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EAST AFRICA

Kenya

Four killed after bus strikes explosive device in Kenya as al-Shabaab terrorists suspected

I would like to be emailed about offers, events and updates from The Independent. Read our privacy notice While it was not immediately clear who was responsible, the area has been targeted by members of neighbouring Somalia's al-Shabaab Islamist terrorist faction, along with four other counties that....

independent-UK 24 Mar 2021

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/africa/kenya-bus-explosion-mandera-africa-b1821861.html>

3 people killed, several injured in Mandera IED attack blamed on Al Shabaab

Three people were on Wednesday morning killed and several injured following an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attack in Mandera County. Police said the incident occurred when a bus was hit by the IED along Mandera-Arabia Road near the border with Somalia. The bus was headed to Mandera town from Lafey.

capitalfm 24 Mar 2021

<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2021/03/3-people-killed-several-injured-in-mandera-ied-attack-blamed-on-al-shabaab/>

Bus in Kenya's hostile north hits roadside bomb, 4 killed

A Kenyan official says four passengers were killed and dozens wounded when a bus hit an improvised bomb on a main road in the northern county of Mandera, near the border with Ethiopia. The bus was heading to Mandera town when it ran over an improvised explosive device, Mandera governor confirmed Wednesday.

washtimes 24 Mar 2021

https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2021/mar/24/bus-in-kenyas-hostile-north-hits-roadside-bomb-4-k/?utm_source=RSS_Feed&utm_medium=RSS

Somalia

UN says 15 aid workers killed in Somalia in 2020

The UN humanitarian agency said Wednesday attacks on aid workers delivering humanitarian supplies in Somalia resulted in the death of 15 aid workers in 2020. The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said 12 workers were injured, 24 abducted....

xinhuanet_en 24 Mar 2021

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2021-03/25/c_139833235.htm

CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon

Gulf of Guinea Piracy: A Symptom, Not a Cause, of Insecurity

Piracy in the Gulf of Guinea appears to be worse than ever, judging by recent headlines. But these accounts and the data they rely on must be approached with caution. Figures on piracy and armed robbery at sea are susceptible to under-reporting and problems of definition.

homelandsecuritynewswire 24 Mar 2021

<http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20210324-gulf-of-guinea-piracy-a-symptom-not-a-cause-of-insecurity>

WEST AFRICA

Mali

Hombori : Cinq terroristes tués par les FAMa et Barkhane

Selon des informations reçues, le mardi 23 mars 2021, aux environs de 9h un véhicule d'un convoi de la force Barkhane a sauté sur engin explosif improvisé vers le sud de Hombori. Après un violent échange de tirs s'en serait suivi. C'est ainsi que les soldats français appuyés par les FAMa basées à Hombori seraient arrivées en renfort.

mali-web 24 Mar 2021

<http://mali-web.org/crise-malienne/hombori-cinq-terroristes-tues-par-les-fama-et-barkhane>

Kayes : des voyageurs braqués par des bandits armés

Des hommes armés non identifiés se sont attaqués hier (23/03/2021) à plusieurs voyageurs sur l'axe Kayes-Aourou distant de 70 kilomètres. Selon des passagers, ils ont été dépouillés (argent, bijoux et téléphones portables). Parmi les victimes, figure des migrants, rapportent les mêmes sources.

mali-web 24 Mar 2021

<http://mali-web.org/societe/kayes-des-voyageurs-braques-par-des-bandits-armes>

Les Etats-Unis offrent jusqu'à 3 millions de dollars pour toute information menant à la prévention d'attaque contre son Ambassade à Bamako

« Des menaces d'attaque terroriste ont été reçues par l'ambassade américaine à Bamako, au Mali ». C'est par ce message que la représentation américaine a rappelé le 23 mars le programme « Rewards for Justice » des Etats-Unis. « Le programme Récompenses pour la Justice offre une récompense allant...

mali-web 24 Mar 2021

<http://mali-web.org/politique/cooperation/mali-les-etats-unis-offrent-jusqua-3-millions-de-dollars-pour-toute-information-menant-a-la-prevention-dattaque-contre-son-ambassade-a-bamako>

Niger

At least 10 killed in southern Niger attacks: security source

At least 10 people were killed on Wednesday in attacks on two villages in the Tillaberi region of southwest Niger, a senior security source said. Armed "bandits" burned a school and killed three people in the village of Zibane and seven in Gabado, the source said.

news-yahoo 24 Mar 2021

<https://news.yahoo.com/least-10-killed-southern-niger-212857642.html>

Le chef de l'ONU réaffirme sa solidarité avec le Niger, alors qu'une deuxième attaque meurtrière secoue le pays

Dimanche, des hommes armés non identifiés ont attaqué les villages d'Intazayene, Bakorate et Wistane dans la région de Tahoua, tuant au moins 137 personnes, dont 22 enfants. Selon le Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF), les attaques ont eu lieu alors que les habitants allaient chercher de l'eau.

guineemining 24 Mar 2021

<https://www.guineemining.info/le-chef-de-lonu-reaffirme-sa-solidarite-avec-le-niger-alors-quune-deuxieme-attaque-meurtriere-secoue-le-pays/>

Nigeria

Amnesty Calls ICC to Probe Boko Haram War Crimes in Nigeria

Amnesty International on Wednesday urged the International Criminal Court (ICC) to investigate armed attacks, looting and rapes reportedly committed by the Boko Haram in Nigeria's northeastern Borno State. "The International Criminal Court must immediately open a full investigation into the....

albawaba-en 24 Mar 2021

<https://www.albawaba.com/news/amnesty-calls-icc-probe-boko-haram-war-crimes-nigeria-1418382>

