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AFRICA

MOZAMBIQUE – 12/14/2020 : Portugal to help Mozambique train forces against militants : Portugal said on Friday it would help Mozambique train up security forces to tackle a wave of militant attacks in the north of the African nation.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

NIGERIA – 12/14/2020 : Nigerian military in firefight with gang who kidnapped students : The Nigerian military had located and exchanged fire with gunmen who kidnapped scores of secondary school students in northwestern Katsina state, according to a statement from the president on Saturday. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

NIGER – 12/14/2020 : At Least 27 Killed in Niger in Boko Haram Attack : Other people were wounded and some more reported missing. **(The Defense Post-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 12/14/2020 : 20 Boko Haram militants killed as Nigerian troops repel attack: army spokesman : The Nigerian army on Sunday said troops had killed at least 20 Boko Haram militants while repelling an attack launched by the terror group in the northeast region. **(CGTN-Article Link)**

ETHIOPIA – 12/14/2020 : Ethiopia returning Eritrean refugees to Tigray camps; UN concerned over move : Ethiopia's government said on Friday it was returning Eritrean refugees to camps they had fled in the northern region of Tigray, a move that alarmed the United Nations refugee agency after a month-long conflict that is believed to have killed thousands of people. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

MOZAMBIQUE – 12/14/2020 : UN agency says more than 400 000 flee Mozambique militant attacks : At least 400 000 people have fled militant attacks in northern Mozambique, the United Nations refugee agency said, warning that the crisis could quickly spread beyond the country's borders if regional neighbours did not help tackle the insurgency.
(Defence Web-Lien Article)

MOROCCO – 12/14/2020 : Trump administration moves forward with $1 billion Moroccan arms deal : President Donald Trump's administration moved forward with $1 billion in sales of drones and precision-guided weapons to Morocco on Friday, sending a notice to Congress about the potential deals, according to sources familiar with the notification. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

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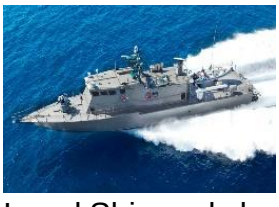
ETHIOPIA – 12/14/2020 : Sudanese prime minister visits Ethiopia to discuss Tigray fighting : Sudan's Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok visited Ethiopia briefly on Sunday with what three senior Sudanese government officials said was an offer to broker a ceasefire in its northern Tigray region, a proposal Ethiopia said was unnecessary because fighting had stopped. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

SOUTH AFRICA – 12/14/2020 : AFB Waterkloof management working hard under difficult circumstances – Marais : Air Force Base Waterkloof, once known as the SA Air Force's (SAAF) centre of transport excellence is a title the current base boss is working hard to keep, a Parliamentarian said following an oversight visit to the Centurion base. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

NIGER – 12/15/2020 : Boko Haram strikes in Niger : An attack blamed on Boko Haram killed 28 people and burned 800 homes in Niger's Diffa region on Saturday, Nigerien authorities and the UN said. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**



SENEGAL – 12/15/2020 : Israel Shipyards delivers last two Shaldag Fast Patrol boats to Senegal : Israel Shipyards has confirmed the delivery of the last two of four Shaldag fast patrol boats to fulfil an order from the Senegalese Navy. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 12/15/2020 : US boosts Nigeria's maritime security with new surveillance equipment : The United States on 11 December donated a shipment of maritime security equipment worth $180 000 to the Nigerian Navy, to upgrade the anti-piracy and nautical security functions of the country's Regional Maritime Awareness Capability (RMAC). **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

GUINEA GULF – 12/15/2020 : Gulf of Guinea pirates strike again : The Maltese-flagged chemical tanker Sea Ranger was the second in a week to be on the unwanted receiving end of attention from pirates in the Gulf of Guinea, while five crew have been kidnapped off a Cameroonian-flagged vessel.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

