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BURUNDI :

**Burundi: le numéro 2 des putschistes «plaide coupable»**

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Au Burundi, poursuite du procès devant la Cour suprême, qui s'est déportée à Gitega (centre du pays), où sont détenus des soldats et policiers accusés d'avoir participé à la tentative de coup d'Etat en mai 2015 au Burundi, alors que la répression des manifestations contre les opposants au 3e mandat du président Pierre Nkurunziza battait son plein. A la barre le général Cyrille Ndayirukiye « plaide coupable ».

A la barre de lundi, plusieurs officiers généraux dont le n°2 de cette tentative, le général Cyrille Ndayirukiye, dans une audience très attendue, car c'était la première fois qu'ils allaient être entendu sur le fond. Mais comme la Cour avait récusé ses avocats il y a quelques jours, le général Cyrille Ndayirukiye a rejeté ceux commis d'office par la juridiction, et a préféré se défendre seul. Une ligne de défense très offensive

En bon militaire qu'il est et à la carrière irréprochable jusqu'ici, le n°2 de la tentative de putsch de mai dernier au Burundi a décidé de faire face.

« Je plaide coupable », a-t-il lancé à ses juges.

« Je ne pouvais pas rester les bras croisés alors que la police était en train de tuer la population, pendant que le président Pierre Nkurunziza jouait au football et les soldats, dans l'attente d'un déploiement au sein de l'Amisom en Somalie, semblaient indifférents », a-t-il expliqué.

L'ancien ministre burundais de la Défense a donc assumé la tentative de coup d'Etat des 13 et 14 mai, au plus fort des manifestations contre le 3e mandat de Nkurunziza.

« Notre objectif était de faire respecter l'accord de paix d'Arusha et la Constitution du Burundi qui

ont été violés », a-t-il martelé.

Le général Cyrille Ndayirukiye a par ailleurs dit que lui et ses codétenus refusaient de porter seuls le chapeau. Il a donc demandé, comme il le fait depuis son arrestation, une confrontation avec le ministre de la Défense de l'époque et qui est en fuite, ou encore avec l'actuel chef d'état-major général de l'armée, avec qui ils avaient, selon lui, « planifié ensemble le coup d'Etat » avant qu'ils ne changent de camp.

Aucune chance, cependant, qu'il soit suivi sur ce terrain par la Cour. Hier soir, les milieux d'opposition louaient son « courage » et sa « dignité » sur les réseaux sociaux. Pour le puissant conseiller présidentiel Willy Nyamitwe, « on ne protège pas un peuple en violant sa souveraineté », a-t-il teweeté.

RWANDA :

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UGANDA :

Uganda police searching for missing 80kg cocaine  
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Kampala - Ugandan police said on Monday they were investigating reports that cocaine worth nearly \$4m seized by customs officers at its main airport had disappeared from secure stores.

National police chief Kale Kayihura has set up "a task team to conduct an audit into the control and accountability of drug exhibits at the aviation police headquarters," said police spokesperson Fred Enanga.

"The task team is in its advanced stages of the enquiry," saying it was up to them to confirm if the drugs seized from smugglers between 2012 and 2014 had since been stolen.

The New Vision newspaper said about 80kg of cocaine - worth some \$4m at street prices - reportedly had gone missing from the stores of aviation police at Entebbe international airport.

The state-owned newspaper, which quoted unnamed sources, said, "wheat and cassava flour and other substances were substituted for cocaine.

"The racket came to light after detectives took 17 separate samples from the stores for testing at the government analytical laboratory last year," the newspaper reported.

SOUTH AFRICA :

**South Africa: Davies and Zuma Must Take Blame for Agoa Disaster**

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By Geordin Hill-Lewis

The news that South Africa has missed the deadline set by US President Barack Obama in November 2015, for us to comply with our AGOA commitments, shows clearly and finally that Minister Rob Davies and President Jacob Zuma simply aren't interested in the South African economy.

If they were, they would never have allowed this to happen. The coming exclusion of South Africa's agricultural exports from AGOA benefits is bleak news for our economy, and is the worst possible way to begin 2016. It is especially bleak for South African farmers and farm workers who are already suffering from the worst drought in decades.

