

Kenya: Unparalleled decision

In a televised address to the nation, President Ruto said: "I give in" and declared that he would not sign the Finance Bill. Thousands of people protested against the controversial Bill. The protesters took to the streets to demand the rejection of the bill and more than 10 protesters were killed when police dispersed the rioters. In his address, President Ruto promised to have a dialogue with the younger generation on the way forward for the country. He acknowledged that the withdrawal of the law would have an impact on the national debt, which his government wants to get under control. 27.06.2024

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Botswana: Political leadership limited to "native" citizens

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Niger: Relationships are being cut off

Niger's military government has revoked the operating licence of French nuclear fuel producer Orano for one of the world's largest uranium mines. Orano said it had been ordered to leave the Imouraren mine in northern Niger, which holds an estimated 200,000 tonnes of uranium essential for the production of nuclear energy. The decision highlights the tensions between the junta, which came to power in a coup in July last year, and former colonial power France. The military took control of Niger with the promise to cut ties with the West, review mining concessions in the country and order the withdrawal of Western troops. 25.06.2024

Greenpeace strengthens climate justice movements

Greenpeace Africa has founded the Cameroonian Climate Justice Movement (CCJM) in Cameroon. The network brings together almost 40 civil society organisations from 10 regions of Cameroon that are active in the field of environmental protection. It is intended to serve as a platform for dialogue and decision-making in order to better protect the environment in Cameroon through collective action. Before Cameroon, the Climate Justice Movement was launched last March in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where it brought together nearly 30 civil society organisations. After Cameroon, the Climate Justice Movement will also be

launched in Ghana. The challenges facing the African continent as a result of climate change are enormous. Greenpeace Africa aims to mobilise a large number of civil society actors as well as local and indigenous leaders to jointly propose solutions that are specifically tailored to the African context so that the continent stops importing solutions. 25.06.2024

1.2 billion dollars for vaccine manufacturing

At the Global Forum for Vaccine Sovereignty and Innovation in Paris, leading politicians, health organisations and pharmaceutical companies announced funding of 1.2 billion dollars for the production of vaccines in Africa. During the forum, the African Vaccine Manufacturing Accelerator (AVMA) was officially launched to help African countries produce 60% of the vaccine doses they need by 2040. Africa currently only produces 2%. Officials say the project will address issues such as technology transfer - which some Western countries with powerful pharmaceutical companies are resisting - as well as the possible establishment of an African medicines agency and overcoming the regulatory hurdles that arise in Africa's patchwork of legal systems.

Floating solar panels effective energy suppliers

New research has found that several countries could meet their entire energy needs through floating solar systems. Environmental scientists R. Iestyn Woolway and Alona Armstrong concluded that Ethiopia and Rwanda could generate more energy from floating energy systems alone than their current national energy needs. Because they float on water, the solar panels stay cool and produce more electricity than land-based solar panels. Other advantages are: They reduce evaporation, reduce algae growth and can be installed in remote areas. Research has shown that Rwanda 237%, Ethiopia 129%, Chad 73%, Mali, Madagascar, Malawi, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Togo could generate between 15% and 58% of their current energy needs from floating solar systems alone. Ghana has installed the largest floating solar cell system in Africa on the Bui reservoir. 24.06.2024

Namibia: Colonial-Era ban unconstitutional

In a historic ruling on 21 June, Namibia's Supreme Court declared unconstitutional two colonial-era laws (1927) that criminalised same-sex acts, "sodomy" and "unnatural sexual acts" between men. This decision represents a significant victory for the LGBTQ community. In Namibia, there are no laws prohibiting sex between women. Marriage to a same-sex partner is illegal. However, if a same-sex couple marries abroad and one of the two does not have Namibian citizenship, the union is legally recognised. 22.06.2024

Kenya: Free e-visa for Ghanaians

The Kenyan government has begun issuing electronic travel authorisations (ETAs) to Ghanaian travellers free of charge. This initiative recognises the visa waiver agreement between Kenya and Ghana. Ghanaian citizens planning to travel to Kenya must submit their ETA applications via the official prior to departure. 22.06.2024

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