



MEDIA MONITORING

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AFRICA



NIGERIA – 12/21/2020 : Anti-Jihadist Highway Patrols Led by Activists in Northeast Nigeria : The Locals are Mobilising in Northeast

Nigeria - A group of government-supported activists patrolled one of the main roads in north-eastern Nigeria on Sunday.

(Africa News-[Article Link](#))



SAHEL – 12/21/2020 : Three Years on, G5 Sahel Force Struggles With Mission :

Combining men from Burkina Faso, Chad,

Mali, Niger, and Mauritania, the G5 is meant to bind the countries in an alliance against a common foe. (The Defense Post-[Article Link](#))



CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 12/21/2020 : Russia, Rwanda Send Troops to C.Africa After Alleged Coup Bid :

There was no immediate

confirmation from Moscow about the Russian deployment although the Kremlin said the situation in the country was of "serious concern". (The Defense Post-[Article Link](#))



NIGERIA – 12/21/2020 : Nigerian Air Force puts aircraft up for sale : The Nigerian Air Force has put up a number of aircraft for

sale, including 20 MiG-21 fighters.

(Defence Web-[Article Link](#))



AFRICA – 12/21/2020 : Massive operation by Interpol disrupts supply of firearms to terrorists : Interpol

conducted a seven-day operation between 30 November - 6 December that 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.

(Africa News-[Article Link](#))



NIGERIA – 12/21/2020 : Nigeria Jihadists Kill Five Soldiers, Kidnap Dozens of Civilians : A military

convoy was hit on Saturday, and

militants also attacked a transport convoy in the same region a day before, abducting 35 people. (The Defense Post-[Article Link](#))



SAHEL – 12/21/2020 : Illegal Gold Mining Funding Armed Groups in Sahel:

Interpol : Interpol said another new trend was

the large quantities of contraband gasoline seized in Niger and Mali.

(The Defense Post-[Article Link](#))



SUDAN – 12/22/2020 : Sudan, Ethiopia Start Border Talks One Week After Clash : The

talks come a week after Ethiopian forces

reportedly ambushed Sudanese troops along the border. (The Defense Post-[Lien Article](#))



ETHIOPIA : 12/22/2020
: UN calls for rights groups access to Tigray : The United Nations has again called for full access to

Ethiopia's Tigray region to investigate alleged human rights violations.

(Africa News-[Article Link](#))



SAHEL – 12/22/2020 :
France Opens Door to Talks With Some African Jihadists : France has more than 5,000 troops fighting

jihadists in the region.

(The Defense Post-[Article Link](#))



IVORY COAST – 12/22/2020 :
Ivory Coast in dialogue with opposition to quell political unrest : The Ivory Coast's

government and representatives from the opposition have met for a National Dialogue to discuss ways to end the political unrest that has gripped the West African country for months. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 12/22/2020 :
Central African Republic rebels take key city as fighting escalates :

Rebels in the Central African Republic on Tuesday seized the key city of Bambari, the local mayor, said - in a sharp escalation of violence ahead of the presidential and parliamentary election on December 27.

(Africa News-[Article Link](#))



SOMALIA – 12/22/2020 :
US Navy USS San Diego and Somerset amphibious transport docks conduct maritime

operations off the coast of Somalia :

According to information released by the U.S. Department of Defense on December 22, 2020, U.S. Navy USS San Diego (LPD 22) and USS Somerset (LPD 25) conduct maritime operation off the coast of Somalia under Joint Task Force – Quartz in support of Operation Octave Quartz (OOQ) December 22, 2020. (Navy Recognition-[Article Link](#))



NIGER – 12/22/2020 :
Voters in Niger concerned about insecurity as polls loom :

The streets of the Nigerien capital, Niamey looked calm and peaceful on Tuesday as posters and banners of candidates vying for the country's top job awash major streets. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



NIGERIA – 12/22/2020 :
How can a food security crisis be avoided in northern Nigeria ? :

A surge in attacks on farmers in the region is threatening the nation's food reserves. (Al Jazeera-[Article Link](#))



SOUTH AFRICA – 12/22/2020 :
Child Homicide spikes in South Africa :

The homicide rate for children is showing some disturbing trends in South Africa. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



MALI – 12/22/2020 : Malian army accused of war crimes, says UN probe : The Malian army has been accused of committing

"war crimes" while there is evidence that several armed groups and jihadists committed "crimes against humanity", according to UN investigators in Mali. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



SUDAN – 12/22/2020 : In Pictures: War forces thousands of Ethiopians into Sudan : Thousands of refugees have fled

Africa's second most populous country, crowding into boats to cross a river to Sudan. (Al Jazeera-[Article Link](#))



ETHIOPIA – 12/22/2020 : UN aims to send team to Ethiopia's Tigray to probe war crimes : UN rights chief

describes weeks-old conflict as one of many 'appalling' human rights abuses that could amount to war crimes. (Al Jazeera-[Article Link](#))



ZAMBIA – 12/23/2020 : Two People Shot at Opposition Rally : Premature Electoral Violence in Zambia ? - Two demonstrators

were killed on Wednesday in Lusaka, during a rally in front of police headquarters where several hundred people were gathered since mid-morning in support of Hakainde Hichilema. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