NIGERIA – 12/15/2020 : Audio indicates Boko Haram behind Nigeria school kidnapping : An audio message from a man identifying himself as leader of Nigeria's Boko Haram said the Islamist group was responsible for kidnapping over 300 students from an all-boys school in the north-western state Katsina. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

MOROCCO – 12/15/2020 : Morocco orders virtual parachute training system : Morocco has ordered a virtual parachute training system from the United Kingdom's Pennant International. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

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UGANDA – 12/16/2020 : Uganda seeks to block 14 Youtube channels over deadly protests : Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) has requested the US-based Google to shut down at least 14 channels for allegedly mobilising riots. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 12/16/2020 : Time to consider talks with Boko Haram ? : The recent Katsina abductions in Nigeria are a reminder that solutions need to go beyond military campaigns. **(ISS-Article Link)**

BURKINA FASO – 12/16/2020 : What next for conflict-hit Burkina Faso after Kabore re-election ? : Could Burkinabe president's second term see a new approach to security or could spiraling violence trigger civil unrest ? **(Al Jazeera-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 12/16/2020 : 17 Nigerian students rescued from Boko Haram, two dead: Official : Katsina state's governor says rescue operations are continuing to save more than 300 students still missing since Friday abduction. **(Al Jazeera-Article Link)**

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA 12/17/2020 : Riskiest investment region : Sub-Saharan Africa has been named riskiest region in the world for business and investors due to militant violence and abuses by security forces, according to new report by risk consultants Verisk Maplecroft.
(Africa News-Article Link)

TUNISIA – 12/17/2020 : Tunisia Signs $80 Million Deal for Three Turkish Anka-S Combat Drones : The medium-altitude, long-endurance UAV is the latest in the Anka series of drones. **(The Defense Post-Article Link)**

MOZAMBIQUE – 12/17/2020 : Mozambique Knew of Jihadists in Five Years Before Attacks: President : More than 2,300 people have died and over 570,000 have fled their homes since jihadists launched a bloody insurgency.
(The Defense Post-Article Link)

MALI – 12/17/2020 : Bomb Kills Malian Soldier and Wounds Five : A Malian soldier was killed and five others were wounded when their vehicle hit an improvised explosive device on a highway in the troubled west African country, the army said Wednesday. **(The Defense Post-Article Link)**

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NIGERIA – 12/17/2020 : Boko Haram Releases Video Claiming to Show Kidnapped Students : A distraught teenager, speaking in English and Hausa in the video, said he was among 520 students taken by "the gang of Abu Shekau".
(The Defense Post-Article Link)

ETHIOPIE – 12/17/2020 : Camera hack at AU headquarters : When diplomats gathered at African Union headquarters earlier this year to prepare for its annual leaders' summit, employees made a disturbing discovery.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

SOUTH AFRICA – 12/17/2020 : Retroactive SA Navy Sword of Peace awards possible : The SA Navy (SAN), like its sister service the SA Air Force (SAAF), has a Sword of Peace award for the naval unit which provides the most meritorious aid in the humanitarian field, typically disaster relief or search and rescue operations.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

D.R. CONGO – 12/17/2020 : DR Congo's Yumbi massacre survivors seek justice : Thursday marked two years since a devastating attack on Yumbi, a town in western Democratic Republic of the Congo. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SOMALIA – 12/17/2020 : Somalia cuts diplomatic ties with Kenya, deploys troops at border : Kenya-Somalia diplomatic relations have severed in recent weeks with the latter blaming Kenya of meddling in its internal political affairs.
(Africa News-Article Link)

NIGERIA – 12/17/2020 : Violence in Nigeria – what and where : Islamist extremist group Boko Haram claimed responsibility for abducting hundreds of boys from a boarding school in Nigeria's Katsina state, according to an audio recording.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

SOMALIA – 12/17/2020 : Turkey urged not to send arms to Somali police unit : Somalia's opposition has written to Turkey urging it not to send a planned shipment of weapons to a special police unit they fear incumbent President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed could use to "hijack" forthcoming elections.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

