

Turkey joins South Africa's genocide lawsuit

Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said his country had decided to officially join the case South Africa is seeking against Israel at the International Court of Justice. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has described Israel's actions as a war crime and genocide and claimed that Hamas, which is classified as a terrorist organisation by Israel, the United States and the European Union, is a group fighting for the liberation of its country and its people.

The Jewish Lemba people

Around 100,000 Lemba, black Jews, live in South Africa and Zimbabwe. The Lemba people, a black Jewish community, question the traditional Zionist view of Jewish identity. Although genetics has confirmed their Jewish ancestry, they do not see Israel as the sole country of Jewish origin. Instead, they believe that Jews originally come from Africa and can be indigenous to several places. This contradicts the Zionist view that Israel is the ancestral homeland of all Jews.

Congo DRC: Rebels capture mining town

Rubaya fell into the hands of M23 fighters on Tuesday after heavy clashes with government troops. The town is known for the mining of coltan and is of central importance. Coltan is used to produce batteries for electric vehicles and mobile phones. The rebels, originally deserters from the Congolese army, accuse the government of marginalising the country's ethnic Tutsi minority and refusing to negotiate with them. They regard the green hills around Masisi as their true homeland.

Kenya: "Tit for tat"

'Tit for tat'. Zimbabwe will support Kenya's bid to elect veteran opposition leader Raila Odinga as chairman of the African Union Commission next year. In return, Kenya will support the country's re-entry into the Commonwealth. Kenya will also help Zimbabwe to defend itself against "illegal" sanctions. William Ruto opened the International Trade Fair in Zimbabwe on Saturday.

Ghana: Court does not force president to sign law

The Supreme Court in Accra has dismissed a lawsuit seeking to force the president to sign a strict anti-LGBT law passed by parliament in February. The law provides for a prison sentence of up to three years for anyone who identifies as LGBT. President Nana Akufo-Addo's office said he would not sign the law into law until the Supreme Court ruled on its constitutionality. However, several MPs and citizens are urging President Akufo-Addo to sign the bill into law. The Ministry of Finance has warned that the country could lose at least \$3.8bn in World Bank funding if the controversial law comes into force.

Mali: IS commander killed

Malian state television reports that a senior Islamic State commander with a USD 5 million price on his head has been killed by troops from Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger. Abu Huzeifa, who was also known as Higgo, was described as a Moroccan national and commander of IS's self-proclaimed Sahel province. According to the report, he was killed on

Sunday during an operation in the northern town of Indelimane in the Menaka region, in what was described as a "victory over a curse of evil". Abu Huzeifa had been involved in several high-profile raids in the Sahel region.

Uganda: Guarding cocoa farms

Some farmers in Uganda have hired armed men to protect their cocoa as thieves try to capitalise on the increased value of the crop. Global cocoa prices have reached their highest level in over a decade as drought hampers farming in Ghana and Ivory Coast, the world's largest cocoa producers. Around 30% of the cocoa beans produced in Uganda are stolen.

Introduction of malaria vaccine

Benin, Liberia and Sierra Leone have participated in the introduction of malaria vaccines for millions of children. According to the World Health Organisation, Africa accounts for around 94% of malaria cases worldwide. Most of these deaths affect children. Since 2019, more than two million children have been vaccinated in Ghana, Kenya and Malawi, resulting in a significant reduction in severe malaria cases and hospitalisations. Two WHO-recommended vaccines - RTS,S and R21 - are seen as a breakthrough for child health and malaria control.

Egypt rejects any resettlement of Palestinians

President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi declared that his country continues to "strictly reject" the expulsion of Palestinians from the Gaza Strip to the Sinai Peninsula. Egypt fears that an Israeli ground attack on Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip would drive hundreds of thousands of displaced Palestinians across the border into its territory. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says that after more than six months of war, Rafah is Hamas' last remaining stronghold and that the deployment of ground troops is essential to defeat the group. The population of Rafah has risen from 280,000 to an estimated 1.4 million as Palestinians flee fighting in other parts of the Gaza Strip. Hundreds of thousands of these evacuees are living in sprawling tent camps.

Regulation of certain dog breeds

The government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo wants to regulate the breeding and ownership of Boerboels and Pitbulls. The boerboel was bred specifically to protect South African farms by crossing mastiffs and bulldogs. Mozambique banned the import of 23 dog breeds this month, including pit bulls, boerboels and rottweilers. Last year, 9,000 cases of people being bitten by dogs were reported in Mozambique in the first half of the year, an increase of 21% compared to 2022. In Zimbabwe, owners of dogs that attack people are charged with involuntary manslaughter. The UK has also banned Pit Bull Terriers, Japanese Tosa, Dogo Argentino and Fila Brasileiro.

Nigeria: World record in chess marathon

The Nigerian chess master Tunde Onakoya sets a world record in chess with 60 hours of non-stop play. He played unbeaten for more than 58 hours in Times Square in New York City to raise money for underprivileged children. 26.04.2024

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Burkina Faso: International news media suspended