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AFRICA

NIGERIA – 02/08/2021 : The History of Exploitation Behind the Gulf of Guinea Piracy : A Long Tale of Blood, Oil and Water - The Gulf of Guinea with its 11 countries — eight of which have proven oil reserves and five of which are major fuel producers, was labelled as the world's most dangerous maritime zone in 2020. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

ETHIOPIA – 02/08/2021 : UN and Ethiopia strikes deal for food aid in war-hit Tigray : The United Nations' food agency has said it has agreed to a deal with Ethiopia to expand access for aid workers and "scale up" operations in the war-hit Tigray region.
(Africa News-Article Link)

SENEGAL – 02/08/2021 : Clashes in Senegal after opposition leader Sonko accused of rape : Supporters of an opposition figure, who is accused of rape, come to blows with police on Monday in the capital Dakar. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 02/08/2021 : Central African Republic: Minusca forces return to Bangui : The United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) announced Monday the arrival of its first convoy of humanitarian aid in Bangui, since the blockade of the capital by rebels 50 days ago. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SUDAN – 02/08/2021 : Darfur farmers live in fear of attack by Arab militiamen : Returning to his land in Darfur after 10 years in an Internally Displaced Person (IDP) camp, Abbas Abdallah was attacked and his crops were destroyed. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

D.R. CONGO – 02/08/2021 : DR Congo Militia Kills at Least 12 in New Attack : The attack took place overnight Friday-Saturday after weeks of relative calm.
(The Defense Post-Article Link)

NIGERIA – 02/09/2021 : Bandit leader behind Kankara boys abduction surrenders : The leader of one of the criminal groups behind the abduction of more than 300 of the Kankara boys in Noth-western Nigeria has surrendered to authorities in exchange for an amnesty agreement. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

MOZAMBIQUE – 02/09/2021 : Mozambique sees militia violence dwindle as military gains steam : Islamist attacks in Mozambique's remote north have become less frequent and violent in recent weeks, a trend that analysts attribute in part to scaled-up counter-insurgency tactics.
(Africa News-Article Link)

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SUDAN – 02/09/2021 : Protests erupt in Sudan over cost of living : Protests broke out Tuesday in a key port city, the restive Darfur region and other parts of Sudan over the rising cost of living, witnesses and state media said. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

LIBYA – 02/09/2021 : 422 migrants rescued off Libyan coast : Hundreds of migrants rescued off the Libyan coast in the past few days have arrived in Italy, where they disembarked on Monday.
(Africa News-Article Link)

SUDAN – 02/09/2021 : Former rebel chiefs named in Sudan's new cabinet : Sudan's Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok announced Monday a new cabinet bringing in seven ex-rebel chiefs as ministers, following a peace deal in October aimed to end decades of war.
(Africa News-Article Link)

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 02/10/2021 : Humanitarian convoys gain passage in Bangui : Humanitarian convoys have made way in the Central African Republic's capital Bangui after rebel groups losing ground to pro-government forces temporarily allowed passage.
(Africa News-Article Link)

SENEGAL – 02/10/2021 : Senegal says troops overrun rebel camps in Casamance region : The Senegalese army said Tuesday it took three rebel "bases" in the restive southern region Casamance and recovered weapons during an offensive launched in late January after months of a lull in the long-standing conflict.
(Africa News-Article Link)

MALI – 02/10/2021 : Around 20 UN peacekeepers injured in major attack on MINUSMA base : Some 20 UN peacekeepers serving with the UN Stabilization Mission in Mali, MINUSMA, were injured on Wednesday, after their temporary base came under attack in the restive central region of the country. **(UN News-Article Link)**

ETHIOPIA – 02/10/2021 : Ethiopia's embattled Tigray region "largely inaccessible"- Red Cross : Ethiopia's embattled northern region of Tigray remains largely inaccessible, the International Red Cross said Wednesday.
(Africa News-Article Link)

KENYA – 02/10/2021 : Frustration mounts in Northern Kenya as Al-shabaab threats grow : In the arid northern corner of Kenya, bordering Somalia and Ethiopia, there's growing frustration. It is largely because of the increasing strength of the Al-Qaeda-linked Al-shabaab jihadist group.
(Africa News-Article Link)

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MALI – 02/11/2021 : Mali peace deal signatories meet in former rebel city : Signatories to a shaky peace deal deemed vital for ending the conflict in Mali met on Thursday in the northern city of Kidal, a former rebel bastion, an AFP journalist said. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SOUTH SUDAN – 02/11/2021 : UN peacekeepers step up patrols after deadly clashes in South Sudan : A surge in fighting between different ethnic communities in Warrap, Maban, and parts of Jonglei in South Sudan has caused hundreds of deaths and massive displacement over the past few months. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

MALI – 02/11/2021 : UN 'strongly condemns' attack on peacekeepers in central Mali : The United Nations has strongly condemned an attack on a peacekeepers base in central Mali. 28 peacekeepers from Togo were injured when the temporary UN base in Kerena, near Douentza, was hit by fire early Wednesday morning. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SENEGAL – 02/11/2021 : Senegalese army promises to resettle displaced people on reclaimed territory : The army said the operation also aims to let people displaced by the conflict resettle, and to put an end to rampant timber and cannabis trafficking in the region.
(Africa News-Article Link)

