>

Nigeria

Watch your utterances, Presidency tells religious leaders

The Presidency has warned religious leaders and organisations in the country to refrain from divisive statements. It said the responsibility of maintaining peace and peaceful coexistence was not only the duty of the government, but also that of religious organisations, whose words "carry weight.

punchng 8:13:00 AM CET

<http://punchng.com/watch-your-utterances-presidency-tells-religious-leaders-3/>

Offloading the Boko Haram debacle 45 mins ago Sunday Magazine

The exact cost of dealing with the Boko Haram affliction in the Northeast, and elsewhere may not be easy to put together. Since the insurgency war has become protracted and we don't have an exit date, and since military budgets are not to be probed, we may never know the total monetary cost of this madness.

nrguardiannews 7:03:00 AM CET

<http://guardian.ng/opinion/columnists/offloading-the-boko-haram-debacle/>

Buhari paid Boko Haram €3m for release of Chibok girls — Report

The Federal Government paid €3m for the release of some Chibok schoolgirls who were in Boko Haram custody, according to Wall Street Journal. In 2014, Boko Haram insurgents had kidnapped 276 girls from Government Girls Secondary School, Chibok in Borno state.

punchng 5:58:00 AM CET

<http://punchng.com/buhari-paid-boko-haram-e3m-for-release-of-chibok-girls-report/>

Buhari, Boko Haram and the \$1 Billion SNAFU

President Buhari The uproar which Mr. Chukwuma's arrest caused was not because the Chairman of Innoson is above the law, or that he is so innocent, he could not violate standard finance laws, especially going by the complex labyrinths of business financing, and the outlay of his investments as an industrialist of note.

vanguardngr 4:18:00 AM CET

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2017/12/buhari-boko-haram-1-billion-snafu/>

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NORTH AFRICA

Algeria

الجيش بالمرصاد لعصابات تجارة الأسلحة والمتفجرات

كشفت تقارير أمنية عن ارتفاع ظاهرة تجارة الأسلحة وتهريبها واستعمالها من طرف الجماعات الإرهابية، بعد أن تحولت إلى نشاط رئيسي لعصابات إجرامية تعمل وراء الحدود الجنوبية والشرقية، حيث ارتفعت نسبة تجارة الأسلحة وكشفت البيانات الأخيرة لوزارة الدفاع الوطني عن توجه جدي. للأسلحة في الجزائر مقارنة مع السنوات الماضية

د...

ech-chorouk-ar 23 Dec 2017

<https://www.echoroukonline.com/ara/articles/543718.html>

Egypt

مقتل شخصين في هجوم مسلح على مقهى بجنوب القاهرة

آخرين 8 مجهولان يطلقان النار بشكل عشوائي على مقهى بقرية العامرية ما أسفر عن مقتل شخصين، وإصابة لقي ثلاثة أشخاص -القاهرة [2017/12/24 نُشر في] العرب. تزامنا مع عرض كنيسة للاعتداء والمطالبة بهدمها حتفهم في هجوم مسلح على مقهى في جنوب القاهرة، حسبما أفاد تقرير إخباري الأحد.

alarabonline 8:47:00 AM CET

<http://www.alarab.co.uk/?id=127190>

Libya

اتفاق الصخيرات ودول جوار ليبيا

رغم أن ليبيا حدودا مع ست دول افريقية، بعضها مؤثر في المشهد الليبي الحالي مثل النيجر و :ماجد البرهومي في خضم الحديث عن الأزمة التي يعيشها بلد عمر المخ «دول جوار ليبيا» تشاد، إلا أن ما اصطلح على تسميته ب...فهذه الدول تبدو معنية أكثر من غيرها بما يحصل في ليبيا. تار، هي أساسا بلدان تونس ومصر والجزائر

