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BURUNDI :

**Le procureur général du Burundi dément l'existence de fosses communes**

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Deux jours après le départ des experts mandatés par l'ONU pour enquêter sur les violations des droits de l'homme, la justice burundaise a présenté les conclusions de sa propre enquête. Amnesty International suspectait l'existence d'au moins six charniers, l'ONU parlait de neuf. Il n'en existe aucun, selon le procureur général du Burundi. Au cours d'une conférence de presse ce jeudi, il a cependant annoncé que certaines morts ne sont pas encore élucidées.

Trois mois après les faits, la Commission ad hoc chargée d'enquêter sur les attaques des camps militaires du 11 décembre a rendu ses conclusions. La seule fosse commune existante au Burundi, est celle présentée il y a dix jours par les autorités, assure le procureur général. « Après enquête, aucune fosse commune n'a été découverte dans aucun des endroits cités dans les rapports de certaines ONG », a-t-il déclaré ce jeudi.

Pour la répression sanglante qui a suivi ces attaques, le bilan officiel reste de 79 tués, tous des combattants en armes et en uniforme. Mais la FIDH (Fédération internationale des ligues des droits de l'homme) en compte le double, dont une grande partie de civils. Cinquante-huit corps non

identifiés ont été enterrés à Kanyosha et Mpanda. Les autres ont été rendus à leurs familles, a précisé le procureur.

Un point reste cependant non élucidé : la mort de 7 prisonniers. « Aucun cas de torture n'a été signalé, rapporte le procureur burundais. Cependant, les 7 combattants capturés à Mujejuru ont été retrouvés morts dans des circonstances non encore élucidées. » Pourrait-il s'agir d'exécutions extrajudiciaires ? Le terme n'a pas été prononcé, mais un dossier a été ouvert contre un officier de police et un major de l'armée.

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**Uganda Boycott Call Mostly Ignored Despite Anger Over Vote Rigging**  
Reuters/March 10, 2016

KAMPALA—

A call for an economic boycott by Uganda's opposition to protest last month's re-election of long-serving President Yoweri Museveni was mostly ignored on Thursday, despite widespread anger over allegations of vote rigging.

The protest's flop was widely expected in a country where grinding poverty is pervasive, though it also underscored the tough choices facing Museveni's opponents as they seek to thwart an election victory they say was secured fraudulently.

"Museveni is my worst enemy," Herbert Tumusiime, a porter at a construction site in Kampala told Reuters. "I am ready to help whoever is fighting him. But if I don't turn up for work even one day, I will be fired."

Uganda's electoral commission declared Museveni — in power since 1986 - the winner of the Feb. 18 poll after taking 60 percent of the votes.

The integrity of the election, however, was heavily criticized by monitors from the European Union (EU) who pointed to an "intimidating atmosphere" orchestrated by state actors.

They cited other irregularities including voter bribery and delayed voting and also criticized the electoral body which they said lacked transparency and independence.

Early this week Forum for Democratic Change (FDC) the party of Museveni's main opposition rival, Kizza Besigye, asked its supporters to stay at home every Thursday to undermine Museveni's

government.

Besigye came second with 35 percent of the vote but he rejected the results and described the election as a sham. He has been under virtual house arrest since polling day and has been detained each time he has attempted to leave.

"We're calling on Ugandans to stay home every Thursday," FDC spokesperson Semujju Nganda said. "It's to show solidarity with our leader but also non-cooperation and boycott of the regime."

In Kampala, there was little sign of a positive response to that entreaty, with most businesses running normally.

Heavy security deployments have also been maintained in parts of Kampala since election day.

Protests in Uganda are rarely permitted, most of them dispersed with teargas, gunfire, beatings and arrests.

Gerald Karuhanga, an independent legislator and Museveni critic told Reuters a stay-at-home economic boycott was an inappropriate and ineffective protest tool in a country where most youths already are unemployed and stay home.

"People live on the edge. An economic boycott? They have no economic means to boycott with," he said.

## SOUTH AFRICA :

### Killer of South African anti-apartheid leader to be released from prison

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Janusz Walus, who murdered Chris Hani in 1993, will be given parole within two weeks

An assassin who killed an anti-apartheid leader in South Africa in 1993 has won parole, igniting bitter memories of racial unrest during white rule as well as fresh scrutiny of the punishment for crimes committed in that era.

A Pretoria judge ordered that Janusz Walus should be given parole within two weeks. His killing of Chris Hani stirred fears of all-out racial conflict at a time when delicate talks about a democratic transition were under way. Hani was head of the South African Communist party and of the military wing of the African National Congress, which became South Africa's ruling party.