This is a failure of political leadership by Minister Davies, Minister of Health, Aaron Motsoaledi and, ultimately, President Zuma. When, not if, unemployment goes up and farms close down due to this missed deadline, Minister Davies will have to take the blame.

At his press briefing today, Minister Davies again argued that a deal was very close, that negotiations are "in extra time", and that just a few more days are needed. This has been his line since July 2015. It is just not credible anymore. The fact is that the negotiations have been in "extra time" for at least 4 months. He should not have allowed it to go so far. If the original October timeline had been honoured, we would not be in this position today. Instead, through rank tardiness and lack of leadership, every single deadline has been missed, with grave consequences for our economy.

For his part, Minister Motsoaledi had more than enough time to put credible proposals together on how to protect South Africans from threats to human health by animal-borne pathogens. It would've been a simple application of the mind to get both South Africa and the USA to have animal or plant based food products conform to global health norms. But it is not a science problem. It is a problem of poor planning and inter-ministerial dysfunctionality.

As such the Deputy President, Cyril Ramaphosa, in his capacity as Leader of Government Business, should investigate why it is that the national government responds so poorly to deadlines, especially when so much is at stake.

Minister Davies' credibility in the negotiating chambers of world trade is irreparably damaged as a result of this negligence - he has shown that South Africa and he, as our trade representative, cannot be trusted to meet our commitments, even when given months and months of "extra time". His commitment that all remaining points of negotiation will be concluded by the end of the week is the latest in a long line of such commitments. We hope this time it is true, but frankly at this point, we'll believe it when we see it.

Minister Davies and President Zuma must bear responsibility for the damage this will do to the economy. They have shown, in the first week of 2016, how little they care about protecting South African jobs and helping our economy.

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Shadow Minister of Trade and Industry

TANZANIA :

KENYA :

### Kenyan University Reopens Nine Months After Horrific Attack

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Kenya has reopened Garissa University College, the scene of the single deadliest terrorist attack in East Africa since the 1998 U.S. embassy bombings.

Teachers and some students returned to the college Monday, nine months after gunmen rampaged through the eastern Kenyan school and killed 148 people, all but five of them students. Classes are set to resume next week.

The college was scheduled to reopen during the summer, but officials decided to move up the date last month when government officials and MPs visited the town.

Ethnic Somali politicians representing Garissa town told the government they were determined to reopen the only university in the region, said college principal Ahmed Osman Warfa.

He said the decision ultimately stemmed from a desire to move on.

"We were attacked, we are aggrieved, we are saddened but we have to move on. Counseling has been done, and life has to go on," he told VOA's Somali Service.

New students

The college had about 800 students at the time of the attack, but only 80 of those will be back next week to resume their education. They will be joined by about 170 new students, Warfa said.

Al-Shabab has carried out dozens of attacks in Kenya since Kenyan troops crossed the border to fight the group in 2011. Prior to last April, al-Shabab's deadliest attack was the 2013 assault on Nairobi's Westgate Mall that left 67 people dead.

Garissa, which sits about 150 kilometers from the Somali border, was considered a remote and safe area until the morning of April 2, 2015, when five gunmen stormed the campus and began to summon students out of dormitories.

Witnesses and officials said the attackers spared Muslims during the daylong assault while singling out and shooting Christians.

Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud said the group's intention was to divide communities in Kenya along religious lines. But it appears they failed. When al-Shabab hijacked a bus in Kenya's

Mandera district last month, the Muslims on board — in an unprecedented action — refused to be separated from the Christians. The gunmen let the bus and its passengers go.

No 'more attacks'

Warfa said he is not worried about another attack on the college.

"We don't expect any more attacks because we have enough security. We have a police force inside the university, we have 30 police officers and we are hoping they will be able to take care of all the security measures inside and outside the university," he said.

Four of the gunmen who stormed the campus that day were killed by security forces, while a fifth blew himself up with explosives. The government has since arrested five more men, all of them charged with conspiracy to commit a terrorist act.

However, two militants the Kenyan government named as the "masterminds" of the attack, Mohamed Kuno and Ahmed Iman, are still at large.