SUDAN – 12/17/2020 : Sudan claims its officers were ambushed by Ethiopian forces : A number of Sudan armed forces officers were ambushed by "Ethiopian forces and militias" during a security patrol of the border region.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

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TUNISIA – 12/17/2020 : Tunisians protest for 'new revolution' on Arab Spring anniversary : On the 10th anniversary of the events that sparked the Arab Spring, protesters in the central Tunisian town of Sidi Bouzid demanded a "new revolution" on Thursday. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

MOZAMBIQUE – 12/17/2020 : Thousands flee Cabo Delgado after attacks : Militants forced 570 000 people to flee their homes in Mozambique's northern Cabo Delgado province, President Filipe Nyusi said, vowing to defeat insurgents who stepped up attacks since pledging loyalty to Islamic State last year. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 12/17/2020 : Protest in Nigeria over gov't's handling of kidnapping crisis : Protesters march to condemn the government's handling of school kidnapping crisis in Nigeria's northwest on Thursday. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

LIBYA – 12/18/2020 : Migrants in Libya face danger on shore and peril at sea : When Abdullah boarded an inflatable boat crammed with fellow migrants in February he thought he would finally reach Europe after braving a Sahara crossing and Libya's civil war. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

CAMEROON – 12/18/2020 : Cameroon Seeks Justice for Massacre in Ntumbaw as Trial Kicks Off : Soldiers on Trial for Alleged Civilian Murders - The trial of three soldiers accused of orchestrating a massacre — murdering 13 civilians including 10 children in Ntumbaw village, Cameroon in mid-February kicked off on Thursday. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 12/18/2020 : 344 Nigerian Schoolboys Released After Mass Kidnapping : It is unclear if any more remain with their captors. **(The Defense Post-Article Link)**

WEST AFRICA – 12/18/2020 : Africom commander visits Niger, Chad, Mali, and Senegal : US Army General Stephen Townsend, commander, US Africa Command (Africom) travelled to West Africa between 15 and 19 November to discuss security issues across the region. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

SOMALIA – 12/18/2020 : ISS : Regional conflicts add to Somalia's security concerns : Kenya and Ethiopia have been key allies in Somalia's peace and security matters for over a decade, especially in the fight against terror groups such as al-Shabaab. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

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LIBYA – 12/18/2020 : Fishermen held in Libya released : A group of 18 seized by Libyan patrol boats in September while fishing in the Mediterranean were freed by authorities in eastern Libya, Italian Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio said. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

ETHIOPIA – 12/18/2020 : Ethiopia offers reward for intel on fugitive Tigrayan leaders : Military says it will pay 10 million Ethiopian birr (roughly $260,000) to 'any person who knows exact location of the TPLF junta leadership'. **(Al Jazeera-Article Link)**

GUINEA GULF – 12/18/2020 : Gulf of Guinea attacks continue : Pirate attacks continue unabated in the Gulf of Guinea with bulk carrier Stevia the latest to report an attack with eight crew kidnapped, but not confirmed. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

MOZAMBIQUE – 12/18/2020 : UN appeals for $254m to help Mozambique conflict victims : UN says many fled violence with just the clothes they were wearing and warns 1.1 million people will need help next year. **(Al Jazeera-Article Link)**

SUDAN – 12/18/2020 : Sudan Army Chief Visits Border Area After Ambush Blamed on Ethiopia : Sudanese media on Thursday said four soldiers were killed in the ambush, but the report was not confirmed by the army. **(The Defense Post-Article Link)**

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 12/19/2020 : CAR says ex-president attempting 'coup' as rebels form coalition : Main armed rebel groups in CAR form coalition ahead of polls, gov't says ex-President Francois Bozize 'attempting coup'. **(Al Jazeera-Article Link)**

ETHIOPIA – 12/20/2020 : Sudan, Ethiopia to hold border demarcation talks week after clash : Negotiations to be held on Tuesday, a week after Ethiopian forces killed at least four Sudanese soldiers along the border. **(Al Jazeera-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)

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