

Rwanda Suspends Cooperation With Belgium

The Rwandan government has condemned Belgium for its "aggressive campaign" to prevent the country from securing development funding. Belgium urged the European Union to freeze direct budget support to Rwanda until it "breaks links with the Tutsi-led M23 rebels" making advances in eastern DR Congo. 20.02.25

Chad: Voluntary repatriation

The governments of Chad and Nigeria, together with the UNHCR, have signed an agreement to create a structured framework for the voluntary repatriation of Nigerian refugees currently hosted in Chad. 19.02.2025

Seychelles, Cape Verde - least corrupt in Africa

The Seychelles is the leader in Africa and 18th out of 180 countries worldwide in the newly published Corruption Perceptions Index 2024 (CPI) with 72 out of 100 points. Cape Verde scored 62 points and is ranked 35th worldwide, while Rwanda and Botswana are tied at 57 points (43rd worldwide). Kenya scored 32 points (121 worldwide). Uganda has 26 points (140 worldwide), Tanzania 41 points (82 worldwide). The countries with the lowest scores were Equatorial Guinea with 13 points (173), Eritrea 13 (173), Somalia 9 (179) and South Sudan 8 (180). [Corruption Index](#) 19.02.2025

Burundi withdraws troops

Burundian soldiers who fought against the M23 rebels in eastern DR Congo withdrew after the fall of the city of Bukavu. According to estimates, Burundi has deployed around 10,000 soldiers to the east of the DRC to fight alongside the Congolese government coalition, which also includes troops from the Southern African Development Community and European mercenaries.

AI overcomes language barriers in Africa

Felix Kitaka, a Ugandan software developer has developed LugandaGPT, an AI-powered language assistant that can converse in Luganda, one of the most widely spoken languages in Uganda. This innovation is a significant milestone, not only for Uganda but also for Africa as a whole, as it bridges linguistic gaps in the digital space and highlights the potential of technology to preserve and promote cultural heritage. LugandaGPT makes digital content more accessible to millions of non-English speakers by supporting indigenous languages. The innovation will change Africa's digital landscape.

Sudan: Expansion of diplomatic relations with Iran

The Sudanese Foreign Minister met with his Iranian counterpart (Seyed Abbas Araghchi) in Tehran to strengthen diplomatic relations between the two countries. Araghchi emphasised Iran's commitment to continue its principled policy of developing relations with all Islamic countries, including Sudan as one of the most important Arab and Islamic nations. He expressed regret over the internal conflicts in Sudan, which have caused considerable moral and material damage to the population and infrastructure of the African country. The conflict has claimed the lives of more than 28,000 people, forced millions to flee their homes and left some families eating grass in a desperate attempt to survive while famine rages in parts of the country. 18.02.2025

Egypt: Oil and gas reserves in the King Mariout offshore block

BP has discovered significant oil and gas reserves in the King Mariout offshore block in the northern

Mediterranean. This discovery was confirmed by Egyptian Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly. The King exploration well is located close to BP's current facilities and subsea pipelines in the West Nile Delta project. This exploration work is part of a wider push for offshore drilling in the Mediterranean, where there has been increased activity over the last six months. 18.02.2025

South Africa: China promises support

International Relations and Cooperation Minister Ronald Lamola said on 17 February the US had not responded to attempts to discuss President Trump's aid cut-off, but China had pledged its support. South Africa has scheduled bilateral meetings to increase support from several countries, including China. Trump had cancelled US financial aid to the country this month, citing disapproval of South Africa's land reform policies and the genocide case against Israel at the International Court of Justice (ICJ). 18.02.2025

South Africa: 32 times bigger than the earth

The South African MeerKAT telescope has discovered a massive new radio galaxy nicknamed Inkathazo, 'trouble', as it is difficult to understand the physics behind the discovery. The cosmic megastructure is 3.3 million light years across, 32 times the size of our Milky Way, and 1.44 billion light years from Earth. The MeerKAT telescope is located in the Karoo region of South Africa, consists of 64 radio dishes and is operated by the South African Radio Astronomy Observatory. Since its commissioning in 2018, MeerKAT has already been instrumental in uncovering some of the hidden treasures of the southern sky. 17.02.2025

Congo- DRC: Uganda threatens to attack

Uganda will attack the town of Bunia in neighbouring eastern Congo unless 'all forces' there surrender their weapons within 24 hours, the head of Uganda's defence forces, General Muhoozi Kainerugaba, said in a post on X on Saturday. The threat by Uganda's top military officer, widely seen as Museveni's heir apparent, has fuelled fears that the conflict between Congolese forces and the Rwandan-backed M23 rebels could escalate into a wider regional war. 17.02.2025

Zimbabwe: Beitbridge bus crash national disaster

The government has declared the accident on the Masvingo-Beitbridge dual carriageway, which claimed 24 lives, a national disaster. The collision occurred near the Lutumba toll gate between an Urban Connect bus travelling towards Beitbridge and a truck carrying magnesium to Chirundu. Harrowing images of the survivors have revealed the sad reality of the health system in Zimbabwe. Neshuro District Hospital, one of the closest medical facilities to the accident site, is already suffering from the strain of inadequate resources. The hospital reportedly did not have a functioning mortuary or even a washing machine. Nurses were using sticks to clean the hospital linen - a telling sign of the neglect the health system is suffering from across the country. President Emmerson Mnangagwa is facing a firestorm of criticism following the accident. 17.02.2025

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Second city in DR Congo falls

Mauritius: Former prime minister arrested

Angola: New cases of cholera