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"Suspected ISIS shooters opened fire on two people in the fourth section of northeast Syria's notorious al-Hol camp, the UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR) war monitor reported on Monday. Both were heavily injured in the attack. SOHR said this was the second such incident in the camp in May. On Sunday, Internal Security Forces ('Asayish' in Kurdish) also found the body of an Iraqi refugee shot dead by ISIS cells in al-Hol's first section. SOHR reported on Tuesday that the Asayish arrested 23 people in the camp on Monday. They are charged with communicating with ISIS cells outside the camp. According to data from the UN, al-Hol is the largest camp for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Syria, hosting about 56,000 people. Most of al-Hol's residents are Iraqis and Syrians. However, the camp also houses many foreign families thought to have ISIS links. On Monday, SOHR reiterated its call for "a lasting solution" to the volatile situation in northeast Syria's al-Hol camp after at least six people were killed there in April."

Afghanistan

Fox News: Taliban's Power Challenged By Afghan National Resistance Front, ISIS-K

"The Taliban are finding it's much more difficult being the governing authority of Afghanistan than it was waging an insurgency campaign against the previous internationally backed government of Ashraf Ghani. Since taking Kabul in August 2021, the Taliban have had to consolidate power and assert control over a weary and war-torn nation, battle an ISIS affiliate and tamp down the resistance movement in Panjshir province. When the Taliban took Kabul, many anti-Taliban forces within the US-trained armed forces and former members of the Ghani government fled to the Panjshir Valley, a bastion of anti-Taliban resistance north of Kabul where the Taliban had yet to exert full control. Other leading opposition figures fled to neighboring Tajikistan, where the government in Dushanbe has provided a safe haven. The rugged and mountainous Panjshir Valley, which held firm against Soviet occupation in the 1980s and Taliban rule in the 1990s, is the ideal location to lead an insurgency.

Almost immediately after the Taliban seized Kabul, anti-Taliban forces quickly announced their opposition to the new government and initially were able to hold off the Taliban's advance on the valley."

Nigeria

Africanews: UN Chief Urges Investment To Help Niger Fight Jihadists

"UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Monday urged the international community to "fully invest" to help impoverished Niger fight jihadist insurgents threatening the government in Niamey and neighbouring countries. "Today I believe, looking at the remarkable performance of Niger's army, the international community must fully invest to strengthen the capacity of Niger's army," said Guterres, alongside the Sahel nation's President Mohamed Bazoum. Equipment and training are needed, Guterres said. "Niger cannot face all these multiple challenges alone," he added, listing major organisations such as the African Union and Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) who are key actors for peace and development in the region.

Guterres acknowledged however that the G5-Sahel, that brings together Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger and Chad, "has been weakened by the coups d'Etat that took place in some of your neighbours," referring to Mali and Burkina Faso in the last two years. "While terrorist attacks continue to increase in the Sahel and spread to the states on the Gulf of Guinea, the international community has to understand it is no longer just a regional African question, but really is a global threat," the UN chief said."

Somalia

Reuters: Islamist Militants Overrun African Union Camp In Somalia

“Al Qaeda-linked militants overran an African Union peacekeepers' camp in the centre of Somalia, a security source and the group said on Tuesday, in what appears to be one of the al Shabaab group's biggest attacks this year. A resident said three civilians died in crossfire during the attack, while the number of African Union soldiers killed or captured was unclear. The chairperson of the AU commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat, said he paid tribute to the Burundian peacekeepers who lost their lives, but did not say how many died. Somalia is preparing to hold long-delayed presidential elections with political rivalries having split the security services, distracting them from the fight against the al Shabaab insurgency. Somalia's presidency condemned the attack on the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) base near El Baraf, about 130 km (80 miles) north of the capital Mogadishu, and called for increased military support.

“The mujahideen launched a pre-dawn raid on an ATMIS military base in El Baraf,” an al Shabaab statement said. “After a fierce firefight, the mujahideen managed to overrun the base and are now in complete control of the entire military base.” Al Shabaab has been fighting for years to topple the central government and implant its rule in the Horn of Africa country based on its strict interpretation of Islam's sharia law.”

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