

Youth rise up against injustice once again

Kenya has been rocked by widespread anti-government protests to mark the first anniversary of the deadly Generation Z-led protests on 25 June 2024. 60 people were killed during the protests and 20 more are still missing. Tear gas and live bullets were used to disperse crowds chanting anti-government slogans - 'Ruto must go', "Wantam" and 'Enough is enough'. In Nairobi, Eldoret, Nakuru, Nyeri, Mombasa and Kisii, businesses and transport were almost completely shut down. 06.06.25

Mozambique: Al Shabab forces child abductions

At least 120 children have been abducted by the jihadist rebel group Al Shabab in northern Mozambique. The children are being used to transport stolen goods, and as child soldiers or forced into marriage. Mozambique has been fighting the Islamist insurgency in the province of Cabo Delgado since 2017. Government forces are struggling to contain the violence and are reliant on the support of troops sent by Rwanda, South Africa and other regional partners. The situation in northern Mozambique is described as a neglected crisis. 25.06.2025

Law bought

The US Supreme Court has ruled that the Trump administration can deport immigrants to third countries such as Libya and South Sudan for the time being - even if they are not from these countries. Critics say that deporting people to unstable countries such as Libya and South Sudan, where torture, arbitrary detention and civil war prevail, violates both national and international laws. Despite this, the Trump administration has reportedly reached financial agreements with these countries in exchange for accepting deportees. 25.06.2025

China strengthens its cross-border yuan payment system

6 financial institutions, including African Export-Import Bank, First Abu Dhabi Bank, South Africa's Standard Bank, United Overseas Bank from Singapore, Eldik Bank from Kyrgyzstan and Chongwa (Macau) Financial Asset Exchange, joined the Cross-border Interbank Payment System (CIPS). These institutions can process cross-border yuan payments independently as direct participants. This development is part of Beijing's ongoing efforts to internationalise the yuan and reduce its dependence on the US dollar-dominated financial system. At the same time, the aim is to hedge against possible US sanctions, as geopolitical tensions with Washington continue to influence the global market architecture and realign alliances. 25.06.2025

Mali: Cooperation primarily in the field of nuclear energy

An agreement was signed at the meeting with Russian President Putin and the military chief of Mali. It includes cooperation in the areas of geological exploration, development of natural resources, energy, logistics, humanitarian aid and cooperation in the field of nuclear energy; in particular, the construction of a nuclear power plant developed by Russia. At the beginning of June, the construction of a new gold refinery supported by Russia also began. The refinery, which is to be built on a five-hectare site near Bamako's international airport, will have the capacity to process up to 200 tonnes of gold per year.

Extraordinary re-opening of the border

On the border between Ethiopia and Eritrea, a celebration was held in Zalambessa in the presence of

village elders and religious leaders. The communities from the border villages came together for the first time in five years. The border has been closed since the outbreak of conflict in Ethiopia's northern Tigray region in 2020. The initiative to reopen a section of the border was organised by local activists and community figures without official support from the authorities on either side. More than 55,000 people are now living in makeshift shelters in Adigrat, 30 kilometres south of Zalambessa, and are dependent on relatives to survive. Officially, the border is closed.

Debt relief for Africa

Italy is working together with the EU on debt cancellation for African countries. This is part of a broader push to promote development on the continent and tackle the root causes of irregular migration. 'The entire 10-year operation will allow us to convert some 235 million € of debt into development projects that will be implemented on the ground,' said Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni. In addition to the EU-led efforts, Italy is pushing ahead with its strategic framework, the Mattei Plan for Africa, which aims to accelerate growth in agriculture, energy and infrastructure in all African countries. 23.06.2025

U.S.-Africa Economic Summit

An estimated 1500 delegates are gathering in Luanda for the 17th US-Africa Business Summit, organised by the Corporate Council on Africa and hosted this year by the Angolan government. Among the expected participants are heads of state and government from Algeria, Botswana, Burundi, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Madagascar, Mauritania, Namibia and Sao Tome and Principe as well as President Joao Lourenco from the summit host. The Luanda Summit sessions will focus on a range of opportunities to expand trade, investment and business ties between the US and Africa under the theme 'Pathways to Prosperity: A Shared Vision for the U.S.-Africa Partnership'. 26.06.25

Nigeria: Duty-free access for African goods

The UK has reaffirmed its commitment to the Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS), an initiative that the UK government says is designed to boost trade with developing countries. The DCTS, which will be launched in 2023, will allow Nigeria and 36 other African countries to export over 3,000 products at zero or reduced duty. The UK has confirmed that 99% of Nigeria's exports can continue to be imported duty-free under its DCTS. This is intended to deepen bilateral trade relations and promote Nigeria's economic growth. 23.06.2025

Congo- DRC: Prolonged ban on cobalt exports

The Democratic Republic of the Congo has extended its ban on cobalt exports by three months. This measure is intended to curb the oversupply of the material, which is important for electric vehicle batteries. The country, the world's largest supplier of cobalt, imposed a four-month export ban in February after prices fell to a nine-year low of just USD 10 per pound. 23.06.2025

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Mali: Wagner Group charged with war crimes

President Yoweri Museveni wants to stand for re-election

Togo: Fuel transport controls tightened