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AFRICA

BURKINA FASO – 06/07/2021 : Death toll in Burkina Faso attack rises to at least 160 : The death toll in the attack on Burkina Faso has risen to at least 160 people, including around 20 children. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 06/07/2021 : 88 victims of northwest Nigeria attack laid to rest : Villagers bury the victims of an attack by a gang of cattle thieves on seven villages in northwest Nigeria's Kebbi state. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SUDAN – 06/07/2021 : Tribal clashes in Sudan's Darfur kill at least 36 : Tribal clashes erupted over the weekend between Arabs and non-Arabs in Sudan's western Darfur region, killing at least 36 people, the state-run news agency reported. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 06/07/2021 : France suspends military, budgetary support to Central African Republic : France suspended its military cooperation and budgetary aid to the Central African government, terming the Central African Republic "complicit" in an anti-French campaign. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SOUTH SUDAN – 06/07/2021 : Protesters Demand Justice on Second Anniversary of Deadly Crackdown : Thousands of Sudanese civilians held rallies in Khartoum on the second anniversary of the military's bloody crackdown on a huge pro-democracy sit-in, demanding justice for their loved ones killed during and after the June 3, 2019, crackdown. **(VOA-Article Link)**

SOUTH AFRICA – 06/08/2021 : Next Op Mistral deployment readying for DRC : A command post and field training exercise currently underway in North West is part of preparation for South Africa's next troop contribution to the United Nations peacekeeping mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

SENEGAL – 06/08/2021 : Senegalese navy seizes 8 tonnes of cannabis resin from boat : The Senegalese navy on Sunday intercepted a boat smuggling over 8 tonnes of cannabis resin through the waters off the West African nation's coast, the armed forces ministry said in a statement. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

SOUTH AFRICA – 06/08/2021 : Insecurity sees rapid growth of private security sector : Employing more personnel than the police, South Africa has one of the world's largest private security industries -- according to the national Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

MOZAMBIQUE – 06/08/2021 : Jihadist insurgency pressures health system amid pandemic : Jihadist attacks in Palma In the Cabo Delgado region of Mozambique which -- according to recently collected data by the United States conflict tracker ACLED, has claimed over 2,800 with around half being civilians, has also internally displaced numerous people within the country. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

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IVORY COAST – 06/08/2021 : One soldier killed in attack in northern Ivory Coast : One soldier was killed on Monday evening when armed men attacked the northern Ivory Coast town of Tougbo, near the border with Burkina Faso, the army said on Tuesday. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 06/08/2021 : Nigerians react to reports of Abubakar Shekau's death : Maiduguri, capital of Borno state in Nigeria's northeast. Borno is a Boko Haram stronghold. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

BURKINA FASO – 06/08/2021 : Sahel governor claims security can't be provided for all villages : People wounded in a suspected jihadist attack in Burkina Faso's volatile north are receiving treatment in the nearby town of Duri. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

BURKINA FASO – 06/08/2021 : Burkina Faso vows 'sweep' after deadly militant attack : The attack that left 160 people dead last weekend in northern Burkina Faso "will not go unpunished," Burkinabe Prime Minister Christophe Dabire promised Monday. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

CAMEROON – 06/08/2021 : United States imposes visa restrictions over Cameroon separatist crisis : The United States stepped up pressure for a peaceful resolution to Cameroon's conflict between state forces and English-speaking rebels on Monday, imposing visa restrictions on individuals believed to be undermining efforts to end the crisis. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

SOUTH AFRICA – 06/08/2021 : Ramaphosa mum on possible Mozambique military deployment : With no date yet made public for another Southern African Development Community (SADC) summit on Mozambique's troublesome Cabo Delgado, the South African President is reported as saying regional leaders are dealing with the situation because violence there "could spill over" into some regional bloc countries. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

CAMEROON – 06/08/2021 : Cameroon Clerics Plea to Spare Clergy in Separatist Conflict : Clergy in Cameroon have appealed to both sides in the country's separatist conflict to stop abducting and harassing priests. **(VOA-Article Link)**

KENYA – 06/08/2021 : US, Kenyan Air Forces hone C-145 capabilities : After three months of training, US Air Force Combat Aviation Advisors assigned to Air Force Special Operations Command Africa and Kenyan Air Force (KAF) partners completed a successful culmination exercise showcasing the wide range of capabilities the recently-acquired C-145 Combat Coyote will add to the KAF fleet. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

SOMALIA – 06/08/2021 : Kenyan air strike in Somalia allegedly kills woman and her child : A Somali mother and her child were killed and four others injured when a Kenyan warplane bombed two towns in southern Somalia, the woman's husband said on Monday. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

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SOUTH SUDAN – 06/08/2021 : Two Aid Workers Killed in Ambush in South Sudan : The UN on Tuesday condemned the murder of two aid workers in South Sudan and called on authorities to bring their killers to justice following a spate of similar attacks. **(VOA-Article Link)**

