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AFRICA

SOUTH SUDAN – 03/15/2021 : Allies of South Sudan militias must be held accountable : UN human rights report : Military and political officials in South Sudan supporting community-based militias in the Greater Jonglei region, must be held accountable for violence that killed more than 700 people over a six-month period last year, the UN human rights office, OHCHR, said on Monday. **(UN News-Article Link)**

GUINEA GULF – 03/15/2021 : Fifteen crew kidnapped in Gulf of Guinea : The Gulf of Guinea remains one of the most dangerous bodies of water worldwide for seafarers with the International Maritime Bureau (IMB) urging ships and crew transiting it to "remain alert and not let their guard down ". **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 03/15/2021 : Islamist attacks kill about 30 soldiers in northeast Nigeria in four days : Islamist militants have killed about 30 government soldiers in a series of clashes in northeast Nigeria since Wednesday, military and civilian militia sources said on Sunday.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

SOUTH AFRICA – 03/15/2021 : Leadership integrity and the crisis in South Africa's policing : Long-standing abuses in the appointment of leaders are at the heart of the country's failing police service.
(ISS-Article Link)

NIGERIA – 03/15/2021 : Gunmen abduct 30 students in northwest Nigeria as payoffs 'boomerang' : Gunmen kidnapped around 30 students in an overnight raid on a forestry college in northwest Nigeria, an official said on Friday, the fourth mass school abduction since December in a country where violence is on the increase.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 03/15/2021 : Central African Republic votes amid tight security after December violence : Almost all polling stations in Central African Republic were able to open for a second round of parliamentary elections on Sunday, the electoral body said, amid heavy security to deter rebels who disrupted polls in December. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

LIBYA – 03/15/2021 : Irini Mediterranean inspections top the two thousand mark : Operation Irini, the EU tasking enforcing a UN arms embargo on Libya, investigated over 2 000 vessels in its first 11 months on the Mediterranean Sea. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

MOZAMBIQUE – 03/15/2021 : Triple C threat facing Mozambique : Conflict, COVID-19 and climate change are, according to the UN Secretary-General, the triple threat currently faced by South Africa's eastern neighbour.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

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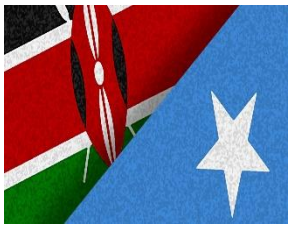
UGANDA – 03/15/2021 : Uganda's Bobi Wine Briefly Detained After Leading Street Protest : Ugandan police Monday briefly detained opposition leader Bobi Wine as he led opposition lawmakers and supporters in a demonstration. **(VOA-Article Link)**

MOZAMBIQUE – 03/15/2021 : US forces to train Mozambique's marines to fight jihadist insurgency : US Special Operations Forces will train Mozambican marines for two months to fight against the jihadist insurgency in the northeastern Cabo Delgado province, the United States Embassy in Maputo said on Monday. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

ETHIOPIA – 03/15/2021 : Group Reports Health Facilities Looted in Ethiopia's Tigray : Health facilities in Ethiopia's embattled region of Tigray have been "looted, vandalized and destroyed in a deliberate and widespread attack on health care," the humanitarian group Doctors Without Borders said Monday. **(VOA-Article Link)**

D.R. CONGO – 03/16/2021 : Suspected Islamists kill at least a dozen villagers in eastern Congo : Attackers killed at least a dozen villagers in an overnight raid on a village in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, a witness and two civil rights groups said on Monday. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 03/16/2021 : Authorities Investigate Kidnapping of Three Teachers in Northern Nigeria : Authorities in northern Nigeria are investigating the armed kidnapping of three teachers from a primary school, four days after dozens of students were taken from another school in Kaduna state. **(VOA-Article Link)**



HORN OF AFRICA – 03/16/2021 : Kenya-Somalia dispute threatens an embattled Horn of Africa : Joint IGAD–AU action is urgently needed to avoid further destabilisation of a region already wracked by violence. **(ISS-Article Link)**

