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AFRICA



MOZAMBIQUE – 08/09/2021 : Mozambique, Rwanda Armies Retake Key Jihadist-Held Town :

The attacks in Mocimboa da Praia started in 2017 and have since spread to Cabo Delgado. (The Defense Post-[Article Link](#))



MALI – 08/09/2021 : Suspected Jihadists Kill More Than 40 in Mali Village Attacks :

Islamist militants launched an insurgency in northern Mali in 2012. (The Defense Post-[Article Link](#))



ETHIOPIA – 08/10/2021 : 12 Killed in Attack in Ethiopia's Afar Region: Doctor :

At least 12 people were killed and dozens wounded in an attack on civilians displaced by the widening war in northern Ethiopia, a medical official told AFP Tuesday, signaling the rising humanitarian toll of the conflict. (The Defense Post-[Article Link](#))



GUINEA – 08/10/2021 : WHO experts head to Guinea after Marburg virus case :

The World Health Organization said at least four people have turned up as contacts of a man who died from the Ebola-like Marburg virus in Guinea, as staffers from the UN health agency were deployed to the West African country to help authorities prevent an outbreak. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



ETHIOPIA – 08/10/2021 : Ethiopia urges civilians to join fight against Tigray rebels :

Ethiopia on Tuesday called on "all able-bodied Ethiopians of age" to join the armed forces as the nine-month conflict in Tigray has spread in recent weeks to two neighbouring regions in the north of the country. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



NIGERIA – 08/10/2021 : Chibok schoolgirl freed in Nigeria seven years after abduction, governor says :

One abducted girl from the Nigerian town of Chibok has been freed and reunited with her parents seven years after Boko Haram militants kidnapped her and more than 200 of her classmates, Borno state's governor said on Saturday. (Defence Web-[Lien Article](#))



MOZAMBIQUE – 08/10/2021 : Sigh of relief following troops retake of key port town :

"We do not know the cause of the conflict. We are suffering losses without knowing the cause of the conflict. We are just ordinary citizens." Athma Adam, a refugee from Palma uttered those words out of pain but also relief. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



NIGERIA – 08/11/2021 : Kidnappers demand \$1.2M to release Niger state commissioner :

The kidnappers who took hostage of Niger's State Commissioner and Strategy, Muhammad Idris, have demanded a ransom totaling \$1.2 million for his release. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



NIGER – 08/11/2021 : Jihadist Violence Claimed 420 Lives in Niger This Year: Watchdog :

The former French colony has been the scene of bloody attacks by jihadist groups linked to Al-Qaeda and the Islamic State group. (The Defense Post-[Article Link](#))



NIGERIA – 08/11/2021 : 24 family members in Nigeria die from food poisoning :

Twenty-four members of a family in northwestern Nigeria died after consuming poisoned food, a local government official said Tuesday, according to Anadolu news agency. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



ALGERIA – 08/11/2021 : At least 600 families rendered homeless by wildfires in Algeria :

A representative of the Algerian Red Crescent on Wednesday said that "more than 600 families" have been left homeless because of wildfires near the country's capital. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



NIGERIA – 08/11/2021 : Alarm as Nigeria seeks to execute 3,008 prisoners :

Nigeria is planning to execute over 3,008 convicts as the federal government advises state governors to sign warrants for their deaths. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



ALGERIA – 08/11/2021 : Dozens killed in wildfires in Algeria :

At least 25 soldiers died saving residents from wildfires ravaging mountain forests and villages east of Algeria's capital, the president announced Tuesday night as the civilian toll rose to at least 17. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



SUDAN – 08/11/2021 : Seven Sudanese killed in an attack on a village in Darfur – group

: even Sudanese people were killed and 16 others were wounded last week when armed men attacked a village in South Darfur, a group representing hundreds of thousands of people displaced by the Darfur conflict said on Tuesday. (Defence Web-[Article Link](#))



SOUTH AFRICA – 08/11/2021 : Most used illegal border crossings to SA are with three countries

The "most popular" countries when it comes to illegal entry or smuggling contraband into South Africa are Lesotho, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. (Defence Web-[Article Link](#))



BURKINA FASO – 08/12/2021 : 17 Jihadists, Five Defense Volunteers Killed in Burkina Attacks

The Sahel nation has been targeted by groups affiliated with the Islamic State group and Al-Qaeda since 2015. (The Defense Post-[Article Link](#))