MOZAMBIQUE – 12/23/2020 : UN seeks to raise £208 million to aid displaced persons in Mozambique :

Terrorist attacks in Cabo Delgado, northern Mozambique, intensify. The latest records account for at least half a million displaced persons. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 12/23/2020 : UN official says CAR elections must go ahead despite

attacks : "The international community believes that the elections must take place" in the Central African Republic (CAR) on December 27 and it "condemns the attempts to prevent the country from moving through a new political transition," a top UN official in the country tells reporters in a virtual press briefing. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



ETHIOPIA – 12/23/2020 : Ethiopia sends troops after more than 100 killed in village massacre : Ethiopian troops killed

42 armed men following a deadly village attack in the western Benishangul-Gumuz region, state-affiliated Fana TV reported on Thursday. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



SOMALIA – 12/23/2020 : US Navy Ships Arrive in Somalia for Withdrawal : Most of the 700 personnel departing Somalia will be rebased in Kenya or Djibouti. (The Defense Post-[Article Link](#))



CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 12/23/2020 : UN Says Seized C.African Town Under Peacekeepers’ Control

The attacks followed government accusations at the weekend that ex-president Francois Bozize was plotting a coup with armed groups. (The Defense Post-[Article Link](#))



ETHIOPIA – 12/23/2020 : War in Tigray ongoing – TPLF belies Ethiopia gov’t

Forces of the Tigray Peoples Liberation Front, TPLF, are engaging in armed hostilities against the federal government and Eritrean troops in parts of the restive Tigray region. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



KENYA – 12/23/2020 : Al Shabaab Claims Beheading of Local Chief in Kenya

Al Shabaab claimed responsibility for the "execution" through their Shahada News Agency. (The Defense Post-[Article Link](#))



NIGER – 12/24/2020 : Seven troops, four jihadists killed in Niger ahead of Sunday vote

Seven soldiers and four suspected jihadists were killed Monday in fighting in Niger's Tillabéri region, in a grip of recurrent jihadist attacks, less than a week before the presidential election, according to a press release from the national army. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



ETHIOPIA – 12/24/2020 : Gunmen Kill Dozens in Ethiopia Attack, Says Rights Body

There is no known link between the violence in Benishangul-Gumuz and military operations in the northern Tigray region. (The Defense Post-[Article Link](#))



CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 12/24/2020 : Rebel groups declare ceasefire ahead of Central African

Republic's tense election : Hundreds of people marched in the capital of the Central African Republic on Friday to demand peace three days before the presidential election takes place. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



TUNISIA – 12/24/2020 : Some 20 African migrants die after boat sinks off Tunisia

At least 20 African migrants have died after their makeshift boat sank off Tunisia on Thursday. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



ETHIOPIA – 12/25/2020 : As violence grips Ethiopia, June parliamentary vote announced

Election, which was set to take place in August, was delayed because of the pandemic, as new date is set amid fresh violence. (Al Jazeera-[Article Link](#))



NIGER – 12/25/2020 : In Niger's Diffa, people are pressed by insecurity and climate change : Niger hopes to make history on

Sunday when elections set it on course for its first-ever peaceful transition of power despite a raging militant insurgency and economic woes. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



UGANDA – 12/25/2020 : Boat capsizes in Lake Albert killing 26, says Ugandan official :

At least 26 people died on Wednesday after a

boat capsized on Lake Albert, which borders Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ugandan officials told the AFP news agency on Friday. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



ETHIOPIA – 12/26/2020 : Ethiopia attack death toll reaches 207, state rights watchdog says :

The death toll from an

attack in Ethiopia's western region of Benishangul-Gumuz rose to at least 207, the state human rights watchdog said on Friday. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 12/26/2020 : Three peacekeepers killed as CAR election chaos escalates :

Flanked by Russian, Rwandan, and UN guards, President Faustin-Archange Touadera held his closing campaign rally in Bangui on Friday.

(Africa News-[Article Link](#))



UGANDA – 12/27/2020 : A boxing champion is missing, feared abducted by Uganda's security :

Retired boxer Justin Juuko has been

missing for 14 days. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



LIBYA – 12/27/2020 : Turkish defence chief warns Khalifa Haftar during visit to Tripoli :

Turkey's Defense Minister Hulusi Akar on

Sunday said that all elements of Libya's east-based commander Khalifa Hiftar would be considered "legitimate targets" if there are any attacks against Turkish forces.

(Africa News-[Article Link](#))



CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC –

12/27/2020 : Gun shots, attacks as Central Africans vote :

With Rwandan and UN

guards in tow, President Faustin-Archange Touadera was one of the earliest to cast their ballots as polls opened in the Central African Republic's presidential and parliamentary elections on Sunday. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



NIGERIA – 12/28/2020 : At Least 10 Dead in Boko Haram Attack in Nigeria's Borno State :

Fighters attacked the villages of Shafa, Azare,

and Tashan Alade in Borno state on Saturday. (The Defense Post-[Article Link](#))



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