

## President Tshisekedi calls for sanctions against Rwanda

In his speech to the UN General Assembly in New York, Congo's president called for Rwanda to be punished for its role in the 'destabilisation' of his country. 'The resurgence of the Rwandan-backed terrorist group M23 has triggered an unprecedented humanitarian crisis,' Mr Tshisekedi said, adding that more than 7 million people in the Democratic Republic of Congo had been displaced by the fighting. UN experts had previously said that there were between 3,000 and 4,000 Rwandan soldiers in Congo working with the M23 rebel group, which has been in conflict with Congolese troops for a decade. 26.09.2024

## Guinea: Chimpanzees - People - Environment

People living near a chimpanzee research centre, Seringbara, have vandalised the facility. An angry crowd stormed the building, destroying and setting fire to equipment such as drones, computers and over 200 documents. They were responding to a message from a mother who said she had been working in a cassava field when a chimpanzee came up behind her, bit her and dragged her baby into the forest. The baby's mutilated body was found 3 km from the Nimba Mountains Nature Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The dwindling food supply in the reserve forces the animals to leave the protected area more and more frequently, increasing the likelihood of attacks. The Nimba Mountains are also home to one of Guinea's largest iron ore deposits, raising concerns among conservationists about the impact of mining on the chimpanzees. The research centre said it had recorded six attacks by chimpanzees on humans within the reserve since the beginning of the year. The forests of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone in West Africa are home to the largest population of the critically endangered western chimpanzee, whose population declined by 80 per cent between 1990 and 2014, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature. 25.09.2024

## Malotja nature reserve - preserving the environment

Local residents and environmentalists in Eswatini have taken a stand against the Taiwanese company Michael Lee Enterprises in the battle over mining in the country's picturesque Malotja Nature Reserve. The Makhonjwa Valley, a biodiversity hotspot in the Malotja Nature Reserve, is a world-renowned ecological, archaeological and geological treasure trove. Decades of research have brought to light rare species of trees, cicadas, birds, amphibians and butterflies. There are also unspoilt waterways, forests and a wealth of untouched natural treasures. The company is accused of exploiting the park for green chert, a rare mineral, thereby jeopardising the wildlife and natural beauty of the park. Green chert is used to make jewellery and religious statues as well as for other religious purposes. After the chert is mined, it is transported by lorry to Matsapha and from there by rail to Maputo in Mozambique for export. 25.09.2024

## Elon Musk expands his activities

Starlink, the satellite internet service of Elon Musk's SpaceX, will expand its high-speed internet service to Uganda, Kenya and Burundi. In Kenya, Starlink has already started operations and is focussing on providing high-speed, low-latency internet in underserved regions.

The service is expected to launch in Uganda and Burundi by the end of 2024, subject to regulatory approvals. Although the cost of the Starlink service is higher than that of local internet service providers (ISPs) - private users pay around USD 110 per month - it could improve connectivity in areas with poor internet access. 25.09.2024

## Satellite agreement with Russia

Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso have signed an agreement with Russia to acquire telecommunications and surveillance satellites. The technology is intended to improve border surveillance and national security in all three countries. The telecommunications satellite will also facilitate the transmission of television and radio signals in the three countries and enable internet and telephone services in inaccessible and underdeveloped areas of the Sahel. Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso founded the Sahel Alliance last year, which was originally intended to promote military co-operation but has since expanded. 24.09.2024

## Ägyptische Waffenlieferungen an Somalia

An Egyptian warship has delivered a second large arms package to Somalia, including anti-aircraft guns and artillery. Relations between Egypt and Somalia have deepened this year due to mutual distrust of Ethiopia, prompting Cairo to send several planeloads of weapons to Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, after the signing of a joint security pact in August. 24.09.2024

## Zambia: Joined the international treaty

Zambia has joined the UN Water Convention to improve water management within the country and beyond its borders. The country declared a national state of crisis and emergency in February 2024, as drought is severely affecting food and energy production for its 21 million inhabitants. Zambia is the 55th country (and the 12th from Africa) to join the Convention. The UN Water Convention is recognised as an effective global legal and intergovernmental framework and a unique platform within the UN system. The Federal Republic of Germany signed the Water Convention on 18 March 1992 and ratified it on 30 January 1995. 24.09.2024

## Nigeria: the capital of collapsing buildings

This is what the city of Lagos, with a population of 20 million, is derisively called. So far this year, a building has collapsed on average every fortnight, with commercial costs and loss of life. In the last 12 years, at least 90 buildings are said to have collapsed, resulting in over 350 fatalities. Although there are regulations, maintenance plans and inspectors, the system is not working. The demand for housing for the growing population is turning the city into a huge building site. Unscrupulous contractors get away with breaking building regulations, using substandard materials and employing poorly trained labourers. They are rarely called to account. 21.09.

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