While Nelson Mandela and other leaders at the time managed to dampen the anger affecting the country, and euphoria ran high after the first all-race elections in 1994, the country still grapples with its troubled legacy. Recently there have been calls for prosecutions of figures from the apartheid-era government, reflecting a belief that the drive for reconciliation let some perpetrators off the hook and failed to improve the lives of many in the black majority.

The news that 60-year-old Walus, who has served 23 years of a life sentence, would be freed on parole this month is likely to add to the anger.

Hani's wife, Limpho Hani, criticised the white judge who heard an appeal from Walus's lawyer and overruled the South African justice ministry's refusal to grant parole.

"She is nothing but a racist," Hani's wife said in an interview. "To her, black lives don't matter. She hardly made mention of my husband's murder in her judgment."

She said: "The judiciary wants to rule this country through the back door because they undermine executive decisions."

### South African woman convicted in baby kidnapping trial

March 10, 2016/CNN

(CNN)A South African woman accused of abducting a baby girl and raising her for 17 years has been found guilty of kidnapping.

Zephany Nurse was seized from a Cape Town hospital in 1997.

"We welcome the decision that came this afternoon," said Eric Ntabazalia, spokesman for the National Prosecuting Authority. "It gives justice to the little girl, her parents, and the community. We will ask the judge for a lengthy custodial sentence. We will not dictate the length of that sentence."

Sentencing has been set for May.

The case has stunned the nation and made headlines around the world.

Nurse was allegedly kidnapped at birth and found after an improbable coincidence. She was living and going to school in Cape Town, where her biological family lives.

The teen, now 18, crossed paths with her biological parents -- Celeste and Morne Nurse -- after they unknowingly enrolled their second daughter at the same school she attends.

Teen 'broken' after reuniting with parents 17 years later

Fellow students told the younger daughter that someone at the school bore a striking resemblance to her, according to the South African Press Association, an independent news agency.

The second daughter, who was born four years after the kidnapping, started eighth grade at the school this year, the news agency reported.

After other students told her a girl in her final year of school looked just like her, she befriended her, according to the news agency.

Eventually, Celeste and Morne Nurse met their younger daughter's new friend and were so taken by the similarities, they contacted authorities.

Police arrested the woman after a DNA test.

Her name has not been released in order to protect Zephany, who was brought up under a different name, according to South Africa's Sunday Times. The alleged victim had not been identified because she is a minor.

TANZANIA :

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**Plus de 60 hommes délibérément asphyxiés par l'armée au Soudan du Sud**  
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En octobre dernier, les forces gouvernementales du Soudan du Sud ont asphyxié plus de 60 hommes et garçons dans des conteneurs métalliques puis jeté leur corps dans un champ à Leer, dans l'Etat d'Unité, rapporte vendredi Amnesty International sur base de nouveaux éléments de preuve que l'organisation a réunis. Selon les 42 témoins que les chercheurs de l'ONG ont entendus, des soldats des forces gouvernementales ont arrêté de façon arbitraire, entre le 20 et le 23 octobre 2015, un grand nombre d'hommes et de garçons dans le village de Luale et dans la ville de Leer. "Ils les ont ensuite forcés, alors qu'ils avaient les mains attachées dans le dos, à entrer dans un ou plusieurs conteneurs", sans fenêtre et sans aucune autre ventilation, détaille Amnesty International dans un communiqué. Le lendemain matin, tous étaient décédés, sauf un. Les soldats ont ensuite chargé les corps dans un camion et les ont jetés dans deux fosses à ciel ouvert à Kulier, à un kilomètre au nord-est de Leer. Des proches des personnes tuées ont indiqué que ces victimes étaient des gardiens de troupeau, des commerçants et des étudiants, mais pas des combattants. "Ces homicides illégaux doivent faire l'objet d'une enquête et les responsables doivent tous être déférés devant la justice dans le cadre de procès équitables et sans recours à la peine de mort. L'arrestation arbitraire, la torture et le massacre de ces personnes ne représentent qu'un exemple parmi d'autres du mépris absolu dont fait preuve le gouvernement sud-soudanais à l'égard des lois de la guerre", a déclaré Lama Fakih, conseillère pour les situations de crise à Amnesty International.

**Record Number of Rhinos Slaughtered Last Year in Africa**  
March 10, 2016/by CNN Wire

Poachers slaughtered a record number of rhinos last year in Africa as demand for their horns skyrockets in Asia.

At least 1,338 rhinos were killed last year, the largest number since the poaching crisis intensified nearly a decade ago, according to data compiled by an international group.

The number of rhinos killed has gone up in the continent for six years in a row.

Despite the grim statistics, there was a ray of hope in South Africa, where the killings decreased slightly for the first time in years.

