

Nigeria: Russian flags during protests

The police announced that they had arrested more than 90 demonstrators carrying Russian flags. Army chief Christopher Musa warned that it was a "treasonable offence" to hoist the flags of foreign countries. Northern Nigeria has close cultural, religious and socio-economic ties with its neighbours in the Sahel region, where a series of coups have taken place in recent years and the military leadership has turned away from its Western allies and towards Russia. Last week, thousands of people joined protests against government policies and the high cost of living as Africa's most populous country suffers its worst economic crisis in a generation. 07.08.24

Mauritius: More co-operation with China

The Forum for China-Africa Cooperation is at the centre of discussions between Foreign Minister Gobin and a Chinese delegation. Mr Gobin referred to the strong and historic relations between Mauritius and the People's Republic of China and highlighted the cordial relations at political, diplomatic, economic, cultural and people-to-people levels. He pointed out that China as a "pays de peuplement" is an example of the excellent relations between the two nations. Mauritius is keen to strengthen its co-operation with China, especially with the entry into force of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA), the first of its kind between China and an African country. He also expressed China's appreciation to the Government of Mauritius for supporting Mauritius' claim of sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago. 06.08.2024

Mozambique: Former Renamo fighters receive pension

President Filipe Nyusi announced that more than 80 % of the demobilised guerrillas of the former rebel movement Renamo are now receiving their pensions. In his speech in Gorongosa National Park in the central province of Sofala, he recalled that five years ago, on 1 August 2019, he and Renamo leader Ossufo Momade had signed the agreement on the definitive end of hostilities in this park. The key to this agreement was the "Demobilisation, Disarmament and Reintegration" programme, under which around 5,200 former Renamo fighters laid down their weapons. The President believes that the end of the armed conflict has enabled the restoration of the Gorongosa National Park with measures to reintroduce animals, restore infrastructure and the resumption of socio-economic activities by local communities. Also in Gorongosa District, the President inaugurated a Polytechnic Institute, which has a budget of 15 million dollars and covers an area of 56 hectares, 30 of which are reserved for agricultural activities, the institute is supported by the Chinese government. 06.08.2024

Tanzania: Milestone in the transport sector

The inauguration of the Dar es Salaam-Dodoma standard gauge railway line by President Samia Suluhu Hassan marked a historic milestone in the transport sector. At the official opening of the Dar es Salaam - Morogoro line, passengers were able to enjoy a free journey, with more than 1400 passengers having free tickets. The train departed Dar es Salaam at 6:10 am and arrived at Morogoro Central Station at 7:56 am, travelling 300 km in just 1:45 hours. The new SGR electric trains represent a major advance in the country's infrastructure,

offering greater efficiency and connectivity, and will revolutionise travel within Tanzania by significantly reducing journey times and boosting economic activity in various regions. 06.08.2024

Al Shabab attack on beach hotel

At least 32 people were killed and around 63 injured, some of them critically, in a suicide attack by Al-Shabab fighters at the popular beach resort, *Lido Beach*, in the Somali capital. In another attack on Saturday, 7 people died after a car was hit by a roadside bomb about 40 kilometres from the capital. Al-Shabab still controls parts of southern and central Somalia and continues to carry out attacks in Mogadishu and other areas, while extorting millions of dollars from residents and businesses every year in its quest to establish an Islamic state. 05.08.2024

Kenya: Death for one million

The Kenyan authorities are so concerned about the nuisance caused by Indian house crows that they have started spreading poison in Watamu and Malindi to stop the crows from entering Nairobi. These birds, which raid tourist areas, hunt wildlife and attack poultry farms, originate from India and often use commercial vessels for their journeys. It is believed that the crows were deliberately introduced to East Africa around 1890 to solve a growing waste problem in the Zanzibar archipelago and spread from there. 05.08.2024

Senegal: Tirailleurs Senegalais - late honour

France has taken an important step to honour the memory of the African soldiers who tragically died on the orders of the French army in the Thiaroye camp in Senegal during the Second World War. Six of these soldiers - four from Senegal, one from the Ivory Coast and one from what is now Burkina Faso - were honoured posthumously as having "died for France" ("morts pour la France"). On 1 December 1944, French colonial troops and gendarmes shot several dozen African soldiers at the Thiaroye military camp near Dakar, Senegal, on the orders of French officers. They were killed after demanding overdue bonuses and equal treatment. The soldiers, known as tirailleurs Sénégalais, had been repatriated from German camps and were awaiting demobilisation. 05.08.2024

Tanzania: Forced resettlement of the Maasai

According to a report by Human Rights Watch (HRW), Tanzania has forcibly evicted indigenous Maasai people from their ancestral lands. The report states that the Tanzanian government intends to relocate more than 82,000 people from land it has set aside for "conservation and tourism purposes". The programme, launched in 2022, aims to relocate people living in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCA), where the Maasai have been at home for generations, to the village of Msomera, about 600 km away. In the course of this programme, tensions arose between the authorities and the nomadic community, which at times led to deadly clashes. 03.08.24

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