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AFRICA

DJIBOUTI – 04/12/2021 : 34 migrants dead after boat capsizes off Djibouti : The regional head of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) said on Monday that 34 migrants had died after their boat capsized off Djibouti. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 04/12/2021 : International aid group offices set ablaze in northeast Nigeria : Offices of several international aid groups in northeast Nigeria were attacked and set on fire on Saturday. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SOMALIE – 04/12/2021 : Over 116, 000 displaced in Somalia due to extreme water shortage : Over 116,000 Somalis have been displaced by extreme water shortages since October 2020, according to a joint statement issued on Sunday by the UN and horn of African country. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

MOZAMBIQUE – 04/12/2021 : Following the rise of Islamist group al-Shabab in Cabo Delgado : The seizure of Mozambique's key port of Palma by jihadist militants has marked an unprecedented turning point in this conflict impacting southern Africa. Our infographics explain how it all began. **(The Africa Report-Article Link)**

SOUTH AFRICA – 04/12/2021 : Busting South Africa's xenophobic myths starts at grassroots : A concerted effort is needed to prevent attacks on foreign-born migrants ahead of this year's local elections. **(ISS-Article Link)**

CHAD – 04/13/2021 : Rebels attacked Chad border post on election day – government : A group of Libya-based rebels attacked a Chadian border post in the north of the country as polling stations began counting votes from the weekend presidential election, the Chad government said late on Monday. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

MOZAMBIQUE – 04/13/2021 : UN food agency says nearly 1 million going hungry in Mozambique : Almost one million people are facing severe hunger in northern Mozambique where hundreds of thousands of people have been forced to flee a jihadist insurgency, the UN food agency said on Tuesday. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

SAHEL – 04/13/2021 : Youth Radio Aims to Fight Sahel Jihadism : The station is aimed at 15 to 350-year-olds and will broadcast from Burkina's capital. **(The Defense Post-Article Link)**

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AFRICA – 04/13/2021 : Women at the heart of Boko Haram and katiba Macina : Whether voluntary or forced, women play a central role in the operations of violent extremist groups. **(ISS-Article Link)**

LIBYA – 04/13/2021 : Turkey, Libya committed to eastern Mediterranean maritime accord : Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said on Monday that Turkey and Libya were committed to a 2019 maritime demarcation accord in the eastern Mediterranean, after meeting Libya's Prime Minister Abdulhamid Dbeibeh in Ankara. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

MALI – 04/13/2021 : British Long Range Reconnaissance Group Completes Deterrence Operation in Mali : British troops have returned from a successful month-long operation to conducting deep reconnaissance and deterring terrorist groups in Mali.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

WORLD – 04/13/2021 : Multi-country Interpol human trafficking operation : An Interpol-led crackdown on human trafficking and migrant smuggling saw authorities in Africa and Europe rescue 500 human trafficking victims including children and identifying 760 irregular migrants. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

KENYA – 04/13/2021 : Kenya opens new small arms factory : Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta has opened a new $37 million small arms factory as the country seeks to improve self-reliance on defence and security equipment.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

TANZANIA – 04/13/2021 : Burundi refugees in Tanzania living in fear : UN rights experts : The rights of refugees and asylum seekers who have fled Burundi for Tanzania must be respected, experts appointed by the UN Human Rights Council said on Tuesday in an appeal to authorities in both countries. **(UN News-Article Link)**

WORLD – 04/14/2021 : Only half of women in developing world in charge of their own bodies – UN : Only about half of women and girls in developing countries are able to make decisions over their own bodies such as whether they want to have sex, seek healthcare and use contraception, a United Nations report said on Wednesday. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

GUINEA GULF – 04/14/2021 : Gulf of Guinea retains world piracy hotspot status : Africa, particularly the Gulf of Guinea, remains the world hotspot for piracy with 43% of all incidents reported in the first quarter of this year coming from the busy shipping waters off the continental west coast.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

TUNISIA – 04/14/2021 : Tunisian journalists protest over new head of state news agency : Tunisian police on Tuesday clashed with journalists at the state news agency demonstrating against a new chief executive whose appointment they see as an attempt to undermine editorial independence.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

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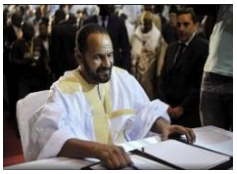
D.R. CONGO – 04/14/2021 : Ten killed in inter-communal violence amid protests in eastern Congo : Ten people have been killed and 34 injured in fighting between rival ethnic communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo's eastern city of Goma, a spokesman for the provincial government said on Tuesday. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