SOUTH AFRICA – 03/16/2021 : Police deny reports regarding shooting a female protestor : The South African Police Service (SAPS) has denied shooting and wounding a person during the ongoing student protests in Johannesburg on Monday. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

CAMEROON – 03/16/2021 : Cameroon Says Deaths from Consuming Fake Alcohol Spike During Pandemic : Authorities in Cameroon say the coronavirus pandemic has led to a spike in excessive drinking – and in deaths from fake alcohol. **(VOA-Article Link)**

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ETHIOPIA – 03/16/2021 : 'The fighting continues': A Tigray town reels from drawn-out war : People react as they stand next to a mass grave containing the bodies of 81 victims of Eritrean and Ethiopian forces, killed during violence of the previous months. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 03/16/2021 : Nigerian schools hit by mass abductions : An armed gang abducted three primary school teachers in the northwest Nigerian state of Kaduna on Monday.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

MOZAMBIQUE – 03/16/2021 : Children among victims of jihadi rebels in Mozambique : Northern Mozambique's humanitarian crisis is growing rapidly, with nearly 670,000 people displaced by the Islamic extremist insurgency in Cabo Delgado province, international aid groups said Tuesday. **(AP News-Article Link)**

KENYA – 03/16/2021 : Kenya's fishermen protest tensions in maritime dispute with Somalia : Fishermen of the Lamu County, on the Northen coast of Kenya, took to the sea with their dhows to protest against rising tensions between the Kenyan and Somalian authorities, over their long-running maritime border dispute. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

MOROCCO – 03/16/2021 : Police break up Moroccan teachers' protest for fixed jobs : Hundreds of teachers on temporary contracts protested Tuesday in the Moroccan capital to demand permanent employment. **(AP News-Article Link)**

SOUTH SUDAN – 03/16/2021 : South Sudanese 'one step away from famine', as UN launches humanitarian response plan : As hunger levels continue to deepen in South Sudan due to a combination of violence, climate change and COVID-19, the 2021 South Sudan Humanitarian Response Plan was launched on Tuesday aiming to reach 6.6 million people – including 350,000 refugees - with life-saving assistance and protection. **(UN News-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 03/16/2021 : UN Launches Billion-Dollar Appeal for Nigeria's Victims of Armed Conflict : The United Nations is appealing for $1 billion to help 6.4 million of Nigeria's most vulnerable people, including two million who have been forced to flee their homes because of armed conflict. **(VOA-Article Link)**

SOUTH AFRICA – 03/17/2021 : SANParks welcomes successful prosecution of rhino poachers : The South African National Parks (SANParks) on Wednesday commended the National Prosecuting Authority in Mpumalanga on the successful prosecution of two long-standing rhino poaching trials in the Mhala Regional Court. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

MALI – 03/17/2021 : Militants kill 11 Malian soldiers in ambush, 11 others missing : Eleven Malian soldiers were killed and 11 more are missing after Islamist militants ambushed a patrol in the desert north, the army said on Tuesday.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

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MOZAMBIQUE – 03/17/2021 : Mozambique militants beheading children as young as 11, Save the Children says : Children as young as 11 are being beheaded in Mozambique, UK-based aid group Save the Children said on Tuesday, as part of an Islamist insurgency that has killed thousands and forced many magnitudes more from their homes. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

NIGER – 03/17/2021 : Armed men attack passenger convoy and village in Niger, killing 58 : Armed men in southwestern Niger killed at least 58 people when they intercepted a convoy returning from a weekly market and attacked a nearby village, the government said. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

AFRICA – 03/17/2021 : Fake COVID-19 vaccines seized in SA just the start for Africa : The lucrative market is the latest in a burgeoning counterfeit medicines trade run by organised crime networks. **(ISS-Article Link)**

MOZAMBIQUE – 03/17/2021 : US names Mozambique insurgency leader as it sets its sights on the ISIS-affiliated group : ISIS is undeniably expanding from Iraq and Syria to the corners of the globe. By now, it is public knowledge that ISIS is affiliated with the insurgency in Northern Mozambique along with other terrorist groups in Africa.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

