South Africa: Class action lawsuit filed

The Catholic Church says it is shepherding a class-action lawsuit through the courts against mining companies in South Africa on behalf of coal miners with lung disease.

Dozens dead in Ethiopia's Amhara region

At least 30 people have been killed in a drone attack in Finote Selam in the Eastern Gojam zone of the Amhara region. Ethiopian government forces and the regional Amhara militia Fano, who fought on the same side during the two-year war between the Ethiopian military and the Tigray People's Liberation Front in the Tigray region, have been fighting each other for four months. The fighting between the Ethiopian federal government and the Fano was sparked in April 2023 when the government asked the militia to join the country's police or military following the peace agreement signed with the Tigray region in South Africa.   16.08.2023

Zimbabwe: Suppression against the opposition

Die Polizei hat, in dem Vorort Glenview der Hauptstadt Harare, 40 Mitglieder einer Oppositionskoalition festgenommen, die vor den Wahlen in der kommenden Woche Wahlkampf betrieben. Der Sprecher der Bürgerkoalition für den Wandel (CCC), Fadzayi Mahere, sagte, dass Gladmore Hakata, der Kandidat der Partei für das Parlament in Glenview Süd, unter den Festgenommenen sei. Nach Angaben der CCC hat die Polizei seit dem 9. Juli mehrere ihrer Versammlungen und seit der Gründung der Partei im Januar letzten Jahres fast 100 Versammlungen verboten. Präsident Emmerson Mnangagwa und CCC-Führer Nelson Chamisa sind die Spitzenkandidaten bei den Wahlen.

Shared responsibility

Tunisia and **Libya** have agreed to take joint responsibility for housing hundreds of migrants stranded at their border for up to a month after dozens died in the desert. According to Human Rights Watch, up to 1 200 black Africans were "displaced or forcibly taken to desert areas on the border with Libya and Algeria by Tunisian security forces". The United Nations also reported violence against migrants, some 600,000 of whom live in Libya. Both Libya and Tunisia are major gateways for migrants and asylum seekers who make a dangerous journey in often rickety boats in the hope of a better life in Europe. The distance between Sfax and the Italian island of Lampedusa is only about 130 km. 15.08.2023

The 10 poorest countries in the world

They have always been poor, but the Corona economic shock has exacerbated the situation. The ranking measures gross domestic product (GDP) per inhabitant per year. The data is from 2022, and except for Yemen, the civil war-torn country on the Arabian Peninsula with a GDP of US$608.95 and ranked 10th, the poorest countries on earth are in Africa. They are: Niger, Malawi, Mozambique, South Sudan, Madagascar, Somalia, The Central African Republic, Sierra Leone and, bringing up the rear, Burundi. Their GDP ranges from US$583.58 in Niger (9th place) to US$309.11 in Burundi (1st place). For comparison: in Germany, the gross domestic product per capita is US $ 51,822.67 per year.   15.08.2023

Borrowing- tap other sources - because of LGBTQ law

Uganda comes out fighting after World Bank suspends funding over anti-LGBTQ law President Museveni says the country will reduce borrowing and not give in to pressure from foreign institutions. He criticised World Bank's decision to suspend new funding to Uganda in response to a strict anti-LGBTQ law and has promised to find alternative sources of credit. Museveni said if Uganda needs to borrow, it can tap other sources, and oil production, which is expected to start by 2025, will bring in additional revenue. Human rights organisations have widely condemned the anti-LGBTQ law passed in May that provides for the death penalty for "aggravated homosexuality", a criminal offence that includes transmitting HIV through homosexual sex, and 20 years in prison for "promoting" homosexuality.   14.08.2023

Cult Death in Shakahola Forest

A Kenyan court on Thursday extended the detention of cult leader, Paul Nthenge Mackenzie and the 29 co-accused, who have been in police custody since mid-April while investigators search for more bodies in a forest near the Indian Ocean coast. So far, 425 bodies have been discovered in the Shakahola forest, a 325-hectare bushveld inland from the Indian Ocean town of Malindi. A fourth round of exhumations was suspended on 19 July to allow the ill-equipped Malindi morgue to perform autopsies on 87 bodies. The main cause of death appears to be starvation, but some of the victims - including children - were strangled, beaten or suffocated, according to government autopsy findings. Some 95 people have been rescued from the forest, and police say 464 DNA samples have been taken from families searching for their missing loved ones. In June, the government said it would turn the vast coastal forest into a national memorial. The horrific story has prompted President William Ruto to speak out on the thorny issue of indigenous religious movements in Kenya - and failed efforts to regulate unscrupulous churches and cults that have become entangled in crime. According to government figures, more than 4 000 churches are registered in the East African country of around 53 million people.   13.08.2023

Faith leaders discuss strategies

26 Religious leaders from 12 countries (Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian and other Christian denominations, the All-Africa Council of Churches, Muslims and indigenous faiths) gathered in Nairobi to make concrete proposals for Africa's sustainable development. In a statement, they defined the meeting as "not just a gathering, but a powerful witness to the shared power of interfaith unity, common wisdom and shared commitment to justice". "Informed by our scriptures and moral convictions," the document said, "we resolutely address the pressing issues of debt, governance and socio-economic inequalities that plague the African continent.   13.08.2023

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