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AFRICA

D.R. CONGO – 05/31/2021 : At Least 50 Dead in Two Attacks in Eastern DR Congo : At least 50 people were killed overnight in two new attacks in the Democratic Republic of Congo's deeply troubled east, monitors said Monday. **(The Defense Post-Article Link)**

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 05/31/2021 : Bomb Kills 2 CAR Police, 3 Russian Paramilitaries : The attack also wounded five members of the Central African security forces, UN sources said. **(The Defense Post-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 06/01/2021 : Families in shock and frustrated after yet another kidnapping : The inhabitants of north-central Nigeria are still in shock. On Sunday, around 100 children were kidnapped from a village Koranic school. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

SUDAN – 06/01/2021 : Egypt, Sudan conclude joint military drill amid tensions with Ethiopia : Egypt and Sudan wrapped up six days of war games on Monday, held against a backdrop of rising tension with Ethiopia. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

ETHIOPIA – 06/02/2021 : Ethiopa Tigray : Tensions rise over US restrictions : The spokesperson for the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Wednesday criticised the United States' decision to impose restrictions on economic and security assistance over the conflict in the Tigray region. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

LIBYA – 06/02/2021 : Former Libyan minister Bashagha warns against delaying election : As Libya approaches its December election, the country's former interior minister Fathi Bashaga who is a probable candidate, warned the government not to delay the vote. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 06/02/2021 : Nigerian parents plead with authorities to rescue kidnapped children : Relatives of students recently kidnapped by bandits in Nigeria demand answers from authorities and their children's return. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

D.R. CONGO – 06/03/2021 : 11 Dead in Fresh Violence in Eastern Dr Congo : At least 11 people were killed by an armed group in eastern DR Congo, sources said Thursday, bringing the troubled region's death toll to at least 70 since the start of the week, according to an AFP tally. **(The Defense Post-Article Link)**

SOUTH AFRICA – 06/03/2021 : Reserve Force currently sans Chief, same at Army Reserves : The "one force" concept and doctrine does not appear to have filtered up to the top echelons of SA National Defence Force (SANDF) management with two key posts in the Reserve Force currently vacant and no indication of when appointments will be made. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

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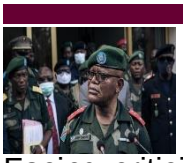
SUDAN – 06/03/2021 : Sudan Says Reviewing Naval Base Deal With Russia : Sudan is reviewing a deal its ousted strongman negotiated with Russia allowing construction of a naval base after some clauses were found to be "somewhat harmful," a top military official has said. **(The Defense Post-Article Link)**

ETHIOPIA – 06/03/2021 : Ethnic killings overshadow election buildup : Ethiopia's elections are scheduled for Monday June 21, but the onset of fresh attacks on civilians in the Central part of the country now threatens to disrupt the polls. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

GUINEA – 06/03/2021 : Guinea's two-wheel taxi drivers struggle under police crackdown : Tension is high these days on the streets of Conakry, where motorcycle taxi drivers and police are embroiled in a game of cat and mouse. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

NORTH AFRICA – 06/03/2021 : US Offers $7 Million for AQIM Leader Abu Ubaydah Yusuf al-Anabi : The US State Department posted a $7 million reward Wednesday for information leading to the location or identification of Abu Ubaydah Yusuf al-Anabi, the leader of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM). **(The Defense Post-Article Link)**

CHAD – 06/03/2021 : Chad's president visits Angola in a bid to strengthen relations : Chad's new head of state, Mahamat Idriss Déby, the president of the Transitional Military Council (TMC) who succeeded his father Idriss Déby Itno, met with Angola's President Joao Lourenco during a visit in Luanda on Wednesday. **(Africa News-Article Link)**



D.R. CONGO – 06/03/2021 : Ituri attack exposes flaws in Tshisekedi's security plan : Facing criticism after a deadly attack by the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) rebels, the military governor of Ituri province Lieutenant-General Jonny Luboya, has said security will be restored in the Ituri region quickly.
(Africa News-Article Link)

SOUTH AFRICA – 06/03/2021 : R400m worth of cocaine seized on Gauteng highway : A 39-year-old suspect is expected to appear in court soon after he was arrested on Wednesday for ferrying R400 million worth of cocaine on the N1 north. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

ETHIOPIA – 06/04/2021 : Ethiopia's TPLF militants still not out of the fight : Militants of the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) are nowhere near giving up the fight. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

MALI – 06/04/2021 : France suspends military ties with Mali over coup : France is suspending its joint military operations with Malian forces after a second coup in nine months in the country.
(Africa News-Article Link)