NIGER – 08/12/2021 : Fifteen People Killed in Western Niger Attack

More than 420 civilians have been killed in jihadist attacks in western Niger this year, the Human Rights Watch said. (The Defense Post-[Article Link](#))



SOUTH AFRICA – 08/12/2021 : Violent civil unrest sees SA intelligence services under Parliamentary microscope

July's violent civil unrest which saw over 300 people die and billions of damage to businesses and infrastructure will be interrogated by parliamentarians seeking to establish just how poorly South Africa was served by its intelligence services ahead of two provinces exploding. (Defence Web-[Article Link](#))



ETHIOPIA – 08/12/2021 : Ethiopia's Tigray forces seek new military alliance :

Forces from Ethiopia's rebellious Tigray region said on Wednesday they were in talks to forge a military alliance with insurgents from Ethiopia's most populous region, Oromiya, heaping pressure on the central government in Addis Ababa. (Defence Web-[Article Link](#))



SOMALIA – 08/12/2021 : AU's peacekeeping force in Somalia says investigating civilian deaths :

The African Union's peacekeeping mission in Somalia said it had started investigating reports that civilians were killed during a gunfight between its troops and al Qaeda-linked al Shabaab fighters. (Defence Web-[Article Link](#))



ETHIOPIA – 08/12/2021 : Ethiopia denounces 'destructive' rebel alliance as conflict grows :

Ethiopia denounced Thursday a "destructive alliance" unveiled this week between rebels from war-torn Tigray and a group from Oromia, the country's largest region. (Africa News-[Lien Article](#))



ALGERIA – 08/12/2021 : Wildfires bring devastation to Algeria, Tunisia :

The death toll climbed to at least 69 as firefighters, soldiers and civilian volunteers battled blazes in forests across northern Algeria on Wednesday, in the latest wildfires to sweep the Mediterranean. (Africa News-[Lien Article](#))



NIGERIA – 08/12/2021 : Delta variant wreaks havoc in Nigeria, cases more than double :

Nigeria is confronting a rise of new COVID-19 cases blamed on the delta variant first detected in the country in early July. (Africa News-[Lien Article](#))



MOZAMBIQUE – 08/12/2021 : Cautious residents return to Mozambique's Mocimboa da Praia :

A trickle of Mozambican families started to return to their homes and villages after a joint force of Mozambican and Rwandan troops regained control of a strategic port from Islamist fighters. (Africa News-[Lien Article](#))



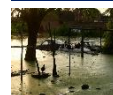
SOMALIA – 08/12/2021 : UN, AU Urge Somalia to Hold Elections Without Further Delay :

The United Nations and the African Union urged Somalia on Thursday to hold already delayed national elections this October despite attempted intimidation by Islamist militants. (VOA-[Article Link](#))



MALI – 08/12/2021 : More Than 50 Dead in Attacks on Mali Villages :

Militants in Mali have massacred more than 50 villagers near the borders with Burkina Faso and Niger. The area has seen increasing violence from armed Islamists, and activists are calling on authorities to act. (VOA-[Lien Article](#))



NIGER – 08/12/2021 : Niger's Flood Death Toll Rises to 55 :

Heavy rains that have lashed the West African state of Niger since June have claimed 55 lives and left 53,000 people homeless, authorities said on Thursday. (VOA-[Lien Article](#))



ETHIOPIA – 08/12/2021 : Amnesty : Hundreds of Women, Girls Raped in Ethiopia's Tigray :

Amnesty International said this week that Ethiopian government forces, Amhara region's militia group and Eritrean forces have been systematically raping and abusing hundreds of women and girls in the conflict in the country's northern Tigray region. (VOA-[Lien Article](#))



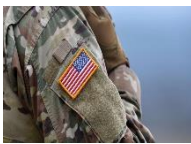
EGYPT – 08/13/2021 : Egypt Army Says 13 Jihadists Killed in Sinai : For years, Egyptian forces have fought the insurgency in the Sinai Peninsula.

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



MOZAMBIQUE – 08/13/2021 : South African APCs sold to Mozambique : Mozambique, battling an Islamist insurgency in its Cabo Delgado province, took delivery of two South African built armoured personnel carriers (APCs) earlier this year along with what is only described as an “attack helicopter”.

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



NIGER – 08/13/2021 : ‘Strategic’ US Military Exercise Held in Niger : According to official figures,

307 civilians were killed in western Niger in between January and March.

