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## MEDIA MONITORING

### « INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND DEFENSE »

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## AFRICA



### MOROCCO – 09/06/2021 : King of Morocco flies team back from Coup hit Guinea

: Morocco national football team made it safely home on Monday after being caught up in an attempted coup in Guinea, where they were supposed to play a World Cup qualifier match. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



### D.R. CONGO – 09/06/2021 : At least 30 dead in DR Congo massacre blamed on ADF jihadists

: Rebels shot or hacked to death at least 30 people in a new massacre in northeastern DR Congo, local and UN sources said Monday. (Africa News-[Lien Article](#))



### GUINEA – 09/06/2021 : Russian aluminium giant says could recall personnel from Guinea if crisis worsens

: Russia's Rusal (RUAL.MM), said on Monday it aimed to keep its three major bauxite mines and one alumina refinery in Guinea operating after the military coup there, but could evacuate all Russian personnel if the crisis worsened. (Reuters-[Lien Article](#))



### AFRICA – 09/06/2021 : Deployed to Africa, USS 'Woody' Williams Key Platform to Train, Engage Partners in Piracy Hotspot

: The small, rigid-hulled inflatable boat sped from the Brazilian Navy Frigate BNS Independencia (F-44) last week, taking an armed boarding team to a ship suspected of harboring illicit or piracy activities off western Africa's coast. (USNI News-[Article Link](#))



### ETHIOPIA – 09/06/2021 : Ethiopia Airlines claims weapons seized in Sudan are 'legal'

: Ethiopian Airlines said on Monday its transport of weapons to Sudan was a "legal and commercial" shipment of hunting guns, after reports the cargo had been confiscated by the authorities in Khartoum. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



### NIGERIA – 09/06/2021 : Phone blackout imposed on Nigerian state amid crackdown on kidnappers

: Mobile telephone networks were shut down in the northwestern Nigerian state of Zamfara, residents said on Monday, after authorities ordered a telecoms blackout to help armed forces tackle armed gangs of kidnappers terrorising the area. (Reuters-[Lien Article](#))



### D.R. CONGO – 09/06/2021 : 780,000 displaced people registered in 3 months in eastern DR Congo

: More than 700,000 displaced persons registered in Beni, about 80,000 in Masisi, says UN official. (AA-[Article Link](#))



### SUDAN – 09/07/2021 : UN denies Sudan refugee camps used as bolthole for Tigray rebels

: The UN on Tuesday denied claims that refugee camps in Sudan were being used by Ethiopian rebels as a bolthole after Ethiopian officials said fighters had been caught with refugee ID cards. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



**NIGERIA – 09/07/2021 : Gunmen kidnap 18 villagers in latest attack in northern Nigeria** : Gunmen invaded a village in the northern Nigerian state of Kaduna and kidnapped 18 residents including seven children, a community leader said on Tuesday, the latest in a wave of mass abductions disrupting every aspect of life in the region. (Reuters-[Article Link](#))



**GUINEA – 09/07/2021 : Guinea junta consolidates takeover by naming military governors** : The soldiers who seized power in Guinea over the weekend have consolidated their takeover with the installation of army officers at the top of Guinea's eight regions and various administrative districts. (Reuters-[Article Link](#))



**ETHIOPIA – 09/07/2021 : Millions Face Hunger Crisis as Conflict Engulfs Northern Ethiopia** : The World Food Program warns that emergency food needs in northern Ethiopia are increasing, as conflict spills beyond the embattled Tigray region into neighboring Afar and Amhara provinces. (VOA-[Article Link](#))



**NIGERIA – 09/07/2021 : Nigeria's Delta Region Oil Hub May Need New COVID Lockdown, Governor Says** : The governor of Rivers State in Nigeria's oil-producing Delta region said he may be forced to reimpose COVID-19 lockdown measures if residents did not comply with prevention protocols amid a rise in cases. (Sowetan Live-[Article Link](#))



**LIBYA – 09/07/2021 : Libya says top jihadist fugitive Embarak al-Khazimi arrested** : Libyan authorities said Tuesday that government forces have arrested a senior Islamic State group (IS) figure in an operation south of the capital Tripoli. (Africa News-[Lien Article](#))



