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AFRICA

MOROCCO – 08/16/2021 : Forest fires rage in northern Morocco : Firefighters in northern Morocco are battling to put out two forest blazes, a forestries official said Sunday as the North African kingdom swelters in a heatwave. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

ALGERIA – 08/16/2021 : Algeria detains 36 after mob killing of man accused of starting fires : Authorities have detained 36 people in the brutal mob killing and burning of a man in a town in Algeria's Kabyle region that the crowd suspected of starting dozens of wildfires but who had actually come to help, the head of the judicial police said Sunday.
(Africa News-Article Link)

MOZAMBIQUE – 08/16/2021 : Palma returnees accuse Mozambican security forces of abuses : Following a successful military campaign between Mozambican and Rwandan government forces in seizing strategic towns from militants in northeastern Mozambique, residents have begun returning to their homes as a sense of calm has been restored. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

EGYPT – 08/17/2021 : US warship pays first visit to Egypt's Berenice Naval Base : The United States Navy's guided-missile cruiser USS Monterey (CG 61) visited Egypt's Berenice Naval Base on 12 August, marking the first time a US warship has pulled into the Red Sea base, which officially opened in January 2020. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

MOZAMBIQUE – 08/17/2021 : Female soldiers on the frontline in northern Mozambique : A small contingent of female naval soldiers in the Rwanda Defence Force have been fighting alongside their male counterparts to push back against rebels allied with the Islamic State group in northern Mozambique.
(Africa News-Lien Article)

CAMEROON – 08/17/2021 : Thousands flee ethnic clashes to Chad : At least 10,000 people, mostly women and children, have fled into Chad from northern Cameroon this week after deadly clashes between herding and fishing communities, the UN said Sunday.
(Africa News-Article Link)

IVORY COAST – 08/17/2021 : Ebola vaccination of high-risk populations begins three days after outbreak declared : The vaccination against Ebola of high-risk populations began on Monday in Côte d'Ivoire following the discovery of an outbreak in the country three days ago.
(UN News-Lien Article)

BURKINA FASO – 08/18/2021 : 47 dead in new jihadist attack in the north : The Burkinabe government said Wednesday that 47 people, including 30 civilians, 14 soldiers and three army auxiliaries, were killed in an attack by suspected jihadists on a military convoy escorting civilians in northern Burkina Faso.
(Africa News-Article Link)

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SOUTH SUDAN – 08/18/2021 : With engineers and roadway repair crews, Thai blue helmets help keep South Sudan moving : Blue helmets from Thailand working with the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) are not only doing their bit to repair and rehabilitate critical infrastructure but are also helping support the mission's COVID-19 response and training local communities about growing their own food. **(UN News-Article Link)**

KENYA – 08/19/2021 : Kenya extends Covid restrictions despite protests to end curfews : Kenya will extend existing restrictions, including its national curfew, to stem an exponential rise in Covid-19 cases, the government announced Wednesday. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

UGANDA – 08/19/2021 : Uganda to welcome 2,000 Afghan refugees, some tweeps, MPs think otherwise : Uganda is ready to temporarily host Afghan refugees whose country has fallen under the control of the Taliban, the Ugandan Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced on Tuesday, indicating that this came after a request from the U.S.
(Africa News-Article Link)

ETHIOPIA – 08/19/2021 : Erdogan calls for a peaceful resolution to Ethiopia's Tigray conflict : Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan urged on Wednesday a peaceful resolution of the Tigray conflict in Ethiopia and also said his country was willing to mediate between Addis Ababa and Sudan for a resolution of a border dispute. **(Africa News-Article Link)**

WORLD – 08/19/2021 : Security threats at sea need global response : Despite an overall decrease in maritime traffic due to the COVID-19 pandemic, piracy and armed robbery of ships rose by 20 % in the first six months of last year, a senior UN official told the Security Council. **(Defence Web-Lien Article)**

SOMALIA – 08/19/2021 : Change in piracy threats in Indian Ocean prompts redo of High Risk Area off Somalia : A continued downward trend in Somali piracy has prompted a number of global shipping organisations to reduce the geographic boundaries of the 'High Risk Area' (HRA) for piracy in the Indian Ocean, which will apply from 1 September this year.
(Defence Web-Lien Article)

BURKINA FASO – 08/20/2021 : Death toll from jihadist attack in the north rises to 80 : Eighty people, including 65 civilians and 15 gendarmes, were killed in Wednesday's jihadist attack on a military convoy escorting civilians in northern Burkina Faso, according to a new official toll released Thursday night.
(Africa News-Lien Article)

D.R. CONGO – 08/20/2021 : At least 18 dead in fighting between the army and ADF rebels in the east : Fighting on Thursday and Friday between the army and the armed group Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) in the east and northeast of the Democratic Republic of Congo has left at least 18 people dead: 9 civilians, a soldier and 8 rebels, sources said.
(Africa News-Article Link)