### Crucial anti-poaching efforts

South Africa showed some improvement after aggressive anti-poaching efforts, but the overall number of rhinos killed increased in other nations.

Of the total number of rhinos killed in the continent last year, about 1,175 were in South Africa. The number is 40 less than rhinos killed in that country the year before.

“This is testimony to the valiant and enormous efforts underway — often against overwhelming odds — to curb the losses,” said Inger Andersen, director general of International Union for the Conservation of Nature, which compiled the data.

“Sadly, these improvements have been dampened by alarming increases in poaching over the past year in other vitally important range states, such as Namibia and Zimbabwe.”

South Africa is home to about 80 percent of Africa’s rhinos, making it a crucial conservation hub for the iconic animal.

### Crime networks join in

The killing of the animal has increased in recent years, fueled by a growing belief in Asia that its horns purportedly cure cancer.

As clients in countries such as China and Vietnam pay top dollar for rhino horns, poachers are getting brutal and sophisticated.

The demand has attracted global crime networks, complicating conservation efforts.

“The extensive poaching for the illegal trade in horn continues to undermine the rhino conservation successes made in Africa over the last two decades,” said Mike Knight, chairman of African rhino specialists for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

### Threatened species

Pressure is growing to protect the second-largest land mammal after the elephant.

The western black rhino was declared extinct five years ago as a result of poaching.

The northern white rhino, a subspecies of the white rhino, is near extinction. There are only three northern white rhinos left in the world, all living at a conservancy in Kenya.

The northern subspecies is believed to be extinct in the wild, according to the World Wildlife Fund, while the “near threatened” southern white rhino population is growing in sanctuaries.

All five remaining rhino species worldwide are considered threatened, according to the conservation group Save the Rhino.

Experts say if poaching continues at that rate, rhino deaths could surpass births, pushing the animals closer to extinction.

UN/AFRICA :

### United Nations, African Union slam ambush on peacekeepers in Darfur

Mar 11,2016/Xinhua

UNITED NATIONS, March 10 (Xinhua) -- The United Nations and the African Union on Thursday condemned an attack by an unknown armed group that killed one South African peacekeeper and injured another in Sudan's Darfur region.

In a joint statement issued Thursday by their spokespersons, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and AU Commission Chairperson Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma also expressed their sincere condolences to the family of the fallen peacekeeper and to the government of South Africa, wishing the wounded a full and speedy recovery.

"The chairperson and the secretary-general call on the parties to the conflict in Darfur to respect the integrity of the peacekeeping force," the statement said. "They urge the Sudanese authorities to investigate the attack promptly and bring the perpetrators to justice."

The attack took place 40 kilometres southwest of Kutum, North Darfur, on Wednesday while the peacekeepers from the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) were travelling from Kutum to Djarido, UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric told reporters here.

UNAMID is a joint African Union and United Nations peacekeeping mission approved by the UN Security Council Resolution July 31, 2007, to bring stability to the war-torn Darfur region while peace talks on a final settlement continue.

### UN Experts Says Islamic State Group Is Expanding in Libya

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ MARCH 11, 2016

UNITED NATIONS — The political and security vacuum in Libya is being exploited by the Islamic State extremist group which has "significantly expanded" the territory it controls in the conflict-torn north African nation, U.N. experts said in a report circulated Thursday.

The experts monitoring U.N. sanctions against Libya said the militant group has successfully recruited marginalized communities in the central city of Sirte, which it controls. It has also increased its operational capacity in the city of Sabratha and the capital Tripoli through local recruitment reinforced by foreign fighters, the experts said.

"While ISIL does not currently generate direct revenue from the exploitation of oil in Libya, its attacks against oil installations seriously compromise the country's economic stability," the six-member panel said in the report. "Libyans have increasingly fallen victim to the terrorist group's brutalities, culminating in several mass killings."

Libya has effectively been a failed state since the 2011 ouster and death of longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi, which led to the country's military collapse and fragmentation by powerful

militias.

Since 2014, an internationally recognized government has convened in the far east of the vast, oil-rich country while a rival Islamist government is based in Tripoli. The United Nations has been trying to help forge a unity government to revive services to millions of people and confront IS extremists.

According to the experts, Libya has become increasingly attractive to foreign fighters and their presence in the south "is symptomatic of the regional dimension of the conflict." It added that countries in the region have been providing political support — and possibly more — to various groups, further fueling the continuation of fighting.

The experts said in the report to the U.N. Security Council that all parties in the conflict are continuing to receive illicit arms transfers, some with support from U.N. member countries.

These weapons are not only influencing the instability but are having "a negative impact on the security situation in Libya and its political transition," the report said.