**EGYPT – 09/07/2021 : Egypt security forces accused of covering up extrajudicial executions** : Campaigners have accused Egyptian security forces of killing dozens of alleged militants in extrajudicial executions then claiming the deaths occurred during "shoot-outs". (BBC News-[Article Link](#))



**GAMBIA – 09/07/2021 : Critics warn of possible unrest if Jammeh's party joins gov't** : Anger and disappointment in the Gambia after the announcement on Sunday of the unlikely coalition between the party of former leader Yahya Jammeh and that of his successor Adama Barrow, seeking a new mandate in December. (Africa News-[Lien Article](#))



**UGANDA – 09/07/2021 : Uganda Opposition MPs Accused in Machete Killings of Elderly** : Two Ugandan opposition members of parliament were indicted on Tuesday for allegedly orchestrating a wave of machete killings that left dozens dead in the south of the country, a move described as "political persecution" by their lawyer. (VOA-[Lien Article](#))



**D.R. CONGO – 09/08/2021 : Meningitis epidemic in DR Congo kills 129, WHO says** : An epidemic of meningitis has been declared in northeastern DR Congo, where 129 people have died, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Wednesday. (Africa News-[Lien Article](#))



**SOMALIA – 09/08/2021 : Analysts: Rift Between Somali President, Prime Minister Could Affect Security, Elections** : Somalia's president and prime minister appear locked in a power struggle over the country's spy chief and the death of a cybersecurity agent. (VOA-[Article Link](#))



**SUDAN – 09/08/2021 : Sudan Summoned Ethiopia's Ambassador Over 29 Bodies Found in River** : Sudan summoned Ethiopia's ambassador to Khartoum to inform him that 29 corpses found on the banks of a river abutting Ethiopia were those of Ethiopian citizens from the Tigray ethnic group, Sudan's Foreign Ministry said. ([VOA-Article Link](#))



**SOUTH SUDAN – 09/08/2021 : Clashes Between South Sudan Forces Unsettle Western Equatoria State** : The United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) called on military commanders and political leaders Tuesday to end clashes in Western Equatoria state following the deaths of at least five people on Monday. ([VOA-Article Link](#))



**SAHEL – 09/08/2021 : Burkina Faso, Mali Agree Joint Force Against Jihadists** : Niger, Mali, and Burkina Faso have been confronted with deadly attacks by jihadist groups affiliated with the Islamic State group and Al-Qaeda. ([The Defense Post-Article Link](#))



**MALI – 09/08/2021 : Abductions : the hidden face of Mali's crisis** : The problem isn't new, but it is growing at an alarming rate and claiming new types of victims. ([ISS-Lien Article](#))



**SOMALIA – 09/09/2021 : Somalia feud threatens to unleash renewed turmoil** : With a long-running Islamist insurgency and elections delayed for months, Somalia is no stranger to instability, but the country now faces the risk of renewed violence because of an increasingly bitter stand-off between its president and prime minister. ([Africa News-Article Link](#))



**TANZANIA – 09/08/2021 : Tanzania secures nearly \$600m from IMF for COVID relief** : Tanzania secures nearly \$600m from IMF for COVID relief. ([Al Jazeera-Article Link](#))



**ETHIOPIA – 09/09/2021 : 125 Villagers Massacred in Ethiopia's Amhara : Doctors** : The United Nations has warned of potentially catastrophic hunger in Tigray. ([The Defense Post-Article Link](#))



**CAMEROON – 09/09/2021 : Cameroon Tries to Get Child Miners Back to School** : Authorities in Cameroon say they are attempting to remove thousands of children working in gold mines along the country's eastern border. ([VOA-Article Link](#))



**NIGER – 09/09/2021 : Insecurity forces more than 300 school forced closures in Niger** : School access restricted in volatile regions, hampering efforts to support children affected by violence. ([AA-Article Link](#))



