

## Paris wants to honour Cheptegei

The city of Paris wants to honour the late Ugandan Olympic runner Rebecca Cheptegei by naming a sports facility after her. Cheptegei died on Thursday in a Kenyan hospital where she was being treated after 80% of her body was burnt in an attack by her partner. She was 33 years old. Cheptegei competed in the women's marathon at the Paris Olympics finishing 44th. According to UN Women on average, a woman or girl is killed by an intimate partner or family member every 11 minutes somewhere in the world. Four in ten women, or an estimated 41% of Kenyans who are married or in a relationship, have experienced physical or sexual violence by their current or last partner, according to the [Kenya Demographic and Health Survey 2022](#). 11.09.2024

## Namibia: China builds largest solar power plant

Namibias staatlicher Stromversorger *NamPower* gab am Montag bekannt, dass er einen Vertrag mit zwei chinesischen Firmen unterzeichnet hat, um mit dem Bau des größten Solarkraftwerks des Landes zu beginnen. Rund 80 % des 78,33 Mio. USD Dollar-Projekts werden von der deutschen Entwicklungsbank KfW finanziert. Die Unternehmen China Jiangxi International Economic and Technical Cooperation und Chint New Energy Development (Zhejiang) werden 18 Monate für die Fertigstellung des Kraftwerks benötigen. 12.09.2024

## Ethiopia: Confirmation from space

Satellite images reveal the hunger crisis in Tigray, fuelled by drought, crop failures and ongoing insecurity following a brutal war. Local authorities warn that two million people are at risk of starvation. Recent satellite images show empty reservoirs and parched farmland. Images from June 2023 show full reservoirs and fertile land below, irrigated and planted with vegetables, wheat and sorghum. It is estimated that hundreds of thousands of people perished in the conflict or died of hunger and lack of health care. 11.09.2024

## Tanzania: Zanzibar charges travel insurance fee

From 1 October 2024, all foreign visitors to Zanzibar must take out compulsory travel insurance, costing around US\$44 regardless of how good their home country's travel insurance is. It doesn't matter if you are only coming for a weekend. You have to pay the full price of US\$44 for a 92-day cover to the national insurer, Zanzibar Insurance Corporation, to receive a QR code to show on arrival. The price applies to all foreign visitors and also to children. According to the Tanzanian government, the insurance purchased is a comprehensive cover, including repatriation, evacuation and related contingencies. Government figures show the top five nationalities that visited the island last year were: the United States of America (84,541 visitors), France (72,009), Germany (57,798), the United Kingdom (51,505) and Italy (51,056). Tourism accounts for more than 27% of Zanzibar's gross domestic product (GDP) and 80% of foreign exchange earnings. 11.09.2024

## Mozambique: Largest mangrove restoration project

Mozambique has approved Africa's largest mangrove reforestation project, which will see 200 million trees planted over 60 years. Gulf-based *Blue Forest* said it would start work in November. The first of the 200 million mangroves are due to be planted in November. The

project aims to cover an area of 155,000 hectares, which is twice the size of Singapore. The trees are intended to restore Mozambique's damaged coastline and create around 5,000 jobs in the forestry sector. The company is helping to finance the project by selling carbon credits in advance based on the carbon absorbed by the coastal trees. 10.09.2024

## Zimbabwe: Hunger for dollars

The Zimbabwe Gold (ZWG) currency, introduced in April, has lost half its value according to the black market. Retailers and businesses continue to undermine or reject the ZWG, including a chain in Bulawayo owned by a government minister. Retailers who are forced to sell at the official ZWG are enjoying a profitable trade in commodities such as bread, as the discrepancy between the official rates and the black market has given rise to new forms of entrepreneurship. Bread is price-controlled and sells for ZWG 15 when it is available in that currency, but for \$1 or R20 in other currencies. Traders make up the difference by buying bread in Zimbabwe gold and reselling it in these currencies. It is an easy way to earn foreign currency, and the profit margin is greater than that of the bread bakers themselves. 10.09.2024

## Successful games in Paris

African countries played an important role at the Paralympics in Paris 2024. They won 64 medals. Eight African nations shared 23 gold medals. Mauritius celebrated its first medal (bronze for Yovanni Philippe in the 400 metre T20). Nigerian Mariam Eniola Bolaji also made history when she won bronze in badminton, becoming the first African woman to win a medal in this sport at the Paralympics or Olympic Games. Algeria also made headlines when Brahim Guendouz won gold in the KL3 paracanoe race. 09.09.2024

## President Xi promises money and jobs

In his speech at the opening of the 2024 Forum for China-Africa Cooperation on Thursday, Chinese President Xi Jinping outlined an action plan for relations between Beijing and Africa over the next three years. 'China is willing to deepen cooperation with African countries in the fields of industry, agriculture, infrastructure, trade and investment,' he said. 'In the next three years, the Chinese government is willing to provide financial support totalling 50.7 billion dollars,' said Xi. More than half of this will be in the form of loans, he said, 11 billion dollars 'in various forms of assistance' and 10 billion dollars through the promotion of investment by Chinese companies. China, the world's second largest economy, is Africa's biggest trading partner and has sought to tap into the continent's vast natural resources, including copper, gold, lithium and rare earths. China has also provided African countries with billions in loans that have helped build much-needed infrastructure, but have sometimes caused controversy by saddling governments with large debts.

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