

## Nigeria: „Dancing in the Rain“

No one would ever have heard of eleven-year-old Anthony Mmesoma Madu if his dance teacher hadn't filmed him practising barefoot pirouettes and jumps on the rain-soaked streets of the Nigerian port city of Lagos. Thanks to Hollywood actress Viola Davies, the video reached social media and was viewed 16 million times and marvelled at by professionals. The talented dancer was showered with international scholarships. He first attended the Elmhurst Ballet School in Birmingham, England, where he met Queen Camilla. Madu then opted for the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School at the American Ballet Theatre. Disney is now making a documentary film about the young artist. 10.01.2024

## "Televangelist" Miracle healer - Charlatan!

According to a BBC investigation, Temitope Balogun Joshua, the former leader of "The Synagogue Church of All Nations" - **Scoan** for short - raped and tortured women who joined his church over a period of 20 years. The reporters spoke to victims from the UK, South Africa, Ghana, the USA, Germany and Nigeria. TB Joshua had his evangelical centre in Lagos and ran the television station Emmanuel TV. About 50,000 people attended Joshua's services every week and the church became one of the favourite destinations for foreign visitors to Nigeria. His global television and media empire was one of the most successful Christian networks in the world, with millions of viewers in Europe, America, Asia and Africa. His YouTube channel had hundreds of millions of views. He died in 2021 at the age of 58. Since then, his widow has led the evangelical church. 09.01.2024

## Somali woman elected mayor

Nadia Mohamed has been elected mayor of St. Louis Park USA. This makes her the city's first black female mayor in 170 years, the first Somali-American female mayor in Minnesota and the second known Somali female mayor in US history. Nadia Mohamed received 58% of the vote against Dale A. Anderson, a retired banker. Her family emigrated to Kenya after the Somali civil war and lived in the Kakuma refugee camp until Nadia was 10 years old. Then they came to St. Louis Park. In 2020, Nadia Mohamed took office on the city council at the age of just 23. The new mayor focused her campaign on promoting home ownership and policing. The city's population is 80 % white. 09.01.2024

## Zimbabwe: Miners rescued

All 15 miners who were trapped for four days in the Redwing gold mine of Metallon Corporation, Zimbabwe's largest gold mining company, have been rescued. The shaft collapsed on Thursday, probably after an earthquake. The families of the trapped workers camped on the site of the mine in the mining town of Penhalongato - 270 km east of the capital Harare. 09.01.2024

## Zambia: Cholera prevents starting school

The new school year should have started today in Zambia, but the children will have to wait another three weeks before they can go back to class. The authorities want to stop the spread of cholera. More than 200 people have died from the disease in Zambia since October. In

the last 24 hours alone, there have been 27 deaths from cholera. 08.01.2024

## SEYCHELLEN richest country in Africa

Global Finance Magazine has listed the Seychelles as Africa's richest country. The **Seychelles** is ranked 56th in the world and tops the list of African countries with a gross domestic product (GDP) and purchasing power parity (PPP) of 39,662 dollars. The country has a population of just over 100,000 and its economy depends mainly on tourism and fishing. In 2023, the Seychelles welcomed 317,915 tourists up to November, contributing \$873 million to the economy from January to November, an increase of 4.8% compared to the same period in 2022. The neighbouring island of **Mauritius** is the second richest African country and ranks 66th in the global ranking, followed by Libya in 73rd place. The three richest countries in the world are the Republic of Ireland, followed by Luxembourg, Singapore and Qatar. At the other end of the spectrum are South Sudan, Burundi and the Central African Republic. 08.01.2024

## Uganda: Assassination attempt on controversial Pentecostal clergyman

Pastor Aloysius Bugingo, an outspoken supporter of President Yoweri Museveni, has been assassinated, killing his bodyguard and injuring him. Pastor Bugingo is a controversial figure in Uganda; he is the leader of the House of Prayer Ministries - one of the most influential Pentecostal churches in the country. Bugingo also has his own television and radio stations, which he uses to unconditionally support Museveni, who has ruled Uganda since 1986. Pastor Bugingo's support for the president - and more recently also for his son - regularly draws the ire of the opposition, which the pastor in turn openly criticises in sermons. 08.01.2024

## South Africa: An icon of freedom

The famous photojournalist and freedom fighter Peter Magubane has died at the age of 91. Known for his powerful, striking images documenting pivotal moments in South Africa's struggle against apartheid, most notably the 1976 Soweto Uprising, he became Nelson Mandela's official photographer after Mandela's release from prison in the early 1990s. Magubane's fearless storytelling earned him international recognition, numerous awards and the unwavering respect of his country. He himself was exposed to immense personal risks and had to endure harassment, beatings and even imprisonment for opposing the apartheid regime. He would have celebrated his 92nd birthday on 18 January 2024.

## Zimbabwe: "Operation Chenesa Harare"

The government has launched a campaign codenamed "Chenesa Harare" to collect rubbish in the city. The campaign has become necessary due to the increasing number of cholera cases. By 5 January 2024, the government had recorded 15,571 suspected cases of cholera and 15,036 recoveries. The mortality rate is 2.2 %. All 10 provinces in Zimbabwe reported cholera cases, with the most worrying increase in the south-eastern provinces of Masvingo and Manicaland. 08.01.2024

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