**ETHIOPIA – 09/09/2021 : Ethiopia says Tigrayan forces beaten in Afar, Tigrayans say they redeployed** : Ethiopia said on Thursday that rebellious forces from the Tigray region had been defeated in the adjacent Afar region and had withdrawn, but the Tigrayan forces said they had merely shifted troops to neighbouring Amhara for an offensive there. ([Defence Web-Lien Article](#))



**ANGOLA – 09/09/2021 : USS Hershel "Woody" Williams arrives in Angola** : The US Navy's Expeditionary Sea Base USS Hershel "Woody" Williams (ESB 4) arrived in Luanda, Angola, for a regularly scheduled port visit on 7 September. ([Defence Web-Lien Article](#))



**CAMEROON – 09/09/2021 : Cameroon sentences four men to death for shooting attack on school :**

A court in Cameroon has sentenced four people to death for their roles in a shooting attack on a school last year that killed seven children and wounded 12 others, according to a court document seen by Reuters on Wednesday. (Defence Web-[Article Link](#))



**NIGERIA – 09/09/2021 : Nigerian security agency says armed gang stole its court files :**

Lawyers for a Nigerian security agency that said its case files were stolen by armed robbers won an adjournment on Wednesday of a lawsuit filed against it by associates of a Yoruba separatist leader. (Defence Web-[Lien Article](#))



**ALGERIA – 09/09/2021 : Algeria detains 30 people over devastating wildfires :**

Algeria has detained 30 people, including seven members of a separatist group that the government has declared a terrorist organisation, for involvement in wildfires that killed at least 65 people, the paramilitary police said on Wednesday. (Defence Web-[Lien Article](#))



**NIGERIA – 09/09/2021 : Gunmen kidnap 20 in northwest Nigeria as crisis spreads :**

Gunmen kidnapped 20 people in remote Sokoto State in northwest Nigeria, police said on Wednesday, in what a local government source described as a spillover from a crisis in neighbouring Zamfara State where a military crackdown is underway. (Defence Web-[Lien Article](#))



**SOUTH SUDAN – 09/09/2021 : Thai sappers in South Sudan go the extra mile :**

Blue helmets from Thailand working with the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) not only do their bit to repair and rehabilitate critical infrastructure but also support the mission's COVID-19 response and train local communities to grow their own food. (Defence Web-[Lien Article](#))



**SOUTH AFRICA – 09/09/2021 : South Africa last riots damage worth \$1.7 billion- says state insurance company :**

The rioting that erupted in parts of South Africa in July over former President Jacob Zuma's imprisonment caused damage worth \$1.7 billion (25 billion rand), according to the state insurance company handling the claims. (Africa News-[Lien Article](#))



**D.R. CONGO – 09/09/2021 : Armed groups benefit from poaching, logging in Congo reserve, say NGOs :**

Illegal logging, charcoal production and poaching in and around Virunga National Park, the famed sanctuary of mountain gorillas in eastern DR Congo, are enriching armed groups in the troubled region, local NGOs say. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



**SAHEL – 09/09/2021 : UN Chief Says He Fears Afghanistan-like Situation in Sahel :**

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told AFP on Thursday that he feared the return to power of the Taliban in Afghanistan would encourage influential jihadist armed groups in the Sahel, as he called for a strengthening of "security mechanisms" in that region. (VOA-[Article Link](#))



**AFRICA – 09/09/2021 : Africa Steps Up Surveillance of New COVID Variants**

The World Health Organization says genomic sequencing capability is being improved in Africa to better detect, monitor and respond to COVID-19 mutations. (VOA-[Article Link](#))



**AFRICA – 09/09/2021 : WHO : Africa to Receive 25% Fewer COVID Vaccines Than Expected**

Africa is slated to receive 25% fewer COVID-19 vaccines by the end of the year than it was expecting, the director of the World Health Organization's regional office for Africa said Thursday. (VOA-[Article Link](#))



**NIGERIA – 09/10/2021 : Buhari pledges security and development in restive southeast**

Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari visited a restive southeastern state on Thursday in a region where separatist tensions and attacks on police have been on the rise. (Africa News-[Lien Article](#))