alquds-uk 23 Dec 2017

<http://www.alquds.co.uk/?p=849763>

العسكر وإلغاء الشرعيات الأخرى في ليبيا :الجنرال حفتر

ديسمبر الحالي ألقى الجنر/مساء السابع عشر من شهر كانون الأول :«القدس العربي»- (الأمم المتحدة)نيويورك ال خليفة حفتر، خطابا متلفزا للشعب الليبي أعلن فيه أن اتفاقالصخيرات أصبح منتهي الصلاحية ولا قيمة قانونية ثم تابع معلنا ألا شرعية الآن إلا للج له وأنه لن يلتزم به ولا بكل ما انبثق عنه من آليات بما فيها المجلس الرئاسي يش الوطنيلبيبي

alquds-uk 23 Dec 2017

<http://www.alquds.co.uk/?p=849745>

الأزمة الليبية والعودة إلى المربع الأول

جاء إعلان المشير خليفة حفتر بشأن انتهاء صلاحية الاتفاق السياسي الليبي :- روعة قاسم«القدس العربي»تونس - في المغرب، ليثير عاصفة جديدة في هذا البلد الذي لا يكاد يخز 2015ديسمبر /كانون الأول 17بي الذي وقع في...ديسمبر/كانون الأول 17وفي خطاب متلفز، اعتبر حفتر ان تاريخ ج. من أزمة إلا يدخل في أخرى أشد تعقيدا

alquds-uk 23 Dec 2017

<http://www.alquds.co.uk/?p=849767>

وحماية مصالحها «الاحتواء»خطة سلام طموحة ورهانات خارجية تريد :ليبيا

؟ هذا السؤال حاول الجنرال حفتر الإجابة عنه في خطاب ألقاه «الصخيرات» ما هو مستقبل ليبيا بعد نهاية مفعول من قاعدته في بنغازي شرقي ليبياوأعلن فيه أن كل الأجهزة التي نشأت عن اتفاقية (ديسمبر)كانون الأول 17في...ويقصد بهذا حكومة الوفاق الوطني برئاسة فائز السراج وما لم تعد قائمة 2015المغرب عام / الصخيرات

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<http://www.alquds.co.uk/?p=849743>

Tunisia

«داعش»اعتقال فتاة تمجد :تونس

أعلنت وزارة الداخلية التونسية أن وحداتها الأمنية تمكنت من إيقاف فتاة تعمدت تمجيد تنظي (تونس)ساسي جبيل وبينت الداخلية أمسفي بيان أنه تم القبض على المشتبه بها بما الإرهابي والتحريض على الإرهاب «داعش»م...عاماً، بالاعتماد على معطيات استعلاماتية كانت قد تعمدت تنزيل تدوينات وتعليق 19فضة المنستير وعمرها

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<http://www.alittihad.ae/details.php?id=78118&y=2017>

تونس تفكك خلية إرهابية

قالت وزارة الداخلية التونسية في بيان أمس، إن الوحدة الوطنية للبحث في جرائم الإرهاب و (تونس)ساسي جبيل الجرائم المنظمة والماسّة بسلامة التراب التونسي، بالقرجاني، للأمنالوطني، بالعاصمة تونس، تمكنت من إطاحة الإرها «القاعدة»عناصر تنشط بمحافظات سوسة والقيروان ومنوبة، مرتبطة بتنظيم 9خلية تكفيرية تتكوّن من

بي.

alittihad-ae 23 Dec 2017

<http://www.alittihad.ae/details.php?id=77907&y=2017>

INTERNATIONAL

America

Is Islamist Terror a New Type or Like Other Terror?: QuickTake

The nature of terrorism and how to fight it have become defining global security questions since the end of the Cold War, especially after the attacks on New York and Washington D.C. on Sept. 11, 2001. Now, U.S. President Donald Trump and some of his advisers see Islamist terrorism as the sharp edge....

