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### **EAST AFRICA**

#### **Kenya**

##### **Kenyan police arrest 3, seize cache of weapons in border region**

Kenyan police said Tuesday they have arrested three suspects and recovered a cache of weapons during a security operation in Garissa County which borders Somalia. Rono Bunei, northeastern regional police commander, said the three suspects were nabbed while transporting....

*capitalfm 30 Mar 2021*

<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2021/03/kenyan-police-arrest-3-seize-cache-of-weapons-in-border-region/>

#### **Djibouti**

##### **Al-Shabab Issues Threats Ahead of Elections in Djibouti**

The leader of Somalia's al-Shabab militant group is calling for lone-wolf attacks against American and French interests in Djibouti ahead of key presidential elections in the Horn of Africa country. In newly released audio, Ahmed Omar Abu Ubaidah accuses the leaders of Djibouti of turning the....

*shabelle 30 Mar 2021*

<https://www.radioshabelle.com/al-shabab-issues-threats-ahead-of-elections-in-djibouti/>

## **CENTRAL AFRICA**

### **Democratic Republic of Congo**

#### **Kasai : 12 morts et environ 100 maisons incendiées dans des affrontements communautaires**

Douze personnes sont mortes et une centaine de maisons brûlées, lors des affrontements qui ont opposés lundi 29 mars, les habitants de Teta Kalamba dans le territoire de Mweka aux Bena Milombe dans le territoire de Demba dans la province du Kasai. Cette information a été livrée par le député....

*radiookapi 30 Mar 2021*

[https://www.radiookapi.net/2021/03/30/actualite/securite/kasai-12-morts-et-environ-100-maisons-incendiees-dans-des?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29](https://www.radiookapi.net/2021/03/30/actualite/securite/kasai-12-morts-et-environ-100-maisons-incendiees-dans-des?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29)

#### **Nord-Kivu : 5 morts dans une attaque des ADF à Masekude**

Une nouvelle attaque attribuée aux rebelles ougandais de l'ADF a fait cinq morts lundi 29 mars dans le village Samboko-Chanichani, à une vingtaine de kilomètres d'Oicha, chef-lieu du territoire de Beni. Selon le président de la société civile d'Oicha qui livre l'information, Philippe Paluku Bonane, il s'agit encore là d'un bilan provisoire.

*radiookapi 30 Mar 2021*

[https://www.radiookapi.net/2021/03/30/actualite/securite/nord-kivu-5-morts-dans-une-attaque-des-adf-masekude?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29](https://www.radiookapi.net/2021/03/30/actualite/securite/nord-kivu-5-morts-dans-une-attaque-des-adf-masekude?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29)

#### **Beni : un Congolais présumé recruteur des ADF arrêté à Kasindi**

Un Congolais qui recruterait des hommes pour le compte de la rébellion des ADF a été arrêté, mardi 30 mars dans le territoire de Beni (Nord-Kivu), par les FARDC. Pour le porte-parole de l'armée dans la région, lieutenant Antony Mwalushayi, cette arrestation est un signal fort pour tous les complices de ces rebelles.

*radiookapi 30 Mar 2021*

[https://www.radiookapi.net/2021/03/30/actualite/securite/beni-un-congolais-presume-recruteur-des-adf-arrete-kasindi?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29](https://www.radiookapi.net/2021/03/30/actualite/securite/beni-un-congolais-presume-recruteur-des-adf-arrete-kasindi?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29)

#### **Ituri : 7 présumés ADF tués dans les affrontements avec les FARDC à Mahala**

Sept présumés rebelles ADF ont été tués le lundi 29 mars dans un échange de tirs avec l'armée dans le village Mahala, entre Ndimu et la chefferie de Walese Vonkutu dans le territoire d'Irumu. Des sources sécuritaires dans la zone rapportent qu'il s'agit d'une embuscade que ce groupe terroriste a tendue aux FARDC installées dans la zone.

