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AFRICA

NIGERIA – 03/08/2021 : Nigerian security forces arrest 56 armed gang members : Significant amount of ammunition belonging to gangs also seized, says spokesman for Lagos State Police Command. **(AA-Article Link)**

EQUATORIAL GUINEA – 03/08/2021 : More than 98 killed in Equatorial Guinea blasts at military barracks : At least 98 people have been killed and more than 600 others are injured after multiple explosions at a military camp in Equatorial Guinea on Sunday. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SOUTH AFRICA – 03/08/2021 : Using digital tools against financial crime and corruption : Open-source investigation techniques could give a much-needed boost to South Africa's poor record of prosecuting high-profile cases. **(ISS-Article Link)**

SENEGAL – 03/08/2021 : Senegal shuts schools amid violent unrest : Schools in Senegal will shut until 15 March, the education ministry said on Sunday, after days of violent protests that have paralysed parts of the capital Dakar and are expected to continue next week. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

SOMALIA – 03/08/2021 : At least 20 killed by suicide car bomb near restaurant in Somalia capital : At least 20 people were killed and 30 wounded by a suicide car bomb just outside a restaurant near the port in Somalia's capital Mogadishu late on Friday, an emergency services official said. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

UGANDA – 03/09/2021 : Ugandan opposition leader Bobi Wine calls for release of political prisoners : Opposition leader Bobi Wine on Tuesday called on Ugandans to "rise up peacefully and unarmed" in protest against President Yoweri Museveni, who has ruled the East African country for nearly four decades.
(Africa News-Article Link)

D.R. CONGO – 03/09/2021 : Angry locals lynch six kidnappers in DR Congo : Six suspected kidnappers have been lynched by residents angry over the abduction of a girl in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, local officials said Tuesday. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

ALGERIA – 03/09/2021 : Algerian women protest demanding equal rights : Several Algerian women took to the streets to protest against a family code they consider demeaning, as they marked International Women's Day in the conservative country.
(Africa News-Article Link)

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ETHIOPIA – 03/09/2021 : Survivors allege rape by soldiers in Tigray : Four months into the Tigray war, stories of rape -- many involving multiple soldiers -- have become all-too-common, according to doctors and nurses in Ethiopia's northernmost region.
(Africa News-Article Link)

SOUTH AFRICA – 03/09/2021 : Home Affairs BMA plans still not known : The Easter long weekend is less than a month away and while a repeat of the year-end chaos at certain ports of entry is not expected, people will travel for the break, putting pressure on particularly Beit Bridge and Lebombo. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

SENEGAL – 03/09/2021 : Opposition group calls for "peaceful" protest on Saturday : A Senegalese opposition group on Tuesday called for "peaceful" demonstrations in Dakar and across the country on Saturday to demand the release of prisoners it describes as "political".
(Africa News-Article Link)

D.R. CONGO – 03/09/2021 : War crimes court orders record $30 million compensation for Congo victims : Child soldiers and other victims of convicted Congolese militia leader Bosco Ntaganda should get a total of $30 million compensation, International Criminal Court judges ruled on Monday, in their highest ever reparation order. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

ALGERIA – 03/09/2021 : Algerians return to the streets in fresh anti-government protest : Hundreds of students and Hirak movement sympathisers protested in Algiers on Tuesday in a fresh rally against the Algerian government. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

KENYA – 03/09/2021 : United States and Kenya strengthen security partnership : Major General Andrew M Rohling, the US Army Southern European Task Force, Africa commander, visited Kenya between 2 and 5 March on an official tour to broaden and strengthen the security partnership between the United States and Kenya.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

SOUTH AFRICA – 03/09/2021 : Critical infrastructure attacks: why South Africa should worry : Having single entities supplying electricity and telecoms is just one reason the country is vulnerable to cyber attacks.
(ISS-Article Link)

NIGERIA – 03/09/2021 : Nigerian kidnappings reach crisis point : Abductions have become more indiscriminate across northern Nigeria as local criminal gangs view victims as a source of income, and the villagers — who have been ignored by the government — as disposable.
(DW-Article Link)

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SENEGAL – 03/09/2021 : Explainer : Why protests are shaking one of Africa's most stable democracies : Clashes between police and thousands of demonstrators protesting at the detention of Senegal's most prominent opposition leader have killed at least five people since last week.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

WEST AFRICA – 03/09/2021 : Piracy off West Africa at "breaking point" : The seas off West Africa, particularly the Gulf of Guinea, are synonymous with piracy and other maritime crime. Respected maritime risk and security analysts Dryad Global maintain it has reached breaking point.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 03/09/2021 : Violence a Concern Ahead of Central African Republic Election : The U.N. human rights office is raising the alarm about the risk of renewed violence during the second round of legislative elections in the Central African Republic next Sunday. **(VOA-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 03/09/2021 : Hundreds of Nigerians Who Fled Boko Haram Return From Cameroon : Hundreds of Nigerians who fled Boko Haram terrorism to Cameroon have voluntarily returned to the country this week after close to a decade of being displaced. **(VOA-Article Link)**