SAHEL – 04/14/2021 : Sahel counter-terrorism takes a heavy toll on civilians : Military operations that cause civilian deaths and violate human rights are fuelling terrorist groups' propaganda.
(ISS-Article Link)

SOUTH AFRICA – 04/14/2021 : Reserve Bank – not Armscor – will pay shipyards for new vessels : Main contractors on the two SA Navy (SAN) projects currently underway need not concern themselves about receiving payment for building four new seagoing platforms for the maritime service of the national defence force.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

KENYA – 04/14/2021 : UN to boost security for LGBT+ refugees after deadly arson attack at Kenya camp : Security will be beefed up for LGBT+ people living in a Kenyan refugee camp, a UN official said on Tuesday, following the death of a gay man who was set alight in the latest attack targeting sexual minorities at the Kakuma camp. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**



MALI – 04/14/2021 : Leader of Mali's rebel alliance CMA dies from gunshot wounds : The leader of Mali's Tuareg-led rebel alliance has died from gunshot wounds sustained in an attack by unidentified gunmen outside his home on Tuesday, a movement spokesman and Mali's government said.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

BENIN – 04/14/2021 : President Talon hardens tone after re-election : Benin's President Patrice Talon on Wednesday pledged to prosecute and punish those responsible for the pre-election violence that erupted in the country's central region, a day after he was re-elected with more than 86% of the vote.
(Africa News-Article Link)

NIGERIA – 04/14/2021 : Nigerians flee to Niger after third devastating attack in northeast : Civilians are fleeing into Niger Republic after gunmen attacked Damasak town, Borno state in northeast Nigeria on Wednesday.
(Africa News-Article Link)

UGANDA – 04/14/2021 : UN to Uganda: End post-election crackdown : UN human rights experts on Tuesday urged Uganda to immediately stop the brutal crackdown on the political opposition which began in the lead-up to January's general elections and intensified after the disputed vote.
(Africa News-Article Link)

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NIGER – 04/14/2021 : Niger mourns 20 children killed in school blaze : Some 20 children died Tuesday after several classrooms caught fire at a school in Niger's capital Niamey, the fire service said. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SOMALIA – 04/14/2021 : 14 Killed As Minibus Hits Landmine in Somalia : Official : The accident took place about 18 miles north of Mogadishu. Fourteen people died and four others were wounded Wednesday when the minibus they were traveling in ran over a landmine on the outskirts of Somalia's capital Mogadishu, a regional official said.
(The Defense Post-Article Link)

BURKINA FASO – 04/15/2021 : Eight Volunteers Die in Burkina Attack : Security Source : The patrol was sent out after cattle were stolen by armed men on Tuesday, an official said.
(The Defense Post-Article Link)

NIGERIA – 04/15/2021 : Thousands Flee After ISWAP Jihadist Attack in NE Nigeria Kills 8 : UN : Damasak has repeatedly been targeted by ISWAP militants who have sought to overrun the military outpost outside the town.
(The Defense Post-Article Link)

SOUTH AFRICA – 04/15/2021 : National State of Disaster extended to 15 May : Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) Minister, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, has gazetted the extension of the National State of Disaster on COVID-19 until 15 May 2021.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

ETHIOPIA – 04/15/2021 : A joint Ethiopia-UN inquiry into Tigray atrocities is not a good solution : On 3 November, a military conflict erupted between the Ethiopian federal government and the regional government of Tigray.
(The Africa Report-Article Link)

NIGERIA – 04/15/2021 : Seven years after hundreds of Chibok girls were abducted, over 100 are still missing : Parents and relatives gather for prayers at the Chibok school where hundreds of schoolgirls were abducted by Boko Haram jihadists seven years ago.
(Africa News-Article Link)

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 04/15/2021 : Thousands protest in Bangui over Mankeur Ndiaye's discourse : Several thousand Central Africans, mostly from President Faustin Archange Touadéra's United Hearts Movement (MCU), took to the streets of Bangui on Thursday. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

KENYA – 04/15/2021 : Battle for power and wealth fuels Kenya's Kapedo conflict : Government and local leaders should prioritise boundary demarcation and security to resolve the deadly border dispute.
(ISS-Article Link)

EGYPT – 04/15/2021 : Egypt signs C295 support contract with Airbus : The Egyptian Air Force, the largest C295 fleet operator worldwide, has recently signed a five-year services contract with Airbus for the performance-based support of its fleet, composed of a total of 24 aircraft.
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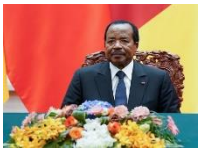

CAMEROON – 04/15/2021 : LGBT persecution on the rise in Cameroon, Human Rights Watch says : Cameroon security forces have arrested, threatened or assaulted at least 24 people since February in a ramped-up crackdown on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT+) people, Human Rights Watch (HRW) said on Wednesday.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