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NIGERIA – 08/20/2021 : Faced by rising insecurity, citizens organize to ensure their safety : At every doorstep, Prince Wiro is greeted warmly as he makes his way through the winding alleys of Afikpo, a poor neighborhood in the southeastern Nigerian oil city of Port Harcourt. **(Africa News-Lien Article)**

MALI – 08/20/2021 : 15 Soldiers Killed in Ambush in Central Mali: Army : Mali has been battling a jihadist insurgency since 2012. Suspected jihadists mounted an ambush Thursday on an army convoy in central Mali that left 15 soldiers dead and 34 wounded, 10 of them seriously, the army said. **(The Defense Post-Article Link)**

ETHIOPIA – 08/20/2021 : US aid chief says emergency food in Ethiopia's Tigray to run out this week : For the first time in nine months of war in Ethiopia's Tigray region, aid workers will this week run out of food to deliver to millions of people who are going hungry there, the head of the US government's humanitarian agency said.
(Defence Web-Article Link)

SOUTH AFRICA – 08/20/2021 : SANDF spends R32 million on UAVs for border security : The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) has spent R32 million on acquiring unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and training 20 pilots for border security, but has failed to acquire additional UAVs. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

BURKINA FASO – 08/20/2021 : Death toll from Burkina Faso attack rises to 80 : The death toll from an attack on civilians and the military in northern Burkina Faso has risen to 80 people, the government said in a statement on Thursday.
(Defence Web-Lien Article)

CAMEROON– 08/20/2021 : Cameroon ethnic clashes kill at least 32 as villages are torched – UNHCR : Clashes between herders and fishermen in northern Cameroon have killed at least 32 people this month, with 19 villages torched, the UN refugee agency said on Thursday. **(Defence Web-Article Link)**

BURKINA FASO – 08/20/2021 : UN chief condemns deadly attack on northern town, 80 reported dead : UN Secretary-General António Guterres has strongly condemned an armed attack on a convoy near the town of Arbinda, in the north of Burkina Faso, on Wednesday, which has reportedly led to the death of some 80 people.
(UN News-Lien Article)

NIGER – 08/21/2021 : More than dozen killed in southwest Niger village attack : At least 16 people killed in Thiem in the country's Tillaberi region by unknown gunmen, according to a local mayor.
(Al Jazeera-Lien Article)

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CAMEROON – 08/21/2021 : Cameroon Military Raids Separatist-Held Roads, Kill Seven Self-proclaimed Separatist Generals : Cameroon says its military has killed seven self-proclaimed separatist generals who blocked traffic for a month on roads in the central African state's English-speaking western regions. **(VOA-Article Link)**

CHAD – 08/22/2021 : Chad to redeploy half of its contingent from the G5 Sahel force : Chad announced on Saturday that it will half the number of troops deployed in February to the G5 Sahel anti-jihadist force in the "three borders zone" of Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso, citing "a strategic redeployment". **(Africa News-Article Link)**

NIGERIA – 08/22/2021 : Gunmen kidnap more than 75 people in northwest Nigeria : Armed gunmen kidnapped at least 75 people from a village in northwest Nigeria, residents said on Saturday, the latest in a slew of abductions that have plagued the West African country's west.
(SABC News-Lien Article)

ETHIOPIA – 08/22/2021 : Caught in the crossfire, Ethiopian minority flees to Sudan : Violence has since sucked in various ethnic groups in bitter battles over land, and spread from Tigray into Ethiopia's neighbouring Amhara region. **(Al Jazeera-Article Link)**

ETHIOPIA – 08/23/2021 : Ethiopia acquires Iranian UAVs for Tigray War : In the latest effort to halt the advancing Tigray Defence Force (TDF) and Oromo Liberation Army (OLA), it appears Ethiopia has purchased several Iranian-made Mohajer-6 unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).
(Defence Web-Lien Article)

SOUTH AFRICA – 08/23/2021 : SA's need for sovereign security highlighted by unrest, Mozambique insurgency : South Africa's need for sovereign security has been emphasised by July's civil unrest at home and the insurgency in Mozambique that the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) is helping fight, and demonstrates the need for a strong and well-resourced defence force. **(Defence Web-Lien Article)**

SENEGAL – 08/23/2021 : Dakar floods, a yearly occurrence : Thousands of people are homeless in Senegal's capital after a storm brought nearly a year's worth of rainfall in a single day, turning roads into rivers.
(Africa News-Article Link)

NIGERIA – 08/23/2021 : Nigerian Gunmen Free 15 More Abducted Baptist Students : Kidnappings are just one security challenge facing Nigeria that is also battling a jihadist insurgency in the northeast and simmering ethnic tensions in the south.
(The Defense Post-Lien Article)

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