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



GUINEA GULF – 08/13/2021 : Nigerian Navy critical for African security and stability – USN Commander : Nigeria

which has the largest navy in the Gulf of Guinea region is critical for Africa’s security and stability a US Navy (USN) captain said.

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



NORTH AFRICA – 08/13/2021 : North Africa Fires Spread to Libya and Tunisia : As unusually hot

weather persists over parts of Northern Africa, new forest fires reportedly have broken out in Tunisia and Libya during the past 24 hours, in addition to many that are still burning in Algeria. (VOA-[Article Link](#))



KENYA – 08/14/2021 : ‘Curfew deaths’ on the rise in Kenya as family loses two brothers :

A funeral was held in Kenya on Friday for two brothers who died after allegedly breaking a COVID-19 curfew. (Africa News-[Lien Article](#))



ETHIOPIA – 08/14/2021 : University students safely evacuate Tigray region :

More than 1,000 students arrived in Addis Ababa on Saturday after being evacuated from the fast-moving conflict in Ethiopia’s Tigray region. (Africa News-[Lien Article](#))



IVORY COAST – 08/14/2021 : Ivory Coast Detects First Ebola Case in 25 Years : Ivory Coast has confirmed its first

case of the Ebola hemorrhagic virus in 25 years, the health minister and the World Health Organization (WHO) said separately on Saturday. (VOA-[Lien Article](#))



BOTSWANA – 14/08/2021 : Botswana Tightens COVID-19 Restrictions Amid Rising Death Toll : Botswana

President Mokgweetsi Masisi, whose country has one of the world’s highest COVID-19 infection rates per capita, has announced new COVID-19 restrictions, including extension of a nighttime curfew and postponement of the reopening of schools. (VOA-[Article Link](#))



NIGERIA – 08/14/2021 : Second Nigerian ‘Chibok Girl’ Freed in a Week, Seven Years After Abduction : A

second young woman abducted seven years ago from the town of Chibok by Boko Haram militants was freed this week, Borno state’s governor said Saturday. (VOA-[Article Link](#))



MALAWI – 08/14/2021 : Malawi Struggles to End Sex Trafficking as Cases Rise

: COVID-19-driven economic and social difficulties in Malawi have caused an increase in sex trafficking in the southern African country, an NGO said, and the spike is being blamed mainly on poor law enforcement. (VOA-[Article Link](#))



CAMEROON – 08/14/2021 : Cameroon Says Fight Over Water Leaves Many Dead or Wounded

: Cameroonian officials say hundreds of people have fled its northern border with Chad after an ongoing conflict over water between cattle ranchers and fishermen killed 18 people and wounded 70. (VOA-[Article Link](#))



D.R. CONGO – 08/14/2021 : UN Agency Calls for Protection from Sexual Attacks in D.R.C.

: UNHCR, the United Nations Refugee Agency, is calling on Congolese authorities to increase security and protect women and girls from widespread, systematic sexual attacks by rival armed groups in Democratic Republic of Congo's Tanganyika province. (VOA-[Article Link](#))



ALGERIA – 08/15/2021 : Algerian wildfires still raging, death toll hits 90 including 33 soldiers

: Algerian firefighters were still struggling Sunday to put out 19 blazes in the north of the country, where 90 people were killed in wildfires this week. (Africa News-[Lien Article](#))



D.R. CONGO – 08/15/2021 : DR Congo Accepts US Military Help Against ADF Militia

: Democratic Republic of Congo President Felix Tshisekedi on Sunday authorized U.S. special forces to help the Congolese army fight the Allied Democratic Forces, an armed group linked to the Islamic State. (VOA-[Article Link](#))



SUDAN – 08/15/2021 : In Sudan, Tigrayans fear the worst as bodies wash up in river

: In an east Sudan town, Tigrayan Gabratansay Gabrahrastos panics whenever his phone rings: it could be grim news of yet more bodies washing up on the banks of a river bordering Ethiopia. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



CAMEROON – 08/15/2021 : Cameroon Creates, Trains Militias Against New Terrorism Ideology

: MORA - Cameroon's President Paul Biya has sent his top military officials and a governor to reactivate old militias and create new ones to combat terrorism on the central African state's northern border with Nigeria. (VOA-[Article Link](#))



NIGERIA – 08/16/2021 : At least 22 killed in central Nigeria attack

: After an attack on a convoy of 90 Muslims in the outskirts of the capital of Nigeria's central Plateau state Jos that killed at least 22, victims are buried and motorists are still stuck on Rukuba road where the attack took place. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



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