ETHIOPIA – 03/10/2021 : Ethiopia diplomat quits US post, cites atrocities in Tigray : A senior Ethiopian diplomat quit his post in Washington Wednesday over concerns about reported atrocities in Tigray, where fighting persists as federal forces and their allies hunt down the fugitive leaders of the regional administration. **(AP News-Article Link)**

SOUTH AFRICA – 03/10/2021 : One person shot dead in South Africa student protest : One person was killed on Wednesday after South African police fired rubber bullets to disperse a group of student protesters at Wits University in Johannesburg.
(Africa News-Article Link)

ETHIOPIA – 03/10/2021 : United States ambassador to Ethiopia to visit war-hit Tigray region : The United States ambassador to Ethiopia will visit the war-hit Tigray region on Wednesday.
(Africa News-Article Link)

EQUATORIAL GUINEA – 03/10/2021 : Equatorial Guinea blasts : President blames military for 'negligence' : The death toll from four explosions that rocked a military camp in Equatorial Guinea and surrounding areas rose to 105 with the discovery of seven more corpses, state television said Tuesday.
(Africa News-Article Link)

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SOUTH AFRICA – 03/10/2021 : South African university students clash with police, 1 dead : At least one person has died and two students have been injured in clashes between South African university students and police over tuition fees at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. **(AP News-Article Link)**

TUNISIA – 03/10/2021 : At least 39 die as two migrant boats sink off Tunisia : At least 39 migrants died when two boats sank off Tunisia on Tuesday as they tried to cross the Mediterranean to the Italian island of Lampedusa, the Tunisian defence ministry said. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

LESOTHO – 03/10/2021 : Lesotho Defence Force confiscates 80 illegal guns, dangerous weapons : The Lesotho Defence Force (LDF) through its Infantry Battalion 11 has confiscated 80 illegal firearms from community members especially those in the highlands of the country. Many of these weapons were smuggled from South Africa. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

SOUTH AFRICA – 03/10/2021 : SAPS recruitment programme still on hold : The recruitment and training of police trainees is still on hold, the South African Police Service (SAPS) said on Tuesday. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

AFRICA – 03/10/2021 : US hits IS groups in Mozambique, Congo with terror sanctions : The Biden administration on Wednesday designated two Islamic State affiliates in Mozambique and the Democratic Republic of Congo as "foreign terrorist organizations," imposing wide-ranging sanctions on the groups. **(AP News-Article Link)**

HORN OF AFRICA – 03/10/2021 : Aerial assets impact positively on Op Atalanta : The European Union naval tasking off the Horn of Africa, which started life as protection for World Food Programme (WFP) vessels delivering food aid to stricken communities in Somalia and other countries in the region, has developed into a full-fledged maritime mission. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

SUDAN – 03/10/2021 : US urges Sudan to build an inclusive government for all : The United States called on Sudan Tuesday to build an inclusive and representative government that ensures peace, supports people on the margins and helps "those who have suffered achieve justice". **(AP News-Article Link)**

SOMALIA – 03/10/2021 : Somalia's security situation in crisis amid political uncertainty : The political impasse over when and how the next Somalian election will be conducted, coupled with the increasing number of attacks from the Islamist terrorist group, al-Shabaab, has put Somalia on an unpredictable path. **(DW-Article Link)**

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SOUTH AFRICA – 03/10/2021 : SAAF A109 involved in rescue of injured paraglider : A South African Air Force (SAAF) A109 Light Utility Helicopter was used to rescue an injured paraglider in the Eastern Cape last week. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

ETHIOPIA – 03/11/2021 : Ethiopia's leader faces intense pressure to end Tigray war : Ethiopia's government on Thursday faced mounting pressure to withdraw troops from the northern region of Tigray amid growing reports of war crimes in an embattled area that now faces a humanitarian crisis. **(AP News-Article Link)**

EGYPTE – 03/11/2021 : At least 20 killed in huge fire at textile factory in Cairo : At least 20 people have been killed in a fire at a textile factory in Egypt.
(Africa News-Article Link)

GUINEA BISSAU – 03/11/2021 : Guinea Bissau journalist severely beaten, tongue cut out : A freelance journalist based in Guinea Bissau suffered extreme physical harm when he was attacked and his tongue cut out by unknown people on Tuesday.
(Africa News-Article Link)

ETHIOPIA – 03/11/2021 : 'People are starving' : New exodus in Ethiopia's Tigray area : Skinny, hungry, fleeing threats of violence, thousands of people who have been hiding in rural areas of Ethiopia's Tigray region have begun arriving in a community that can barely support them — and more are said to be on the way. **(AP News-Article Link)**

SOUTH AFRICA – 03/11/2021 : South African students protest after man killed in tuition debt rally : Student protests continue in Johannesburg after a passerby was killed when police fired rubber bullets to disperse protesters earlier in the day. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