AFRICA – 06/08/2021 : African Lion 21 exercise begins with 7 800 troops in Morocco, Tunisia, Senegal : African Lion, US Africa Command's premier joint annual exercise, kicked off in Morocco, Tunisia and Senegal for its 17th iteration on 7 June.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

ETHIOPIA – 06/08/2021 : Children Shot, Bombed and Knifed in Tigray War : Fifteen-year-old Beriha lost one eye in the war and was permanently blinded in the other. **(VOA-Article Link)**

MOZAMBIQUE – 06/09/2021 : Abduction in Mozambique : The chilling story of a distraught family : A distraught family in Mozambique is sharing the chilling story of the abduction of their daughters. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SOMALIA – 06/09/2021 : Blast kills at least 61 al-Shabaab fighters in a warehouse : More than 61 Al-Shabaab militants and foreign nationals were killed in an explosion at a village in southern Somalia, the national army said in a statement on Tuesday.
(Africa News-Article Link)

BURKINA FASO – 06/09/2021 : Medics appeal for blood after Burkina Faso attack : A student organization in Burkina Faso arranged a blood donation drive Tuesday in a show of solidarity with the victims of last week's Islamist attack in Yagha province. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SOUTH AFRICA – 06/09/2021 : Wildlife, bribery and cigarettes part of latest Op Corona successes : Confronting bribery, illicit cigarettes and illegally hunted wildlife was all in a day's work for South African soldiers deployed on Operation Corona border protection duty.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

D.R. CONGO – 06/09/2021 : Goma's displaced return to start post-volcano reconstruction : Congolese authorities have been helping people displaced by last month's volcanic eruption to return home to Goma but not everyone is keen to board the buses provided by the provincial government.
(Africa News-Article Link)

CENTRAL AFRICA – 06/09/2021 : Fragile democratic gains in central Africa at risk as violence escalates : Attacks by armed groups including Boko Haram and Islamic State West Africa Province pose threats to central Africa's fragile stability the UN Security Council heard this week at the same time, pointing out crucial democratic gains must be protected. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

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SOUTH AFRICA – 06/09/2021 : Military Ombud to the rescue for MSD volunteers : What can only be termed a complete disregard for set down conditions of service for volunteers who make it through the selection process for military skills development (MSD) training has been corrected by the Military Ombud.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

ETHIOPIA – 06/09/2021 : Tigray War Exposes Limits to Abiy's Promises of Press Freedom : In September 2019, Simon Marks moved to Ethiopia, drawn by the rapid changes following its shift in leadership and declaration of peace with neighboring Eritrea after a war and decades of tensions.
(VOA-Article Link)

NIGERIA – 06/09/2021 : The key to success of the Nigerian Deep Blue Project does not lie offshore – Dryad : The Director-General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Dr Bashir Jamoh, has said that President Muhammadu Buhari will launch the Deep Blue maritime security project worth $195 million in Lagos on 10 June. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

ETHIOPIA – 06/09/2021 : Tigray War Victims Buried in Mass Graves : Some 200 bodies have been buried in shallow graves in and around the town of Hawzen, Ethiopia after more than seven months of war in the Tigray region. **(VOA-Article Link)**

KENYA – 06/09/2021 : Turkey's Katmerciler wins Kenyan order for 118 Hizir vehicles : Kenya's Ministry of Defence has awarded Katmerciler a contract to supply 118 Hizir armoured personnel carriers, the company has announced. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

SOMALIA – 06/09/2021 : UN report alleges Somalia troops fought in the Tigray war : A United Nations report has alleged that recruits of the Somalia National Army participated alongside the Eritrean army in the Tigray region in what can be termed as an illegal international military operation.
(Africa News-Article Link)

SOUTH AFRICA – 06/09/2021 : South Africa lays down the law on cybercrime : Despite major implementation challenges, the new legislation signals the country's commitment to global cyber security. **(ISS-Article Link)**

SOMALIA – 06/10/2021 : Somalia Denies Reports Its Troops Fought in Tigray : Somalia's Ministry of Information has denied reports that Somali troops were trained in Eritrea and fought in Ethiopia's war in Tigray.
(VOA-Article Link)

KENYA – 06/10/2021 : Kenya burns over 5,000 illegal firearms to curb crime : The Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta on Wednesday presided over the burning of 5,144 illegal firearms and obsolete state-owned small arms and light weapons at the Regional Traffic Police Training Centre in Ngong, Kajiado County.
(Africa News-Article Link)

SOUTH AFRICA – 06/10/2021 : Affordable technologies can help with South Africa's maritime security shortcomings : Affordable technologies are available to assist South Africa regain lost maritime security capabilities, with the creation of a coastal surveillance network one solution. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