*radiookapi 30 Mar 2021*

[https://www.radiookapi.net/2021/03/30/actualite/securite/ituri-7-presumes-adf-tues-dans-les-affrontements-avec-les-fardc-mahala?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29](https://www.radiookapi.net/2021/03/30/actualite/securite/ituri-7-presumes-adf-tues-dans-les-affrontements-avec-les-fardc-mahala?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net+-+Actualit%C3%A9%29)

## **WEST AFRICA**

### **Nigeria**

#### **Massacre in Ebonyi: Priest, 17 others killed by herdsmen**

Armed herdsmen ...Those killed were about 18 including a Priest —Community member ...We can only confirm 6 dead —Police ...As Enugu CP orders full scale investigation into Adani killings ...killings by herdsmen provocative—Ohanaeze ...Umahi visits affected communities expresses sadness By Anayo Okoli, Peter Okutu & Ikechukwu Odu.

*vanguardngr 8:37:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/03/massacre-in-ebonyi-priest-17-others-killed-by-herdsmen/>

#### **Three arrested, 8 rifles recovered in Lagdera**

Three men were Monday evening arrested and a cache of weapons recovered from them in a police operation in Lagdera, Garissa. The three were transporting eight AK-47 rifles, 2,104 bullets and 20 litres of petrol on Baraki- Maalmin road in Lagdera when they were intercepted after a four-hour chase. There were also eight empty magazines.

*thestarkenya 8:00:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.the-star.co.ke/counties/north-eastern/2021-03-30-three-arrested-8-rifles-recovered-in-lagdera/>

## **SOUTHERN AFRICA**

### **Mozambique**

#### **Attaque au Mozambique: des milliers d'errants autour de Palma**

Ils cherchent leurs proches, un véhicule, un abri pour quitter cet enfer. Après la terrible attaque jihadiste qui a fait des dizaines de morts dans le nord-est du

Mozambique, des milliers de survivants erraient mardi autour de Palma. Près d'une semaine après le lancement de l'attaque, des milliers....

*slateafrique 30 Mar 2021*

<http://www.slateafrique.com/1047992/attaque-au-mozambique-des-milliers-derrants-autour-de-palma>

## **Rebels leave beheaded bodies in streets of Mozambique town**

The rebel claim said the insurgents now control Palma's banks, government offices, factories and army barracks, and that more than 55 people, including Mozambican army troops, Christians and foreigners were killed. It did not provide further detail on the dead.

*economictimes 30 Mar 2021*

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/defence/rebels-leave-beheaded-bodies-in-streets-of-mozambique-town/articleshow/81758717.cms>

## **Dozens killed in Mozambique Islamist attack: government**

Seven people were killed in an ambush during an operation to evacuate them from a hotel where they had sought refuge, it said. "Last Wednesday, a group of terrorists sneaked into... Palma and launched actions that resulted in the cowardly murder of dozens of defenceless people," defence ministry spokesman Omar Saranga told a news conference.

*digitaljournal 30 Mar 2021*

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/dozens-killed-in-mozambique-islamist-attack-government/article/587616>

## **ISIS brag of 'killing Christians' in Mozambique massacre that claimed at least one British life**

Mozambique is a majority Christian country, with Muslims comprising around a fifth of its population. A religious movement, Ansar al-Sunna, first appeared in 2015 in the north of the country, formed by followers of radical Kenyan cleric Aboud Rogo Mohammed who has been linked to the 1998 US embassy bombings.

*dailymail 30 Mar 2021*

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9417537/ISIS-brag-killing-Christians-Mozambique-massacre-claimed-one-British-life.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9417537/ISIS-brag-killing-Christians-Mozambique-massacre-claimed-one-British-life.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## **Rebels leave beheaded bodies in streets of Mozambique town**

Fierce fighting for control of Mozambique's strategic northern town of Palma left beheaded bodies strewn in the streets Monday, with heavily armed rebels battling army, police and a private military outfit in several locations. Thousands were estimated to be missing from the....

*thezimbabwemail 30 Mar 2021*

<https://www.thezimbabwemail.com/world-news/rebels-leave-beheaded-bodies-in-streets-of-mozambique-town/>

## **Tens of thousands feared displaced in deadly attack on Mozambique gas town**

Portugal will send soldiers to Mozambique to help train the armed forces in its former colony, where authorities battling an Islamist insurgency searched for tens of thousands of civilians who fled an onslaught on the northern coastal gas town of Palma.