NIGERIA – 04/16/2021 : Nigerians flee armed attacks : Upwards of 65 000 people in north-eastern Nigeria fled their homes after an assault by armed groups on a border town, while apparently targeted attacks forced a temporary halt to aid operations, UN agencies said. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

D.R. CONGO – 04/16/2021 : One death in DR Congo UN protests : At least one person was killed by security forces during protests against UN peacekeepers in Oicha in the restive east of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the town's mayor said. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

SOUTH AFRICA – 04/16/2021 : Police reservist training starts : The SA Police Service (SAPS) started training of more than 2 000 reservists and security officers at its academies nationwide.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

NIGERIA – 04/16/2021 : Nigerian Navy receives new survey vessel NNS Lana : The Nigerian Navy has taken delivery of the purpose-built survey vessel NNS Lana at the Ocea shipyard in France.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

EGYPT – 04/16/2021 : Egypt becomes 34th member nation of the Combined Maritime Forces : Egypt has become the 34th member of the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), a multinational coalition committed to countering illicit non-state actors on the high seas and promoting security, stability and prosperity.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

SOUTH AFRICA – 04/16/2021 : Sandu seeking millions for soldiers suspended after Union Buildings march : South Africa's largest military trade union wants government in the form of its Defence and Military Veterans Minister to pay R24 million to just on 200 soldiers who publicly showed displeasure about salaries and work conditions 12 years ago.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

ETHIOPIA – 04/16/2021 : Sexual violence a weapon of war in Tigray : Sexual violence is used as a weapon of war in Ethiopia's Tigray, the UN aid chief told the Security Council, prompting the US envoy to challenge the body's silence, asking: "Do African lives not matter as much as those experiencing conflict in other countries?"
(Defence Web-Article Link)

EGYPT – 04/16/2021 : Second ex-Italian FREMM frigate delivered to Egypt : The Egyptian Navy has received the second FREMM frigate, ENS Bernees, from Italy. The vessel arrived in Alexandria on 14 April. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

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TUNISIA – 04/16/2021 : Migrant boat sinks off Tunisia, 21 dead, 3 survivors found : Tunisian authorities said they recovered the bodies of 21 migrants from sub-Saharan Africa, including nine women and a baby, whose boat sank Friday off the central port city of Sfax. **(AP News-Article Link)**

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 04/16/2021 : Much needed food aid reaches the Central African Republic : Relief for some in the Central African Republic after some 2,500 families in Grimari, a town hit by the violence that erupted after December's presidential election received food supplies this week from the International Red Cross. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

UGANDA – 04/16/2021 : Uganda govt acknowledges the arrest of over 1,000 people : Three month after presidential elections , the Government of Uganda has acknowledged that over 1,000 people were detained prior to the elections. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 04/16/2021 : About 80% of Nigerian town flees after three attacks in a week : As many as 65,000 people have fled violence in the northeastern Nigerian town of Damasak, the United Nations said on Friday.
(Africa News-Article Link)

LIBYA – 04/16/2021 : Russia Calls for Deeper Military Ties With Libya : Moscow has backed Haftar against the GNA in the conflict and has been accused of sending mercenaries to join the fight. **(The Defense Post-Article Link)**

MALI – 04/17/2021 : Slain Mali rebel leader Ould Sidati burried : The funeral of a rebel leader in northern Mali, Sidi Brahim Ould Sidati, who was gunned down Tuesday by unknown assailants in Bamako, took place on Saturday.
(Africa News-Article Link)

LIBYA – 04/17/2021 : UN backs ceasefire mechanism, urges foreign forces withdraw : Libyans are flooding the markets In the city of Benghazi on the first Friday of the holy month of Ramadan. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SOMALIA – 04/18/2021 : Somalia opposition warns of potential unrest after police chief fired : Potential for unrest in Somalia, warn opposition lawmakers after the police chief was fired for opposing a move by President Mohamed to extend his term. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

NIGER – 04/19/2021 : Nineteen Civilians Killed in New West Niger Attack : An unknown number of unidentified assailants initially attacked people attending a funeral at a cemetery, before going on to the village where they "shot at everyone they saw".
(The Defense Post-Article Link)

CHAD – 04/19/2021 : Over 300 Rebels, Five Soldiers Killed in Chad: Army : A further 36 soldiers were wounded in Saturday's fighting. The Chadian army said Monday it had killed 300 rebels who waged a major incursion into the north of the country eight days ago, adding that it had lost five of its soldiers. **(The Defense Post-Article Link)**

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