Gunmen kill 2 Poly staff in Zamfara

The Police in Zamfara State have confirmed the murder of two staff of the Federal Polytechnic, Kaura-Namoda, by gunmen in the early hours of Wednesday. SP Mohammed Shehu, Spokesperson of the Zamfara Police Command, confirmed the incident in a statement made available to journalists in Gusau on Wednesday.

dailypost 24 Mar 2021

<https://dailypost.ng/2021/03/24/gunmen-kill-2-poly-staff-in-zamfara/>

Bandits Kidnap Four Persons In Abuja Community, Demand N200million Ransom

Armed men have raided residents of Kiyi town in Kuje Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), abducting at least four persons. According to Daily Trust, one Salami Olalekan, a member of staff of the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCTA), is said to be among those abducted.

saharareporters 24 Mar 2021

<http://saharareporters.com/2021/03/24/bandits-kidnap-four-persons-abuja-community-demand-n200million-ransom>

Gunmen kidnap FCTA staff, 3 others, demand N50m ransom

Gunmen numbering about 12 have kidnapped four persons, including a staff of the Federal Capital Territory Administration FCTA, from their homes in Kiyi community, in Kuje Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory FCT, Vanguard has learned.

vanguardngr 24 Mar 2021

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/03/gunmen-kidnap-fcta-staff-3-others-demand-n50m-ransom/>

Cybercrime worries on the increase, but Africa's mobile users loath to leave WhatsApp

Africa's mobile users are increasingly concerned about the mobile risks and the potential for digital identity theft; however, this is not stopping them from using their favourite messaging platforms and applications. This emerged in new research carried out by KnowBe4 (www.KnowBe4).

nrguardiannews 24 Mar 2021

<https://guardian.ng/apo-press-releases/cybercrime-worries-on-the-increase-but-africas-mobile-users-loath-to-leave-whatsapp/>

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Mozambique

Suspected Insurgents Attack Mozambique Key Town: Security Sources

Unidentified assailants on Wednesday attacked the northern Mozambican town of Palma, the hub of a huge gas exploration project, security sources said, as construction work was due to resume on the scheme. Mozambique's Cabo Delgado province has since 2017 been the target of attacks by a shadowy....

ibtimes 24 Mar 2021

<https://www.ibtimes.com/suspected-insurgents-attack-mozambique-key-town-security-sources-3168456>

Armed groups attack Mozambique town closest to gas projects – sources

Armed groups on Wednesday attacked the northern Mozambique town closest to gas projects worth some \$60 billion, two sources told Reuters, striking ever closer to developments that have already stalled due to security problems.

dailymaverick 24 Mar 2021

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-03-24-armed-groups-attack-mozambique-town-closest-to-gas-projects-sources/>

Total va reprendre le chantier de Mozambique LNG après un renforcement de la sécurité

Total va redémarrer le chantier de son projet de gaz naturel liquéfié (GNL) au Mozambique, qui représente un investissement total de 20 milliards de dollars (16,9 milliards d'euros), après un renforcement des mesures de sécurité, a annoncé mercredi le groupe pétrolier.

LesEchos 24 Mar 2021

<https://investir.lesechos.fr/actions/actualites/total-va-reprendre-le-chantier-de-mozambique-lng-apres-un-renforcement-de-la-securite-1954924.php>

NORTH AFRICA

Libya

UN envoy demands foreign fighters and mercenaries exit Libya

The new U.N. special envoy for Libya urged foreign forces and mercenaries Wednesday to leave the conflict-stricken country as demanded in last year's cease-fire agreement. Jan Kubis, addressing the U.N. Security Council, warned against "pitfalls" that could obstruct or delay....

TorontoStar 24 Mar 2021

<https://www.thestar.com/news/world/africa/2021/03/24/un-envoy-demands-foreign-fighters-and-mercenaries-exit-libya.html>

Libya militia leader wanted by ICC shot dead: security sources

Libyan militia leader Mahmoud al-Werfalli, wanted by the International Criminal Court for alleged war crimes, was shot dead in the eastern city of Benghazi on Wednesday, security sources said. Werfalli, a member of forces loyal to eastern military strongman Khalifa Haftar, was "shot dead with his....

japantoday 12:22:00 AM CET

<https://japantoday.com/category/world/libya-militia-leader-wanted-by-icc-shot-dead-security-sources>

Gunmen assassinate Haftar militia commander in East Libya

Gunmen assassinated Wednesday a commander of the Haftar militia in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi, local media reported. A spokesman for the special forces of Haftar militia in a tweet confirmed the death of Mahmoud Al-Werfalli, who is wanted by the International Criminal Court (ICC).

aa-en 24 Mar 2021

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/gunmen-assassinate-haftar-militia-commander-in-east-libya/2187155>

UN chief calls anew for foreign 'elements' to leave Libya

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres "remains deeply concerned" that "foreign elements" continue to operate in Libya, he wrote in a report to the Security Council. The document, obtained by AFP and discussed on Wednesday (Mar 24) by Council members, notes some mercenaries have moved position, but considers the action insufficient.

channelnewsasia 12:34:00 AM CET

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/un-chief-calls-anew-for-foreign-elements-to-leave-libya-14483408>

International Organisations

UN

Terrorism and notorious organized crime rackets in Asian continent

Southeast Asian nations have been witnessing an alarming escalating crisis developing from the symbiosis of organized crime, terrorism and covert domestic and foreign policy ambitions of several nations in the Asian continent. Trafficking and distribution of drugs have become a major issue, where....

weeklyblitz 24 Mar 2021

<https://www.weeklyblitz.net/counterterrorism/terrorism-and-notorious-organized-crime-rackets-in-asian-continent/>

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