EGYPT – 02/11/2021 : Egypt urged to remove activists from 'terrorist' list : UN independent human rights experts appealed on Thursday for authorities in Egypt to remove two activists from a "terrorist" list and to stop systemic use of terrorism powers.
(UN News-Article Link)

LIBYA – 02/12/2021 : 240 migrants rescued off boats in Libya : Libya has rescued more than 1,500 would-be migrants off its west coast in the past week, a non-governmental organisation said.
(Africa News-Article Link)

ETHIOPIA – 02/12/2021 : 'Incomplete but troubling picture' reveals impact of Tigray crisis on children : Humanitarians are learning more about the dire situation of children in Ethiopia's Tigray region, where fighting continues between Government troops and regional forces of the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF).
(UN News-Article Link)

UGANDA – 02/12/2021 : Thousands of Refugees Are Stranded at Uganda's Border : Stranded at the Border with Nowhere to Go - The East African nation - a leader on the continent in terms of welcoming refugees, is known for its hospitality. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, about 1,400,000 people have found refuge in the country. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

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SENEGAL – 02/12/2021 : Senegal rebels face defeat as locals back army offensive : A military offensive in Senegal's southern region of Casamance has thrown separatist rebels on the back foot, raising the prospect that one of Africa's oldest conflicts may finally end. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

ETHIOPIA – 02/12/2021 : Ethiopia's Tigray 'one step from famine' - EU : The European Commission on Thursday warned that the Tigray region of Ethiopia could be approaching a famine, as the country's three-month-long conflict continued. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SOUTH AFRICA – 02/12/2021 : Naval Base Durban shipshape for first MMIPV : Naval Base Durban, home to the patrol squadron of the SA Navy (SAN), is on track to welcome the first multi-mission inshore patrol vessel (MMIPV) come mid-year.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

IVORY COAST – 02/12/2021 : Ivory Coast receives second replacement Mi-24 : The Ivory Coast has taken delivery of a second Mi-24 to replace those that crashed in 2019 and 2020. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

SENEGAL – 02/12/2021 : Alleged Members of Jihadist Cell Remanded in Senegal : A Senegalese court has placed four alleged members of a jihadist cell in pre-trial detention, a legal official told AFP on Thursday. **(The Defense Post-Article Link)**

BURKINA FASO – 02/12/2021 : UN : Burkina Faso on brink of protracted humanitarian crisis : Burkina Faso is on the brink of becoming a protracted crisis after extremist violence displaced over 1 million people, a senior United Nations official said this week during a visit to the West African nation. **(AP News-Article Link)**

MALI – 02/12/2021 : UN says one of the 28 peacekeepers wounded in Mali has died : One of the 28 U.N. peacekeepers wounded in an attack on a temporary United Nations base in central Mali has died from his injuries, the United Nations announced Friday. **(AP News-Article Link)**

CAMEROON – 02/12/2021 : 5,000 Nigerians Displaced by Boko Haram Ready to Return, Cameroon Says : Cameroon says 5,000 of the 103,000 Nigerians, mostly women and children, who fled across the border from Boko Haram terrorists have agreed to return to Nigeria. **(VOA News-Article Link)**

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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 02/12/2021 : Lifesaving Aid Blocked From Thousands of Displaced People in CAR : Humanitarian agencies warn that escalating violence and military operations are preventing them from reaching tens of thousands of forcibly displaced people in the Central African Republic, who need lifesaving aid.
(VOA News-Article Link)

NIGERIA – 02/13/2021 : Nigeria police arrest #EndSARS protesters at tollgate : Several protesters in Nigeria's city of Lagos were arrested on Saturday after they tried to hold a peaceful rally against the reopening of the Lekki tollgate, where security forces shot at protesters in October, which became the epicentre of the #EndSARS movement. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SOMALIA – 02/13/2021 : Suicide bomber detonates near Somalia's presidential palace : Police say a suicide bomber died and seven civilians were wounded when a vehicle exploded near a checkpoint outside the presidential palace in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu. **(AP News-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 02/14/2021 : 'We want justice': Nigerians protest at Lekki shooting site : Nigerians are demanding justice for the victims shot at by police during a deadly protest in October. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

ALGERIA – 02/14/2021 : Algerian NGOs create committee to protect prisoners after rape claims : Rights groups in Algeria have created a new committee to fight against abuse of prisoners after claims this month by 25-year-old protester Walid Nekkiche he was beaten and raped by security forces while in custody.
(Africa News-Article Link)

BURKINA FASO – 02/14/2021 : Women fleeing Burkina Faso violence face sexual assault : A 20-year-old woman could no longer live in her village amid the rising violence caused by Islamic extremists.
(AP News-Article Link)

NIGERIA – 02/14/2021 : Turkish sailors abducted by pirates return home from Nigeria : Fifteen Turkish sailors who were kidnapped by pirates off west Africa last month returned to Turkey on Sunday.
(AP News-Article Link)

SAHEL – 02/15/2021 : Macron meets G5 Sahel leaders amid questions over France's strategy : Leaders of France and five Sahel countries on Monday begin a two-day summit to discuss the G5-Sahel grouping's anti-insurgency operations amid mounting local dissatisfaction over the military-heavy approach that has failed to stabilise the poorly administered region.
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