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The ‘Terrorgram’ Plot by Neo-Nazis to Seduce Anti-Vaxxers  

Africa:

Boko Haram recruited three local gangs to kidnap Katsina students  

ISIS Affiliate in Somalia Declares War on Al-Qaeda-Linked Al-Shabaab  

Former Cameroon Ruling Party MP Arrested For Complicity With Boko Haram  
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Nigeria school attack: Hundreds of boys freed, local authorities say

Mozambique’s Islamist insurgency: UN warns of rising violence in Cabo Delgado

Sudan’s listing as sponsor of terrorism ended by US

Gunmen kill 28, burn 800 houses in Niger attack blamed on Boko Haram
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Mozambique jihadists push masses to Pemba

Security Fragmentation Hinders Humanitarian Response in the Sahel

Africa now at the heart of global terrorism threat, according to a new index

**Americas:**

New York City cathedral shooter ‘planned to take hostages’

Boogaloo Bois member pleads guilty to trying to sell weapons to Hamas

**Europe:**

Charlie Hebdo trial: French court convicts 14 over 2015 terror attacks

Manchester Arena Inquiry: Bomber 'sent money to family before attack'

Two gunmen killed after attacking police in Russia’s restive Chechnya region

Thalys train gunman sentenced to life in jail over foiled 2015 terror attack
Brexit: What does it mean for security in the UK?

Deradicalisation doesn’t work, says terror watchdog
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Iraq: Step Toward Justice for ISIS Child Suspects

Years after ISIS, Iraqis forced out of camps into uncertain future

ISIS sleeper cell attacks in Syria reach record low, data shows

Airstrikes Hit ISIL in Syria, Iraq
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‘Terrorist attack’ strikes oil tanker at Saudi port in Jeddah

**North Asia:**

I.C.C. Won’t Investigate China’s Detention of Muslims

**South & Central Asia:**

Bangladesh: The Shadow Of International Terror

India: Special NIA court convicts Chennai-based engineer in ISIS conspiracy case

India Seeks Malaysian Intelligence Input on Alleged Financing for Terror Plot

Dushanbe Reinforces Border After Tajik Militants Appear In Video Fighting In Afghanistan
Rickshaw bomb kills at least 15 children in eastern Afghanistan, official says

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Myanmar Soldiers Injured During Clashes With KNLA Troops

Jemaah Islamiyah Uses Charity Boxes to Collect Fund for Terror Activities

FinTech and the Risks of Terrorist Financing in Indonesia

Indonesia: Jemaah Islamiyah is Back

US Charges Kenyan Arrested in Philippines over 9/11-type Plot

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Man shot dead by Queensland police on Logan Motorway previously investigated by counter-terrorism taskforce

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