SUDAN – 06/04/2021 : Thousands rally in Sudan, upping calls for justice over 2019 killings : Thousands of Sudanese took to the streets of Khartoum on Thursday, stepping up their demands for justice for protesters killed during a crackdown on anti-government demonstrations two years ago. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

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SOUTH AFRICA – 06/04/2021 : Border Management Authority aiming to employ young graduates : Control and protection at a small number of South Africa's 72 ports of entry will, according to the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) director general, see "integrated and co-ordinated border management" become an operating norm by September. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

WEST AFRICA – 06/04/2021 : Rival jihadist groups Boko Haram and ISWAP fight for territory : In the lake chad region, rival groups Boko Haram and one of ISIS's splinter groups, the Islamic State's West Africa Province, share large swathes of territory.
(Africa News-Article Link)

TUNISIA – 06/04/2021 : France, Tunisia to strengthen cooperation on migration : French Prime minister Jean Castex was in Tunisia on Thursday, as the French government aims to increase its cooperation.
(Africa News-Article Link)

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – 06/04/2021 : Chad Sends More Troops to CAR Border : CAR regularly accuses its northern neighbor of supporting armed rebel groups from inside Chad.
(The Defense Post-Article Link)

D.R. CONGO – 06/04/2021 : SA soldier killed by friendly fire in DR Congo : A South African soldier succumbed to a 'friendly fire' incident in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) on Thursday 3 June, the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) has announced. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

D.R. CONGO – 06/04/2021 : UN warns of worsening humanitarian situation in DRC : The humanitarian crisis in the the DR Congo has been worsened by the eruption of a volcano in the country's east, according to a UN representative on Thursday, that the Democratic Republic of Congo has the "largest number of people in urgent need of assistance" for food security and called for more funding.
(Africa News-Article Link)

NIGERIA – 06/04/2021 : Violence in Nigeria's northwestern Zamfara state spawns humanitarian crisis - MSF : Rising insecurity in Nigeria's northwestern state of Zamfara has spawned a humanitarian crisis, International aid group Medicins Sans Frontieres (MSF) said on Thursday. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

SOUTH AFRICA – 06/04/2021 : Op Corona stops illegal liquor sales also nets drugs, counterfeit cosmetics and medicines : Among eleven recent successes listed by Eastern Cape Joint Tactical HQ for the Operation Corona border protection tasking, one jumps out as being new in a list that normally comprises stolen vehicles, drugs and narcotics, livestock and undocumented persons.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

TUNISIA – 06/04/2021 : How can Tunisia and Europe solve the migrant influx ? : The Tunisian Coast has seen a peak in migrant departures to Europe in recent months. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

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D.R. CONGO – 06/05/2021 : Parents search for missing children post-volcanic eruption : Two weeks after Mount Nyiragongo's eruption in the Democratic Republic of Congo, hundreds of children have gone missing from Goma and the region around the city. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

BURKINA FASO – 06/05/2021 : At least a hundred killed in suspected Jihadist attack : At least a hundred people were killed Friday night in Sohlan, northern Burkina Faso.
(Africa News-Article Link)

CAMEROON – 06/05/2021 : Cameroon Women Appeal to the UN Security Council to Discuss Escalating Crises : emale Cameroonian activists and opposition members have appealed to the United Nations Security Council, meeting Monday, to discuss possible solutions to escalating Boko Haram terrorism and the separatist crisis in the central African state. **(VOA-Article Link)**

TUNISIA – 06/06/2021 : Activists tussle with police in Tunis at PDL protests over price hikes : A bit of a tussle on Saturday in Tunis between police authorities and around 2000 demonstrators who sought to reach the central square near parliament.
(Africa News-Article Link)

BURKINA FASO – 06/06/2021 : Burkinabé citizens want reinforced national security after Solhan raid : Burkinabé citizens expressed concern on Saturday about what local analysts are calling the biggest massacre in the country's history.
(Africa News-Article Link)

SUDAN – 06/06/2021 More Than 20% in Sudan Face Acute Hunger, WFP Says : The World Food Program is warning that 21% of Sudan's 40 million population faces acute hunger and will need emergency assistance between June and September, when food stocks are lowest. **(VOA-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 06/07/2021 : Boko Haram chief Abubakar Shekau 'dead', claim rivals ISWAP : Boko Haram's leader Abubakar Shekau killed himself in a fight against rival jihadist fighters from the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) according to audio AFP obtained from the group Sunday, two weeks after reports emerged that he had died.
(Africa News-Article Link)

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)

SOUTH AFRICA – 06/07/2021 : Combat readiness the main priority for new SAAF Chief Mbambo : Making sure the South African Air Force (SAAF) is combat ready is the main priority for new Chief, Lieutenant General Wiseman Mbambo. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

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