ANGOLA – 03/11/2021 : Angola holds dialogue on wealth distribution in troubled Cafunfo region : The recent clashes between the locals and police in the Angolan town of Canfufo that led to the death of sic people came under scrutiny on Tuesday and Wednesday. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SOUTH AFRICA – 03/11/2021 : Cabinet condemns police killings : Cabinet has condemned the continued attacks and killings of police officers as not only barbaric – but also a threat to national security.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

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EQUATORIAL GUINEA – 03/11/2021 : Children lose parents as thousands flee after Equatorial Guinea blast : Callers seeking the parents of lost children have been regularly dialling in to radio and television programmes since a series of explosions levelled much of Equatorial Guinea's largest city and sent thousands fleeing for the countryside. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 03/11/2021 : 31 killed in a spate of separate attacks on villages : At least 31 people have been killed in Nigeria in three deadly separate attacks by criminal groups, residents told AFP on Thursday. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

AFRICA – 03/11/2021 : UN appeals for $5.5 billion to avert famine for 34 million : Secretary-General Antonio Guterres made an urgent appeal Thursday for $5.5 billion to prevent a "catastrophe" for 34 million people in over three dozen countries who are just one step away from famine driven by conflict -- and the World Food Program chief warned that 270 million people are facing "a hunger crisis" this year. **(AP News-Article Link)**

SOUTH SUDAN – 03/11/2021 : South Sudan Man Sentenced to 7 Years in Rare Rape Conviction : A South Sudanese man has been sentenced to seven years in prison for raping a minor, a rare example of a rape conviction in the African country. **(VOA-Article Link)**

TUNISIA – 03/11/2021 : Tunisia Cracks Down on Social Media 10 Years After Arab Spring : Tunisian police are arresting social media activists for criticizing the government online and calling for protests, according to rights groups. **(VOA-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 03/12/2021 : Gunmen abduct dozens of students : The attack on the school in northwestern Nigeria is the fourth of its kind since December. It is thought around 30 students have been kidnapped. **(DW-Article Link)**

ETHIOPIA – 03/12/2021 : White House Calls for Independent Probe of Abuses in Ethiopia's Tigray Region : The White House is calling for a full, independent investigation into human rights abuses in the conflict in Ethiopia's Tigray region. **(VOA-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 03/12/2021 : Nigerian police camp at site of suspected mass kidnapping : Nigerian police camp at the site where a fresh suspected mass kidnapping took place Thursday night. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SOUTH SUDAN – 03/13/2021 : UN mandates South Sudan force to prevent return to civil war : The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously Friday to extend the almost 20,000-strong U.N. peacekeeping mission in South Sudan, with a mandate "to advance a three-year strategic vision to prevent a return to civil war" and build peace both nationally and locally. **(AP News-Article Link)**

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ETHIOPIA – 03/13/2021 : Ethiopia denies 'ethnic cleansing,' is open to outside probe : The Ethiopian government is disputing charges of ethnic cleansing in the Tigray conflict, calling allegations by the United States "unfounded". **(CTV News-Article Link)**

LIBYA – 03/13/2021 : UN urges foreign troops and mercenaries to leave Libya : The U.N. Security Council on Friday urged countries with troops and mercenaries in Libya to withdraw them "without delay" as demanded in the cease-fire agreement between the country's warring parties. **(CGTN-Article Link)**

ALGERIA – 03/13/2021 : Thousands protest in Algiers to denounce legislative election plans : Thousands demonstrated in Algiers on Friday, rejecting early legislative elections announced the day before, as weekly rallies by the resurgent Hirak pro-democracy movement gain momentum. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

MOZAMBIQUE – 03/13/2021 : Urgent funding needed for Mozambique, facing 'triple threat' of climate change, conflict and COVID-19 : Two years after Tropical Cyclone Idai and Cyclone Kenneth swept through Mozambique in March 2019, killing hundreds and leaving more than two million people in need of urgent humanitarian assistance, UN chief António Guterres has recalled the devastation he witnessed first-hand, in the aftermath of one of the worst weather-related disasters ever to hit the southern hemisphere. **(UN News-Article Link)**

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 03/14/2021 : Central African Republic votes in shadow of rebel offensive : The Central African Republic began voting in the second round of a legislative election on Sunday as it battles back against a rebel insurgency the government has called an attempted coup. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 03/14/2021 : Nigeria steps up hunt for 39 kidnapped students : Nigerian security forces stepped up efforts Saturday to rescue dozens of abducted college students, police and officials said, as the media ran videos they said showed hostages pleading for help. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

LIBYA – 03/15/2021 : Senior local IS militant captured in Libya : Eastern Libyan forces say Mohammed Miloud, who was once IS leader in coastal city of Sirte, has been arrested in southwestern town in Libya. **(Meo-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. **(AP News-Article Link)**

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