The experts called for the arms embargo — which allows the government to seek exemptions — to remain in place and be enforced.

As for the financing of Libyan armed groups, the report said, "government salaries are continuing to be paid to enlisted combatants, regardless of their human rights record or their ties with spoilers or terrorist groups."

The experts said armed groups and criminal networks in Libya have further diversified their sources of financing, including through kidnapping and smuggling migrants, oil products, subsidized goods and profits from foreign currency exchange schemes.

As for other sanctions, the report said asset freezes and travel bans on individuals from the Gadhafi regime continue to be broken, with large amounts of assets remaining hidden and unfrozen and travel bans repeatedly violated.

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WA premier open to African shark experts  
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West Australian Premier Colin Barnett remains open to a South African-style shark-spotting



program, after its representatives' visit to the state was funded by environmentalists who fiercely opposed his controversial 2014 catch and kill policy.

Mr Barnett acknowledged the program, that places trained spotters above eight Cape Town beaches, had been successful but was quick to point out the environmental differences between WA and South Africa's Western Cape.

"It has been successful there, but it operates in a fairly protected area of water though - a little bit different," he told reporters on Friday.

"We have shark spotters called Life Savers who have observation towers and do that, but we certainly will learn from the experiences in South Africa and there's quite a good connection between Australia and South Africa on issues around sharks."

Sea Shepherd Australia and No Shark Cull supported the Cape Town Shark Spotters' visit to WA through an online crowdfunding campaign - with the Shark Spotters set to meet with the government later this month.

EU/AFRICA :

CHINA/AFRICA :

**'China is no stranger to Nigeria, many African countries'**

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AT the just concluded Chinese New Year, the Spring Festival celebration in Lagos, the Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Nigeria, Mr. Liu Kan said the Chinese government is committed to ensuring formidable bilateral ties with Nigeria, adding that China is no stranger to Nigeria and many African countries. Liu said that with several projects spanning the previous few decades, Africa has always been cherished as the 'foundation of the foundation' in Chinese diplomacy. He disclosed this at the Chinese Spring of Festival celebration in Lagos, where he also restated Chinese government's commitment to deepening closer diplomatic ties with Nigeria, even in the years ahead. According to him, the Chinese Spring Festival celebration, which displayed varieties of Chinese cultural troupe, is a top festival in China and a time to express good wishes and hopes, "During the celebration, special songs are sung to suit the mood of the festival and we are happy sharing this joy with our Nigerian friends and business counterparts." He also stated that his government will maintain promises made at the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) summit in Johannesburg, South Africa, adding that, President Xi's frequent contact with Africa shows that the Chinese government has been paying much attention to African continent. The Johannesburg Summit, according to Liu, agreed to lift China-Africa relations to a comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership, saying that his government is placing more weight on Africa, and it is a common need of China and African countries, particularly Nigeria, to enhance cooperation. "During the summit, a package of initiatives proposed by President Xi to strengthen China-Africa ties and support Africa's development in the coming three years, was warmly welcomed by all African leaders. The 10 major plans covered industrialization, agricultural modernization, financial services and green development, including trade and investment facilitation, poverty reduction and

public welfare, public health and people-to-people exchanges”, Liu added. He said that the FOCAC programmes focused more on breaking the three development bottlenecks of underdeveloped infrastructure, talent shortage and inadequate funds, while accelerating industrialization and agricultural modernization to realize independent and sustainable development, expected to encourage more Chinese companies to carry out more projects in Africa. However, the Chinese New Year, known as the Spring Festival, is the most important traditional festival for all Chinese, with more than a 4,000-year history. A good number of Chinese who attended the colourful celebration ascertained that friendship between Chinese and Nigerians is cordial and will continue to grow stronger through close interactions between both countries. Many believe that with the invitation and performance of the Chinese troupe in Nigeria, cultural ties between Chinese and Nigerians will be deepened, saying that they are looking forward to more committed cultural exchanges between Nigeria and China, as well as cultivate stronger bonds between the two great nations. The Consul General also commended the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the Chinese State Council and the China Overseas Exchange Association, for bringing the troupe to Nigeria to further solidify diplomatic affairs between both governments. “Nowadays, with the deepening of China’s Reform and opening up, Spring Festive has earned more popularity globally, and become an important component of the world colorful cultures. At the moment of joyfully celebrating Chinese New Year, Overseas Chinese in Nigeria are so glad to welcome the debut of “Cultures of China, Festival of Spring” Art troupe in Lagos, the troupe is organized by Overseas Chinese Affairs office of Chinese State Council and China Overseas Exchange Association and enjoys more and more popularity among overseas Chinese, Liu said.

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