SOUTH AFRICA – 03/17/2021 : Soldiers confiscate dagga, stolen weapons on border safeguarding : Border safeguarding in the form of military vehicle control points and vehicle patrols yielded successes in terms of narcotics, stolen weapons and a stolen vehicle this week. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

ETHIOPIA – 03/17/2021 : Ethiopians protest deadly Yemen migrant centre blaze : The UN on Tuesday called for a probe into a fire that killed dozens of migrants at a holding facility in Yemen's capital, after Human Rights Watch said it was started by Huthi rebels.
(Africa News-Article Link)

LIBYA – 03/17/2021 : Libya arms embargo 'totally ineffective': UN expert panel : An arms embargo imposed on Libya by the Security Council in 2011 remains "totally ineffective" a UN Panel of Experts has said, adding that civilians, including migrants and asylum seekers, continue to suffer widespread rights violations and abuses.
(UN News-Article Link)

NIGERIA – 03/17/2021 : Abducted Nigerian students are "safe": governor : The governor of Nigeria's northwest state of Kaduna said on Tuesday the 39 students that were kidnapped last week are "safe", but that his government will not "negotiate with the bandits" for their release. **(CGTN-Article Link)**

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ETHIOPIA – 03/17/2021 : UN Rights Chief Agrees to Ethiopia Request for Joint Tigray Inquiry : United Nations human rights chief Michelle Bachelet has agreed to an Ethiopian request for a joint investigation in the country's northern Tigray region, where Bachelet says possible war crimes may have been committed.
(VOA-Article Link)

MALI – 03/18/2021 : Death toll of recent attack on Malian army rises to 33 : Malian Armed Forces confirmed Wednesday that the death toll of the recent attack on Malian army in the region of Gao rose to 33, with 14 Malian soldiers injured, making this the deadliest attack on Malian army this year. **(CGTN-Article Link)**

NIGER – 03/18/2021 : Fifty-eight killed in 'barbarous' Niger attacks near Mali border : Scenes on the street and a market in the Nigerien capital of Niamey. Despite little sign of the first of a three-day mourning after attacks by suspected jihadists killed 58 people near the Mali border, residents and a community leader express condemnation and shock at the killings. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

MOZAMBIQUE – 03/18/2021 : Humanitarian crisis on the rise in Cabo Delgado - Mozambique : There is a growing humanitarian crisis in Cabo Delgado province, in northern Mozambique. According to the "Aid to the Church in Need" Foundation , cases of cholera and malaria are increasing among the more than 600 thousand displaced persons fleeing the armed attacks in the region. **(Arica News-Article Link)**

EGYPT – 03/18/2021 : Egypt jails activist who called to free prisoners amid pandemic : An Egyptian court sentenced prominent female activist Sanaa Seif to a year and a half in prison on Wednesday for spreading false news, her sister and judicial sources said.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

IVORY COAST – 03/18/2021 : Information alone won't stop illegal migration from Côte d'Ivoire : Nearly half of African countries have criminalised migrant smuggling, and Côte d'Ivoire should follow suit. **(ISS-Article Link)**

ALGERIA – 03/18/2021 : As Algerian protests resume, demonstrators differ on goals : Abdenour Ait Said and Mohamed Chabti both helped topple Algeria's veteran president nearly two years ago by taking part in mass street demonstrations against the ruling elite but they no longer agree on the protests. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

KENYA – 03/18/2021 : Kenyan court says police to blame for death of girl after 2017 elections : A Kenyan inquest has ruled that police are to blame for the death of a 9-year-old girl during violence after the 2017 elections, saying that if the police wanted to find the girl's killer, who remains at large, they could do so in a day. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

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TUNISIA – 03/18/2021 : Tunisian court frees prominent women's activist : A Tunisian appeals court released on Wednesday a prominent women's rights defender and LGBTI activist who had been jailed on charges of "insulting police and abuse of morales", her lawyers said, in a case that raised concerns about freedom of expression. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

SOUTH AFRICA – 03/18/2021 : Defence Intelligence effectiveness questioned : The lack or withholding of intelligence from the wider defence sector resulted in at least seven "disasters or embarrassments" for Defence and Military Veterans Minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula last year, a contributor to a National Assembly debate on crime and other intelligence maintains. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