**ETHIOPIA – 09/10/2021 : Ethiopia says TPLF rebels 'routed' in Afar after months of clashes**

Ethiopia said Thursday that rebels from war-hit Tigray had been routed from the neighbouring region of Afar. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



**NIGERIA – 09/10/2021 : Nigeria extends telecoms blackout, arrest high profile Boko Haram member**

Nigerian local authorities have extended a telecom shutdown in northwest Zamfara state to a neighbouring state as part of an ongoing military crackdown on gangs behind a series of mass kidnappings, an official said Friday. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



**CAMEROON – 09/10/2021 : Four separatists sentenced to die in troubled Cameroon**

Four suspected separatists in Cameroon's troubled anglophone regions have been sentenced to death over the killing of seven schoolchildren, the defence ministry announced on Friday. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



**D.R. CONGO – 09/10/2021 : Congolese surgeon Mukwege seeks international criminal court to tackle impunity**

Congolese Nobel laureate Denis Mukwege on Friday called for an international criminal court for the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), whose eastern provinces have been wracked by armed groups for a quarter of a century. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



**LIBYA – 09/10/2021 : Elections represent an opportunity for stability and unity in Libya**

With just over 100 days until landmark elections in Libya, political leaders must join forces to ensure the vote is free, fair and inclusive, the UN envoy for the country told the Security Council on Friday. (UN News-[Article Link](#))



**GUINEA – 09/10/2021 : Rights groups cautious over military take over in Guinea**

In his eleven years in power in Guinea, President Alpha Condé was regularly singled out by human rights organisations. Amnesty International and Guinean NGOs deplored the militarisation of his power. (Africa News-[Article Link](#))



**SOUTH AFRICA – 09/10/2021 : Sinovac opens global pediatric vaccine trial in South Africa**

South Africa on Friday launched the main phase of a global Covid vaccine study on children and teenagers led by Chinese maker Sinovac Biotech, with the first two participants jabbed in Pretoria. [\(Africa News-Article Link\)](#)



**ETHIOPIA – 09/10/2021 : Tigray forces accused of mass killing**

Local officials in Ethiopia alleged Wednesday that Tigray forces have killed more than 120 civilians in recent days following battlefield losses, in what would be one of the deadliest massacres of the East African nation's 10-month war. [\(Africa News-Article Link\)](#)



**D.R. CONGO – 09/10/2021 : Over 1,200 civilians killed in two DR Congo provinces this year: UN**

More than 1,200 civilians have been killed in the restive DR Congo provinces of Ituri and North Kivu so far this year and millions of people now need humanitarian aid in the eastern region, the UN refugee agency said Friday. [\(Africa News-Article Link\)](#)



**KENYA – 09/11/2021 : A Tale of 2 COVID Vaccine Clinics: Lines in Kenya, Few Takers in Atlanta**

Several hundred people line up every morning, starting before dawn, on a grassy area outside Nairobi's largest hospital hoping to get the COVID-19 vaccine. [\(VOA-Article Link\)](#)



**ANGOLA – 09/12/2021 : Opposition supporters protest electoral law change**

Hundreds of opposition supporters gathered in the Angolan capital Luanda on Saturday to protest against changes to the electoral law that they say will undermine the transparency of next year's general election. [\(Africa News-Article Link\)](#)



**NIGER – 09/12/2021 : Armed Groups Killing, Recruiting More Children in Niger, Report Says**

Increasing numbers of children are being killed or targeted for recruitment by armed groups in conflicts raging at Niger's borders with Mali and Burkina Faso, Amnesty International said in a report published Monday. [\(VOA-Article Link\)](#)



**GUINEA – 09/13/2021 : Guinea opposition warns against sanctions on junta**

A leading figure in Guinea's opposition on Saturday urged regional bloc ECOWAS not to impose economic sanctions on Guinea's new military regime, describing the recent coup as a "welcome development". [\(Africa News-Article Link\)](#)



**SOUTH AFRICA – 09/13/2021 : South Africa announces COVID 'vaccine passport' plans**

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa announced on Sunday his intention to introduce a "vaccine passport", amid widespread mistrust of the Covid-19 vaccine in the continent's most affected country. [\(Africa News-Article Link\)](#)

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