WashingtonPost 10:12:00 AM CET

https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/is-islamist-terror-a-new-type-or-like-other-terror-quicktake/2017/12/24/52e163e6-e887-11e7-927a-e72eac1e73b6_story.html

Homeland Security says chain migration is a terror risk

Homeland Security says chain migration IS a terror risk as Trump warned after revealing two terrorism-related suspects were let into the US through the process The Department of Homeland Security released a statement on Twitter Saturday; Acting Press Secretary Tyler Houlton said two....

dailymail 8:05:00 AM CET

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5209713/Homeland-Security-says-chain-mitigation-terror-risk.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490

FBI arrest man for allegedly planning ISIS-inspired Christmas season attack

Officials say Everitt Aaron Jameson ultimately said he didn't want to go through with it, after an FBI employee accidentally called his phone with an identifiable Washington D.C .-based phone number. The bureau didn't believe him, searched his home and found weapons and a martyrdom note referring to....

ABCnews 8:57:00 AM CET

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/fbi-arrested-california-man-isis-supporting-planned-christmas/story?id=51956915>

Trump Executive Order Would Send ISIS Detainees To Guantanamo

A group of detainees observe morning prayer before sunrise inside Camp Delta at Guantanamo Bay naval base in an Oct. 28, 2009 file photo provided by the US Department of Defense. Photo: Reuters. President Donald Trump's administration was nearing the completion of an executive order that would send....

ibtimes 8:43:00 AM CET

<http://www.ibtimes.com/isis-under-trump-executive-order-would-send-islamic-state-detainees-guantanamo-bay-2457258>

American ISIS Suspect Held in Iraq Has Right to Lawyer, Judge Rules

Suspected Islamic State fighters detained at a courthouse in Qaraqosh, Iraq, this year. A federal judge has ruled that an American citizen detained as an "enemy combatant" has the right to a lawyer. Credit Sergey Ponomarev for The New York Times Calling the Trump administration's position....

nytimes 7:52:00 AM CET

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/24/us/politics/isis-aclu-case.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

U.S. planes zero in on the last Islamic State fighters in Syria

Secretive drones and surveillance jets are boring down on an estimated 3,000 remaining ISIS fighters, who are hiding in Syria along a short stretch of the Euphrates River and surrounding deserts, as the U.S. military campaign against the extremist group enters its final phase.

startribune 6:24:00 AM CET

<http://www.startribune.com/u-s-planes-zero-in-on-the-last-islamic-state-fighters-in-syria/466172503/>

The Hunt for ISIS Pivots to Remaining Pockets in Syria

Echoing earlier comments by Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, General Votel said American forces will remain in eastern Syria, alongside their Syrian Kurdish and Arab allies, as long as needed to defeat the Islamic State, also known as ISIS or Daesh. "What

we don't want to do is leave a mess," General Votel said, something "worse than what we found.

nytimes 6:14:00 AM CET

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/24/world/middleeast/last-phase-islamic-state-iraq-syria.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

Asia

Iraq

Iraqi forces retake last ISIS-held town

Located in Anbar province in the Euphrates valley, Rawa was the last known Iraqi town still held by ISIS militants. Recapturing it means ISIS has been defeated in all of the country's towns and cities, though pockets of resistance still exist and the group does control some territory in the deserts of western Iraq.

muscatinejournal 5:25:00 AM CET

http://muscatinejournal.com/news/world/iraqi-forces-retake-last-isis-held-town/article_932f40d3-def0-5208-bac8-eb01ccb9db9e.html

Pakistan

Kabul urges Pakistani Ulema role in ending Afghan war

Afghan Interior Minister Wais Ahmad Barmak has called upon Pakistan to mobilise its religious community to issue a decree that the ongoing war in Afghanistan is not the Jihad but Fasaad (anarchy). In an exclusive interview, Barmak said that the Afghan-India relations "do not concern....

tribune 7:22:00 AM CET

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1591653/1-kabul-urges-pakistani-ulema-role-ending-afghan-war/>

Three security officials martyred in N Waziristan IED explosion

As many as three security officials were martyred in an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast in Ghulam Khan tehsil of North Waziristan on Sunday. Official of political administration told media that the IED explosion was took place near a basic health care unit in Algad area when the officials were clearing the area.

TheFrontierPost-en 9:15:00 AM CET

<http://thefrontierpost.com/three-security-officials-martyred-n-waziristan-ied-explosion/>

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