MOROCCO – 03/18/2021 : Morocco orders 300 VLRA light tactical vehicles : The Royal Moroccan Armed Forces (RMAF) has ordered 300 VLRA-2 4×4 light tactical military vehicles from France to strengthen the firepower and mobility of its special forces units.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

NIGER – 03/18/2021 : Bandits kidnap Pastor Bitrus of Shiyona Church, demand N60m ransom : Hoodlums and illegal tax collectors in Cross River have physically assaulted and dehumanised two petty traders for allegedly not paying their tax. **(News Break-Article Link)**

AFRICA – 03/18/2021 : Unnamed African country orders 100 DongFeng vehicles : An undisclosed African country in 2020 ordered 100 DongFeng Warrior armoured vehicles from China. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

MALI – 03/18/2021 : Malians express doubt over army's capacity to counter Jihadist fighters : At least 33 soldiers were killed in an attack in northern Mali this week after one of two devastating attacks in the Sahel region since Monday. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 03/18/2021 : Food Crisis : Igboho prepares to take over borders from Immigration, Customs : Yoruba freedom fighter, Sunday Adeyemo, popularly known as Sunday Igboho, has said that he is going to open up the borders in the South-West to allow foodstuffs, particularly rice. **(Newzandar News-Article Link)**

LIBERIA – 03/18/2021 : Victims wait for ruling in lawsuit over Liberian massacre : A federal judge in Philadelphia will decide if there's enough evidence to rule in favor of survivors of a 1990 massacre during Liberia's civil wars or whether a trial should take place.
(News Break-Article Link)

MOZAMBIQUE – 03/18/2021 : The Mozambique Channel is the next security hotspot : The waters off Mozambique are becoming a major new security hotspot in the Indian Ocean. **(News Break-Article Link)**

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SOUTH AFRICA – 03/18/2021 : China donates learning equipment to SA National Defence College : On 17 March, Ambassador of China to South Africa, Chen Xiaodong, donated electronic learning equipment to the South African National Defence College in Thaba Tshwane on behalf of the Chinese military.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

NIGERIA – 03/19/2021 : Miyetti Allah writes Police, reports missing 30 herdsmen, 322 cows in Anambra : The Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) has written to the Police over attacks on Fulanis in Anambra State.
(News Break-Article Link)

SUDAN – 03/19/2021 : Fashaqa Flashpoint: Sudanese Dream Of Reclaiming Fertile Land : Under a thatched roof, Sudanese dream of returning to farmland at the heart of a decades-old dispute with Ethiopia that has turned violent and threatened to ignite a wider conflict. **(News Break-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 03/19/2021 : Banditry Will Not End In Nigeria Since They've Politicised Security- Wike : Governor Nyesom Ezenwo Wike of Rivers State has posited that the issue of banditry ravaging the nation may not end soon if it continues to be politicized.
(News Break-Article Link)

ETHIOPIA – 03/19/2021 : Critical Ethiopian diplomat urges peace talks in Tigray war : An Ethiopian diplomat who quit his post in the United States over concerns about atrocities in Tigray is calling for peace talks between the government and the embattled region's fugitive leaders.
(AP News-Article Link)

NIGER – 03/19/2021 : Niger to beef up security in the west following deadly attack : Soldiers have been reinforced in Western Niger, where suspected jihadists attacked on Monday. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 03/21/2021 : CAR ex-president takes over leadership of rebel group fighting the govt : François Bozizé, is the new rebel leader in the Central African Republic. The former president has officially taken over the leadership of the CPC, the Coalition of Patriots for Change. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

MOZAMBIQUE – 03/22/2021 : UNHCR describes happenings in Mozambique's north as "humanitarian tragedy" : Internally displaced persons in Mozambique have been recounting horrific stories of beheadings and rape. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

MALI – 03/22/2021 : Mali's PM inaugurates new fishing port, military camp in war-torn region : The town of Konna in the Central region of Mali is an area regularly hit by jihadist attacks. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

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