

South Africa: Extradition agreement applies

The District Court of Maryland has upheld South Africa's request for the extradition of the former personal assistant to Free State Premier Ace Magashule. Moroadi Cholota is wanted by South African authorities in connection with a corruption case involving the Free State's R255 million asbestos tender. US authorities arrested Cholota in Baltimore after a warrant was issued for her arrest on April 12, 2024. The Maryland District Court judge found that Cholota's charges were "extraditable offenses" under the extradition treaty and that the extradition treaty between the US and South Africa was "in full force and effect". Cholota faces four counts of fraud and five counts of corruption. 12.06.2024

Voter registration – female presidential candidates

Namibia opened voter registration for the November 27 elections this week. The Electoral Commission announced that 25,000 voters were registered on the first day. For the first time since independence, the ruling party, the South West Africa People's Organization (Swapo), will field a female presidential candidate, Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, 71; Ally Angula, 44, is also running as an independent candidate. She appeals to the youth and her motto is: "We are the courageous generation, we get involved". The third candidate is Rosa Namises, 66 years old and a gender activist. Esther Muinjangu, 61, from the Unity Democratic Organization, was the only female candidate in 2019. After the elections, she was appointed Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services. Her party has not yet announced who will run, but she is considered the frontrunner. 12.06

Mali: Finance workers' union on strike

The union (SYNABEF) of financial workers in Mali has called on workers in banks, insurance companies, microfinance institutions and petrol stations to extend their strike until their general secretary Hamadou Bah is released from prison. Bah was arrested after a member of the trade union committee filed a complaint accusing the general secretary of falsifying a document relating to an internal trade union matter. The country has been under military rule since a coup in 2020. Tensions have increased in recent months because the authorities have not organized promised elections and want to restrict political and civil society space. 11.06.2024

Economic forum in St. Petersburg forges new alliances

President Emmerson Mnangagwa spoke at the International Economic Forum in St. Petersburg and praised Putin "my dear brother" for defending Russia's independence and territorial integrity. "It is regrettable and unacceptable that the collective West continues to pursue hegemonic tendencies that blatantly violate the sovereign equality of nations, justice and fairness," Mnangagwa said. He called for an end to the sanctions against his own country. Guests at the economic forum no longer come from Berlin, Brussels and Paris - but mainly from the Global South. Putin is planning a new world order without Western supremacy, which is expressed in the forum's motto "Foundations of the multipolar world". 11.06.2024

Sudan: Last hospital closed

Doctors Without Borders announced that the last remaining hospital in Al-Fashir, the capital of Shamal

Darfur state, has been officially closed. RSF soldiers ransacked it over the weekend and stole an ambulance after opening fire in the already mostly evacuated hospital. Al-Fashir in North Darfur is the only provincial capital in the vast western region that is not controlled by the RSF. It is an important humanitarian center for a region on the brink of famine. For more than a year, a war has been raging between the regular military under army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), led by his former deputy Mohamed Hamdan Daglo. 11.06.2024

Ghana: Enough - often no power

Accra was rocked by a mass demonstration on Saturday as civil society groups took to the streets to demand an end to the chronic power shortage in the country. Led by actress Yvonne Nelson, the coalition of civil society groups, entertainers and entrepreneurs took to the streets to put pressure on the government to find a lasting solution to the energy crisis. 11.06.2024

Summit meeting: South Korea and Africa

At South Korea's first summit (June 4-5) with African countries, it was agreed to establish a Korean-African dialog on critical minerals. South Korea has offered an alternative to a partnership with one of these countries. It announced that it would provide around 266 billion euros in export credits for Korean companies wishing to engage in Africa, while offering 190 billion euros in development aid by 2030. Delegations from 48 African countries, including more than 30 heads of state and government, attended the first Korea-South Africa Summit in Seoul. China, Russia and the United States are all interested in securing the scarce natural resources of the African continent. 10.06.2024

Zambia: Prison sentences for Chinese cybercrime gang

22 people were sentenced to several years in prison in Lusaka. They worked in various positions at the Chinese-run company *Golden Top Support Services*. The authorities had raided the Chinese-run company after an alarming increase in internet fraud was recorded. The 22 people were part of a larger group of 77 suspects linked to what the authorities described as a "sophisticated internet fraud syndicate". More and more Zambians are losing money from their cell phone and bank accounts through money laundering schemes that extend to other countries. 10.06.2024

South Africa: Shell's appeal rejected

The Supreme Court of Appeal (SCA) has dismissed with costs an appeal by Shell, Impact Africa and the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) against a High Court ruling that halted a seismic survey off the Wild Coast. The judgment affirms the communities' right to proper consultation under various South African laws. However, the court has left the door open for Impact Africa and Shell to make their third and final attempt to extend exploration rights for 2014.

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