*reuters-af 30 Mar 2021*

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mozambique-insurgency/tens-of-thousands-feared-displaced-in-deadly-attack-on-mozambique-gas-town-idUSKBN2BM24E?il=0>

## **Mozambique attack survivors stranded as clashes break out**

Insurgents affiliated with the Islamic State group launched a raid to overrun the coastal town last Wednesday, ransacking buildings and beheading civilians. Dozens have been killed in what witnesses describe as a coordinated attack, just 10 kilometres (six miles) from a multi-billion dollar gas project on the Afungi peninsula led by France's Total.

*digitaljournal 30 Mar 2021*

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/mozambique-attack-survivors-stranded-as-clashes-break-out/article/587701>

## **ISIS Claims Responsibility for Mozambique Attack**

The Islamic State has claimed responsibility for a days-long ambush of a port town in northern Mozambique last week that forced tens of thousands of people to flee the area and left dozens dead, including some foreigners. The attack on the town, Palma, was an alarming escalation of....

*nytimes 30 Mar 2021*

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/30/world/africa/isis-mozambique-attack.html>

## **South Africa**

### **3 armed robbery suspects arrested, 2 'hostages' freed following shootout in Pretoria**

The police arrested three suspects linked to an armed robbery syndicate in Pretoria East on Monday following a shootout. According to the police, the syndicate lured victims through Facebook's Marketplace by pretending to be interested in

purchasing items advertised on it. They also freed two hostages allegedly held by the suspects.

*news24 30 Mar 2021*

<https://www.news24.com/news24/SouthAfrica/News/3-armed-robbery-suspects-arrested-2-hostages-freed-following-shootout-in-pretoria-20210330>

## **AMERICA**

### **US**

#### **1 American evacuated from Mozambique as ISIS-linked rebels seize coastal town**

At least one American has been safely evacuated from Mozambique following deadly attacks by ISIS-linked rebels who left beheaded bodies strewn on beaches and streets, according to a senior official with the U.S. Department of State. John Godfrey, the State Department's acting special envoy for the....

*ABCnews 30 Mar 2021*

<https://abcnews.go.com/International/american-evacuated-mozambique-isis-linked-rebels-seize-coastal/story?id=76764300>

#### **Defeat IS Coalition Worries About Resurgence**

The United States and other key members of the global coalition to defeat Islamic State are voicing renewed concerns about the terror group against the backdrop of a massive campaign to root out operatives trying to turn a once-liberated area into a new stronghold.

*globalsecurity 6:25:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2021/03/mil-210330-voa01.htm>

## **ASIA**

### **Afghanistan**

#### **Three women medical staff shot dead in Afghanistan**

Three Afghan women working on a UN-funded anti-polio vaccination drive were killed in two separate attacks by unidentified gunmen on Tuesday in Afghanistan's eastern city of Jalalabad, officials told Arab News. "We can confirm that three women vaccinators were killed by armed men in two....

*arabnews 5:40:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1834476/world>

## **Indonesia**

### **Isis supporters in Indonesia, Malaysia call for more violence after attack during holy period for Muslims and Christians South China Morning Post**

Indonesian supporters of Islamic State (Isis) are calling for more attacks after a newlywed couple carried out a suicide bombing at a cathedral in South Sulawesi on Sunday (March 28), during what is considered a holy period for Christians and Muslims – while counterterrorism police on Monday (March....

*AsiaOne 5:06:00 AM CEST*

<https://www.asiaone.com/malaysia/isis-supporters-indonesia-malaysia-call-more-violence-after-attack-during-holy-period>

## **Jordan**

### **Holistic approach vital in combating terrorism, says FM at anti-Daesh coalition meet**

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Ayman Safadi on Tuesday attended the virtual meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Global Coalition to Defeat Daesh Small Group. The meeting, co-hosted by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and....

*jordantimes 8:35:00 AM CEST*

<http://jordantimes.com/news/local/holistic-approach-vital-combating-terrorism-says-fm-anti-daesh-coalition-meet>

## **International Organisations**

### **UN**

#### **UNSC condemns `terrorist act' on Indonesian church**

The United Nations Security Council ( UNSC ) on March 30 condemned a recent bombing at an in Makassar city as a “cowardly terrorist attack.” In a press statement, proposed by Vietnam, the UNSC called for the perpetrators, organisers, financiers and sponsors to be held accountable.

*vietnamplus-en 7:05:00 AM CEST*

<https://en.vietnamplus.vn/unsc-condemns-terrorist-act-on-indonesian-church/198353.vnp>

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