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EAST AFRICA

Somalia

Somali army says it kills 37 al-Shabab militants in southern region

The Somali National Army (SNA) said Saturday its forces killed 37 al-Shabab militants in Middle Shabelle region on Friday night amid the ongoing military operations to flush out the extremists in the southern part of the country.

xinhuanet_en 29 May 2021

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2021-05/29/c_139977842.htm

AMISOM forces in Kismayo trained on the need to prioritise the protection of civilians

KISMAYO, Somalia, May 28, 2021 African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) has conducted civilian protection and human rights training for AMISOM's Ethiopian National Defence Forces in Kismayo, Jubaland State, as to reiterate the need to protect civilians during their operations.

reliefWeb 29 May 2021

<https://reliefweb.int/report/somalia/amisom-forces-kismayo-trained-need-prioritise-protection-civilians>

South Sudan

Security Forces Arrest Suspects in Recent Road Attacks

Juba, South Sudan The South Sudan National Security Service this week arrested 12 people suspected of abducting, torturing and killing people along highways linking the capital, Juba, to other states and demanding ransom from their relatives. Officials said security agencies apprehended the suspects Wednesday during a joint operation.

allafrica 29 May 2021

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202105240207.html>

WEST AFRICA

Niger

Islamist raid in Niger leaves three police dead

Two gendarmes and a policeman died in a jihadist raid against the major town in southeast Niger, near the Nigeria border, local authorities said Saturday. Machinegun-toting rebels of the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP), a breakaway group from Boko Haram, stormed Diffa aboard 15 vehicles, a statement from the authorities said.

nrguardiannews 29 May 2021

<https://guardian.ng/news/world/islamist-raid-in-niger-leaves-three-police-dead/>

Huit tués dont quatre civils dans une attaque djihadiste

Au moins quatre civils et quatre membres des Forces de sécurité nigériennes (FDS) ont été tués lors d'une attaque djihadiste menée vendredi à Diffa, la grande ville du sud-est du Niger, proche du Nigeria, selon un nouveau bilan annoncé samedi soir par le gouvernement.

24heures 3:10:00 AM CEST

<https://www.24heures.ch/huit-tues-dont-quatre-civils-dans-une-attaque-djihadiste-798079552401>

Boko Haram attacks Niger city of Diffa

Fierce fighting erupted Friday between army troops and Boko Haram jihadists in Diffa, southeastern Niger, local authorities said, without providing details on casualties. Boko Haram elements attacked Diffa, which is close to the border with

Nigeria, from the south around 3:00-4:00 pm (1400-1500 GMT), a senior local official told AFP.

dailytimesPK 5:38:00 AM CEST

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/763738/boko-haram-attacks-niger-city-of-diffa-officials/>

Nigeria

Police kill four suspected Imo police station attackers

Police in Imo State at the weekend shot dead four suspected hoodlums who were among those attempting to set ablaze the Izombe Police Station in Oguta Local Government Area of the state. The policemen also repelled the others from attacking the public facility. Some of the hoodlums escaped with bullet wounds.

nrguardiannews 9:36:00 AM CEST

<https://guardian.ng/news/police-kill-four-suspected-imo-police-station-attackers/>

4 killed as IPOB attack another police station in Imo

Another police station in Izombe in Oguta Local Government Area of Imo State has been torched by some gunmen believed to be members of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB). This happened less than 24 hours after gunmen razed down the Atta police station in Njaba Local Government Area of the state.

dailytrust 8:54:00 AM CEST

<https://dailytrust.com/breaking-4-killed-as-ipob-attack-another-police-station-in-imo>

Criminalising ransom payment

The Nigerian Senate is considering a Bill which seeks to criminalise the payment of ransom to kidnappers. Tagged: “The Terrorism Prevention (Amendment) Bill 2021” and sponsored by Senator Ezenwa Onyewuchi, it seeks to amend the Terrorism (Prevention) Act, 2013.

vanguardngr 4:39:00 AM CEST

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/05/criminalising-ransom-payment/>

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Mozambique

Unemployment Not the Cause of Terrorism, Says Governor

Maputo The governor of the northern Mozambican province of Cabo Delgado, Valigy Tauabo, has described as false the frequent claim that unemployment is the main reason why young people join the terrorist groups active in the province, according to a report on Radio Mozambique.

allafrica 29 May 2021

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202105270865.html>

Delay in Sending Regional Forces to Mozambique Could Exact a High Price

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) is poised to intervene militarily on the side of the Mozambican government to stop the emerging deadly Islamist insurgency in the Cabo Delgado Province, in the north of the country. This comes after the regional body of 16-nation states sent a....

allafrica 29 May 2021

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202105270717.html>

EUROPE

France

Macron says France will withdraw troops from Mali if country turns to 'radical Islamism'

President Emmanuel Macron warned in comments published Sunday that France will pull its troops out of Mali if it lurches towards radical Islamism following the second coup in nine months. France has around 5,100 troops in the region under its so-called Barkhane operation which....

france24-en 7:27:00 AM CEST

<https://www.france24.com/en/europe/20210530-macron-says-france-will-withdraw-troops-from-mali-if-country-turns-to-radical-islamism>

Macron menace de retirer les militaires français si le Mali va "dans le sens" d'un islamisme radical

Emmanuel Macron a affirmé que la France retirerait ses troupes si le Mali allait "dans le sens" d'un islamisme radical, dans un entretien au JDD diffusé dimanche, après un deuxième coup d'Etat en neuf mois. La France, avec environ 5 100 hommes au sein de Barkhane, soutient le Mali qui fait face....

laprovence 8:41:00 AM CEST

<https://www.laprovence.com/actu/en-direct/6370599/macron-menace-de-retirer-les-militaires-francais-si-le-mali-va-dans-le-sens-dun-islamisme-radical.html>

Macron menace de retirer les troupes françaises

Le chef d'État français affirme également avoir « passé le message » aux dirigeants d'Afrique de l'Ouest qu'il « ne resterait pas aux côtés d'un pays où il n'y a plus de légitimité démocratique ni de transition ». Il rappelle avoir dit depuis trois ans, « au sein de plusieurs conseils de défense, que nous devions penser à la sortie ».

LePoint 8:20:00 AM CEST

https://www.lepoint.fr/monde/mali-macron-se-dresse-face-a-la-tentation-d-un-islamisme-radical-30-05-2021-2428748_24.php

UK

Watchdog calls for terrorists convicted of planning attacks to be given automatic life sentences

The Fishmongers' Hall attack was one of a number of terrorist atrocities where the perpetrator was known to the security service MI5. Most of the incidents have been unsophisticated attacks involving knives and sometimes vehicles, which involve less planning and are harder to detect.

dailymail 28 May 2021

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9630729/Watchdog-calls-terrorists-convicted-planning-attacks-given-automatic-life-sentences.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

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