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ETHIOPIA – 06/10/2021 : HRW: 17-year-old boy publicly executed in Ethiopia's Oromia region : The Human Rights Watch Thursday accused Ethiopian government forces of summarily executing a 17-year-old boy in the broad daylight. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SUDAN – 06/10/2021 : Sudanese Protest Lifting of Fuel Subsidies : Sudanese protesters burned tires in part of the capital, Khartoum, Wednesday night, after the government lifted all subsidies on gasoline and diesel. **(VOA-Article Link)**

IVORY COAST– 06/10/2021 : Côte d'Ivoire inaugurates International Academy for Combating Terrorism : Ivorian Prime Minister Patrick Achi and Defence Minister Téné Birahima Ouattara -- alongside French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian. came together on Thursday. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 06/10/2021 : Frenchman charged with espionage in Central African Republic : A French national has been charged with espionage in the Central African Republic, a month after he was arrested with a cache of weapons and ammunition at his home, the African nation's attorney general said on Wednesday. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

D.R. CONGO – 06/10/2021 : Volcano-displaced people navigate poor quality aid shelters : Thousands of Congolese locals -- internally displaced after being forced to flee the city of Goma and its surrounding regions in the Democratic Republic of Congo. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SOUTH AFRICA – 06/10/2021 : SA quick reaction force readies for DR Congo deployment : South Africa's commitment to the UN peacekeeping mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) will be boosted by the addition of a quick reaction force (QRF) that will join the Force Intervention Brigade (FIB) in the strife-torn country next month. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

AFRICA – 06/10/2021 : 160 Million of World's Children Forced to Work During Pandemic, UN Says : A new report finds 160 million children or nearly one child in ten is involved in child labor globally, an increase of 8.4 million since 2016. **(VOA-Article Link)**

TUNISIA – 06/11/2021 : 54 rescued migrants await transfer to detention centre : Waiting at Tunisia's port of El Ketef in Ben Guerdane to be transferred to a detention centre, the 54 undocumented migrants of different African nationalities aged between 15 and 40 years old. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SAHEL – 06/11/2021 : Barkhane forces in Sahel "neutralize" AQMI executive Baye Ag Bakabo : Baye Ag Bakabo, an executive of the Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQMI) group -- believed to be behind the kidnapping and subsequent deaths of two French journalists Ghislaine Dupont and Claude Verlondeaths on November 2, 2013, in Kidal was killed on Saturday by France's military operation. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

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SUDAN – 06/11/2021 : Protests in Khartoum over price-spiking petrol subsidy removal : Tyres burned in blockades along the streets of Khartoum Thursday in protest of the Sudanese government's decision -- in line with reforms to make the country eligible for an IMF debt relief initiative, to remove subsidies on petrol and diesel resulting in their respective prices more than doubling.
(Africa News-Article Link)

MALI – 06/11/2021 : Malians unsettled by news of French army exit from Sahel : Malians reacted to Thursday's announcement by President Emmanuel Macron on the future reduction of French military presence fighting Islamic extremism in Africa's Sahel region.
(Africa News-Article Link)

UGANDA – 06/11/2021 : Uganda records surge in Covid-19 cases amid alarming death rates : Uganda recorded the highest number of Covid-19 cases in a single day on Thursday since the pandemic began.
(Africa News-Article Link)

NIGERIA – 06/11/2021 : Nigeria launches Deep Blue maritime security project : President Muhammadu Buhari has officially launched Nigeria's Integrated National Security and Waterways Protection Infrastructure programme, also known as the Deep Blue Project, which aims to combat maritime insecurity in Nigerian waters and the Gulf of Guinea. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

LIBERIA – 06/12/2021 : France and Liberia strengthen ties : Liberia hosted French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drihan for two days. The first visit of a French minister to Monrovia in 40 years enabled President George Weah to discuss the strengthening of bilateral relations. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SENEGAL – 06/12/2021 : Opposition leader Sonko demands politcal prisoners' release : Hundreds protested at Place de la Nation in Senegal's capital on Friday, making their demands heard for the release of several detainees, who were arrested in March.
(Africa News-Article Link)

MEDITERRANEAN SEA – 06/13/2021 : 410 people rescued from Mediterranean Sea : More than 400 migrants have been rescued from the Mediterranean by a vessel run by the medical charity Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF). **(Africa News-Article Link)**

TUNISIA – 06/13/2021 : Clashes in Tunis as police try to break up protest : Violent clashes broke out Saturday between Tunisian security forces and hundreds of young protesters who took to the streets of central Tunis to demonstrate against a spike in police brutality in Tunisia's working-class neighbourhoods. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

ETHIOPIA – 06/14/2021 : Famine hits 350,000 in Tigray, Pope demands aid for the people : Pope Francis is demanding humanitarian aid be delivered to residents of the war-torn Tigray region of northern Ethiopia, where Ethiopian and Eritrean soldiers are blocking food and other assistance. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

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