Kuno, also known as Dulyadayn, is the commander of al-Shabab forces in the Juba regions, while Iman is the head of al-Hijra, Shabab's Kenya branch. The government has offered rewards of \$20,000 each for information leading to their capture.

ANGOLA :

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**Dunford Meets with AFRICOM and EUCOM Commanders**

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By Jim Garamone  
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STUTTGART, Germany, January 4, 2016 — The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff arrived here yesterday for meetings with U.S. commanders.

Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr. has scheduled meetings today with Army Gen. David M.

Rodriguez, the commander of U.S. Africa Command, and Air Force Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, the commander of U.S. European Command. Both commands are headquartered here.

Russia and the threat from terrorism dominate the security situation in Europe, defense officials said on background. U.S. forces are working to reassure allies — especially those that share a border with Russia — of U.S. commitment to the region, they said.

The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant is also a concern to European leaders, officials said. Waves of refugees escaping Syria and the fighting there are seeking refuge in Europe.

Africa has its own terror problems with Boko Haram, which is centered in Nigeria, and the al-Shabaab terror group is a danger in Somalia and neighboring countries, officials traveling with the chairman said.

U.S. Africa Command, according to its website, works in concert with interagency and international partners to build defense capabilities, respond to crisis, and deter and defeat transnational threats in order to advance U.S. national interests and promote regional security, stability, and prosperity. The command is headquartered at Kelley Barracks in Stuttgart-Moehringen, Germany.

### U.S. pulls drone base out of Africa

By The Washington Post/Monday, Jan. 4, 2016

The Pentagon has closed a drone base in Africa and moved the unmanned aircraft to other locations as it strains to cope with a surge in demand for drones from military commanders fighting the Islamic State and other terrorist groups.

The military has stopped flying unarmed Reaper drones from an airfield in Ethiopia that had served as a key hub since 2011 for collecting surveillance on al-Shabab, an al-Qaida affiliate in neighboring Somalia, U.S. officials said.

American troops and contractors packed up the Reaper drones and dismantled their small base of operations in the southern city of Arba Minch in September. But the move was kept quiet until last weekend, when U.S. diplomats confirmed it in a report by an Ethiopian news website.

American officials were vague about why they decided to end the drone flights. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Anthony Falvo, a spokesman for the U.S. Africa Command, said the United States and Ethiopia “reached a mutual decision that our presence in Arba Minch is not required at this time.”

Katherine Diop, a spokeswoman at the U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa, the capital, added in an email that “it is important to know that our presence in Arba Minch was never meant to be permanent.”

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CHINA/AFRICA :

**China to support Africa's development for three years**

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He said: "Let me reassure African countries, including Nigeria, that the 10 areas of cooperation announced by President Xi Jinping at the Summit would be completed within the next three years

Ambassador Lin Songtian, the Director-General of African Affairs at the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Beijing, on Monday restated his government's commitment to support the development of African countries in the next three years.

Lin told the News Agency of Nigeria in Lagos that the Chinese Government would in the next three years follow-up on the outcome of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation Summit.

He said: "Let me reassure African countries, including Nigeria, that the 10 areas of cooperation announced by President Xi Jinping at the Summit would be completed within the next three years.

"Whenever the Chinese Government makes any promise, we always ensure that such promises or development projects are executed."

Lin, also the Secretary General of the Follow-Up Committee on FOAC, said the Chinese Government would, within the period, support African countries in industrialisation, agricultural modernisation and infrastructure development.

He also listed other areas of cooperation to include financial, green development, trade and investment facilitation, poverty reduction, public health, cultural and people-to-people interaction, as well as peace and security plans.

The Chinese official said the move was to make African countries self-dependent, as well as fast-track their overall development.

Lin said the Chinese Government had already set aside "huge" sums of money toward realisation of these set areas of cooperation within the period.

He said: "We earnestly want African countries to develop because we regard African countries as our brothers and partners in progress.

"We are committed to promoting our win-win-cooperation with our dear African countries and friends.

"We want to see these countries develop in all areas so that they also become self-dependent."  
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