



Data Analysis : February 2024

The threat of Islamic groups remains one of the main sources of terror on the continent. It has affected West Africa, Central Africa and Somalia in particular. Although there was a slight drop in the number of victims in February 2024, West Africa was the scene of 44% of attacks, with an average around 20 victims per conflict.



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KAIPTC - Ghana : KAIPTC Equips Leaders for Multidimensional Peace Operations



A two-weeks course on Multidimensional Peace Operations (MPO) designed to equip participants with operational-level knowledge and skills in line with efforts to bolster regional peace efforts has opened at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) in Accra on Monday, January 29, 2024.

The MPO which delves into planning, coordinating, and conducting multidimensional peace operations aims to enhance the effectiveness of all personnel involved in such missions.

The course funded by the Swiss government saw 29 military, police and civilian participants made up of 19 males and 10 females from 9 African countries in attendance. The Deputy Commandant of the KAIPTC, Air Commodore David Akrong opening the training stressed ...

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NDC - Nigeria : President National Defense University USA Lt Gen Michael Plehn at NDC Nigeria on a working visit



The Commandant National Defence College Nigeria, Rear Admiral OM Olotu, received the President of the National Defense University USA, Lt Gen Micheal Plehn to the College on a working visit on Tuesday 13 February 2024 in Abuja ...

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ACCORD - South Africa : ACCORD participates in the Pre-Pan African Leadership Sawubona High-Level Engagement



Strengthening African women's political agency and leadership

On 11 February 2024, ACCORD actively participated in an event hosted by Akina Mama wa Afrika (AMWA) at the Radisson Blu Hotel, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Focusing on the theme of 'Recentering Women's Political Agency and Leadership in Africa', the event served as a pre-session to the Pan African Leadership Sawubona, which will be held in July 2024.

Distinguished figures at the gathering included Ms. Elizabeth Lwanga, AMWA Board Chairperson; Hon. Millie Odhiambo, member of the Kenyan Parliament; Hon. Fatuma Ndangiza, East African Legislative Assembly Women Caucus Leader; and Hon. Winnie Kiiza, Leader of Opposition and member of Ugandan Parliament. These influential women shared their invaluable experiences and insights into navigating the complex landscape of political leadership.

Participants emphasized the significance of women's active involvement in politics ...

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IPSTC - Kenya : Canadian Ambassador For Women Peace And Security Visit To IPSTC

We were honoured to host H.E Amb Jacqueline O'Neill, Canadian Ambassador for Women Peace and Security at our headquarters in Karen. In our engaging talks, she learned about IPSTC's impactful efforts in Women Peace and Security, including insights into our Gender policy 2023.

We discussed our active participation in the National Gender Sector Working Group and the Gender-Based Violence Working Group. Plus, our role in advancing the goals of the Kenya National Action Plan was highlighted.

H.E Amb Jacqueline O'Neill commended IPSTC for successfully mainstreaming gender in its training and encouraged the continuation of these efforts in the future. Also present were the Deputy Defence Advisor Canada Lt Col Andy Wood and Major John Haylock. ...

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By offering critical and reflective training, the MPSA program empowers students to become effective problem solvers in their respective organizations ...

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AFRICA NEWS



Senegalese President Sall Postpones Feb. 25 Presidential Vote



About three weeks before the election set for 25 Feb 2024, President Macky Sall postponed Senegal's presidential election indefinitely. Mackay Sall cited a dispute over the candidate list, saying he had signed a decree abolishing a November 2023 measure that had set the original election date.

This action, if not rescinded or resolved timeously, is likely to throw the country into a constitutional crisis. The deferral or postponement of elections by the President is a subject of constitutional interpretation. Article 27 of Senegal's 2001 Constitution establishes the principle of periodic elections: «The President of the Republic is elected by universal suffrage for a term of five years, renewable only once,» underlining the importance of regular elections as a fundamental aspect of democratic governance in Senegal.

However, the Constitution also recognizes that under exceptional circumstances affecting the ability to hold elections as scheduled, Article 28 provides that: «In the event of exceptional circumstances duly established, the President of the Republic may, after consultation with the President of the National Assembly, the President of the Constitutional Council, and the President of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council, take measures of a limited duration, which shall then be submitted to a referendum.» ...

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AU & RECS/RMS HEADLINES**Workshop on Regional Analysis of Human Security in the ECOWAS Region closes in Abuja, Nigeria**

A three-day workshop on regional human security analysis and coordination wrapped up in Abuja, Nigeria on the 1st of February 2024. Convened by the Directorate of Early Warning of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the event brought together experts ...

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**A meeting was held to discuss Libya's preparations to host the meeting of defense ministers and chiefs of staff**

The meeting took place today at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Libya to coordinate between the organization and the Ministry of Defense and Interior. The arrangements for the eleventh meeting of defense ministers, the twelfth meeting of chiefs of staff ...

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**RPTC rolls out the African Standby Force's new curricula on Peace Support Operations with workshops in Madagascar and Lesotho**

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) Regional Peace Training Centre (RPTC) is mandated to coordinate and oversees Peace Support Operations (PSO) ...

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**Sub-Saharan Africa has Highest Number of Terror Attacks Globally**

Sub-Saharan Africa in 2023 emerged as the region with the highest number of terrorist attacks worldwide, a new report finds. The International Institute for Strategic Studies' (IISS) Armed Conflict Survey 2023 tracked the political, military and humanitarian dimensions of armed conflicts globally from May 2022 to June 2023. During that period, continental fatalities due to terrorist violence increased by 48%, and the number of violent incidents increased by 22% over the previous time frame. "The situation and conflict landscape has gotten significantly worse in the last decade and a half," Benjamin Petrini, IISS research fellow for conflict, security and development, said during the survey's launch. "Since 2010, the number of overall conflicts more than doubled." According to Petrini, Africa now has the largest number of conflicts globally and the largest share of fragile and conflict-affected countries

Regional Affects

The survey detailed the end of the civil war in Ethiopia's Tigray region; the breakout of civil war in Sudan; rising tensions between the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Rwanda; and the continued extremist violence and political ...

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Peacekeeping This Month - February 2024

The APSTA “Peacekeeping This Month” is an Online Journal for interested institutions and individuals to express informed opinion or share perspectives on all matters peacekeeping, peace operations or peace support operations (PSOs). The Secretariat: was able to cover stories in Africa on peacekeeping as follows :

Senegal police fire tear gas at protest against election postponement



Senegal's National Assembly faced turmoil on Monday as riot police deployed tear gas to disperse protesters angered by the postponement of the Feb. 25 presidential election.

The unprecedented move to reschedule the election to Aug. 25 and extend President Macky Sall's mandate prompted unrest and criticism. Lawmakers are set to debate the bill proposing the election delay, marking a departure from Senegal's history of election stability. The African Union, along with regional bodies and Western governments, called for a swift announcement of a new election date. Riot police outside the

parliament used tear gas and made arrests to quell around 100 protesters. A widespread public outcry over the postponement has raised concerns the country will face violent protests like those that have intermittently broken out over concerns Sall would run for a third term and the alleged political sidelining of opposition leader Ousmane Sonko. Sall said he delayed the election due to a dispute over the candidate list and alleged corruption within the constitutional body that handled the list. Several prominent opposition figures, including Sonko ...

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