

1 in 67 a refugee

At the end of June 2024, 122.6 million people worldwide had been forcibly displaced from their homes due to persecution, conflict, violence and human rights violations, or 1 in 67 people worldwide. There were also 72.1 million internally displaced persons and 8 million asylum seekers. New internal displacement occurred in 16 countries, with six of these countries - Sudan, Myanmar, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ukraine, Haiti and Mozambique - accounting for 90% of the people who had to flee within their own country in 2024. [Report](#)

Arms deliveries despite Western sanctions

The AP news agency used satellite images and radio signals to track a convoy of Russian ships transporting war equipment despite Western sanctions. According to the AP, Russia had already delivered weapons to Mali via Conakry, Guinea, in May. Mali confirmed the receipt of new equipment. According to the AP, Kremlin spokesman Peskov said of the events: 'We intend to expand our cooperation with African countries in all areas.' Russia wants to strengthen its presence in Africa, competing with the USA, Europe and China. 11.06.2025

Mpox outbreak continues to be a problem

The World Health Organisation (WHO) declared that the Mpox outbreak remains a public health emergency. Mpox, formerly known as monkeypox, is a viral disease that is transmitted through close contact with infected people, animals or contaminated materials. In 2022, outbreaks were reported in more than 70 countries where no Mpox cases had previously been recorded. In Africa, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania and Burundi have been particularly affected. Ghana has now reported new cases. 11.06.2025

Meeting: China's Foreign Minister with African counterparts

China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with the foreign ministers of Kenya, Senegal, Tanzania, Namibia, Botswana and Angola at the China-Africa Co-operation Forum. Wang said that China is willing to continue to agree on new development opportunities with African countries and help them modernise. 11.06.2025

African Union reacts to USA entry ban

The African Union has expressed deep concern over US President Donald Trump's sweeping travel ban on citizens from seven African countries, warning that the restrictions will damage decades of carefully nurtured diplomatic and commercial relations between the United States and the continent. The African Union further states that while it recognises the sovereign right of countries to protect their borders, it urges the US to 'exercise this right in a manner that is balanced and evidence-based and reflects the long-standing partnership between the United States and Africa'. Chad, one of the countries affected, responded by suspending visas for US citizens. 10.06.2025

South Africa: Extreme outbreak of winter

South Africa has been hit by heavy snowfall, rain and gale-force winds, which have killed people and left almost 500,000 households without power. The Eastern Cape, along with the province of KwaZulu-Natal, has been hardest hit by the icy conditions. Due to the bad weather, some important roads in the two provinces had to be closed to avoid further casualties. The weather service warns of further flooding and landslides. 11.06.2025

Zimbabwe: Reducing the elephant population

Zimbabwe has announced that it will initially cull 50 elephants in order to control the population size. The elephant meat is to be distributed to local communities, while the ivory is state property. According to a 2024 aerial survey, there are 2,550 elephants in the Save Valley Conservancy against an ecological carrying capacity of 800 elephants. The conservancy has relocated 200 elephants to other areas of Southern Africa in the last five years. 10.06.2025

Nigeria: Boko Haram succeeds in further abductions

Pastor Alphonsus Afina was on his way from the town of Mubi to Maidiguri, the capital of Borno, for a workshop when his convoy was ambushed by armed men while they were at a military checkpoint. An RPG hit one of the vehicles, killing one person and injuring others. Bishop John Bagna Bakeni from Maiduguri says it is difficult to determine whether the priest was targeted because many travellers were ambushed and abducted. Nigerian authorities are struggling to contain rising violence in the north and centre of the country, where armed groups, including Boko Haram, are attacking rural communities, killing thousands and kidnapping people for ransom. 10.06.2025

Convoy 'Soumoud' on the way to Gaza

In Tunisia, a land convoy of doctors, lawyers, activists and journalists from all over North Africa is on its way to Gaza to break the Israeli siege. The convoy 'Soumoud', which means 'steadfastness' in Arabic, is intended to alleviate the suffering of the besieged inhabitants of the Gaza Strip and support the Palestinian cause. The plan is to reach the Rafah border crossing via Libya and Egypt. The Egyptian authorities have yet to authorise the group's entry into their territory. 10.06.2025

Rwanda leaves Central African Economic Community

Rwanda announced its withdrawal from ECCAS and accused its neighbour, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), of 'instrumentalising' the bloc with the support of certain member states. Rwanda had expected to take the lead of the 11-member bloc at a meeting in Equatorial Guinea on Saturday. Instead, the bloc decided that Equatorial Guinea should continue in that role, which the Rwandan foreign ministry condemned as a violation of its rights. CEEAC or ECCAS was founded on 18 Oct. 1983 in Libreville (Gabon). The community comprises almost 140 million people. Its member states are: Angola, Equatorial Guinea, Burundi, Gabon, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Chad, Central African Republic. 10.06.2025

Wagner mercenaries leave - Afrika Corps stays

The Wagner Group has announced that it is withdrawing from Mali. The Russian mercenary group has been active there since 2021 and works with the military to fight Islamist militants. The Russian mercenaries will remain under the banner of the Africa Corps, a separate paramilitary group supported by the Kremlin. 10.06.2025

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