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BURUNDI :

Burundi: des élèves en prison pour des gribouillages

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(RV) Entretien - Au Burundi, ils ont été inculpés pour outrage à chef d'Etat. Le crime de ces 11 élèves : avoir gribouillé dans leurs livres de classe des photos du président Pierre Nkurunziza. Un nouveau signe de la répression du pouvoir burundais qui est accusé de dérive totalitaire et de violation des droits de l'homme.

Lundi 13 juin, des experts indépendants des Nations Unies sont arrivés dans le pays pour une nouvelle mission, après la découverte de fosses communes, et les accusations d'exécutions extrajudiciaires. Sur le plan politique, le CNARED, qui regroupe la principale partie de l'opposition, était à Bruxelles, en Belgique pour rencontre le médiateur tanzanien, ancien président Benjamin Mkapa. Le CNARED a demandé de nouveau la tenue d'élections et le départ du président burundais Pierre Nkurunziza.

Le Burundi, une tragédie à huis-clos selon Colette Braeckman, journaliste au Soir et spécialiste de la région des Grands lacs. Mais si le pouvoir veut tout contrôler, la répression contre les élèves montre que la contestation s'élargit tout de même dans le pays.

RWANDA :

Rwanda: Kagame Meets Mastercard Foundation Board

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By Collins Mwai

President Paul Kagame yesterday met the board members of MasterCard Foundation, who paid him a courtesy call at Village Urugwiro in Kigali.

The 13-member delegation was in the country to witness the progress of the implementation of projects sponsored by the Foundation as well as to deliberate on possible areas of further cooperation with Rwanda.

Speaking after their meeting with the President, Jim Leech, the chairperson of the Foundation's Board of Directors, said the 10-year old Foundation has been partnering with Rwanda for the last 8 years.

"MasterCard Foundation is about 10 years old and has been partners with Rwanda for about 8 years now in projects which include youth education, financial inclusion, and skills training," Leech said.

Leech said they were keen on broadening their partnership with the country and to align their activities to Rwanda's Vision 2020.

"We had an exchange of views on the things we saw in the projects and how they have been aligned with Vision 2020. We also talked to the President on the future of the country where he explained on the new vision for 2050. It is now a question of endeavouring to align our priorities with government priorities," Leech said.

So far, the Foundation has committed about \$85 million benefitting about a million Rwandans, he noted.

"By the time the current projects are finished in about three years, they will have touched about 10 per cent of the population," Leech said.

This was the Foundation's first board meeting held outside North America.

The Minister for Education, Dr Papias Musafiri, said the Foundation had been a key partner in the ongoing implementation of Vision 2020 in areas such as skills development, education, availing opportunities to young people as well as access to finance.

He said the two parties were now evaluating ways to further their partnership beyond Vision 2020 to long term national plans.

RDC CONGO :

UGANDA :

Uganda at odds with UN, AU

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The UN and the African Union have been left puzzled as the UPDF prepares to leave the war-torn Central African Republic

Eight people have been killed in a shootout in Makindye military barracks. We bring you what happened, who started the shooting, who was killed and what the army says caused the mayhem.

The UN and the African Union have been left puzzled as the UPDF prepares to leave the war-torn Central African Republic in the heat of fresh LRA attacks. The rebels have so far abducted 250 children this year. So what will happen when Uganda pulls out next month? New Vision brings you the complicated situation.

The Leader of Opposition has been getting over sh2b to run the office every year, but opposition MPs say this is too little. They have demanded more funds from the Government. Find Wafula Oguttu's explanation why they need more money and how much more, he thinks, will be adequate.

Five West Nile MPs survived a nasty accident on their way back from State House in Entebbe.

The First Lady, Janet Museveni, has spoken out on the challenges she expects to tackle in the Ministry of Education and how she will go about it. We have two pages of the interview with the New Vision.

Parliament has rejected more Museveni ministers. We bring you the reasons and what the chances are that these nominees will ever be approved.

Meanwhile, the NRM electoral commission chairman, Tanga Odoi, has denied clearing the academic papers of the ministerial nominees rejected by Parliament. But the rejected nominees have been using his name to defend themselves, saying the NRM boss cleared their papers. Get Odoi's spirited defence inside.

In other news

Scientists have improved herbal medicine for malaria. These herbs could be in your compound. You could benefit from the new knowledge to fight malaria and save or earn some money too. The scientists explain what they have done. Do not miss it.

The Government has got over sh36b for eco-friendly jobs. But what are eco-friendly jobs and how will this money be used to create such jobs? Read the New Vision to know more.

KCCA has secured land titles for 16 schools. Get the list of schools whose land is now safe from land grabbers, and those which are still at risk.

Kampala, Mbarara, Jinja top car thefts and robberies. Get the statistics, why crime is going up, the people involved and what the Police is doing about it.

Another witness has pinned former minister Abraham Byandala on the Katosi Road scam. He told court a lot of things and how the minister forced them to sign the contract. Do not miss this great revelation in the New Vision.

Prof. Mahmood Mamdani is battling two other professors for the head the Makerere institute of social research centre. We have details about the two professors and their chances of unseating the man who has just gone through a nudity scandal with Dr. Stella Nyanzi.

Kampala Lord Mayor Erias Lukwago has picked DP's Sarah Kanyike as his Deputy. Do not miss her profile in the New Vision.

In Bullisa and Nebbi

Find out why ferry services from Wasenko in Buliisa to Panyamuru landing site in Nebbi district have been suspended. New Vision advises you about the alternative routes and how much more it will cost or take you to travel between the two places.

In Alur Kingdom

If you are an adult Alur, be prepared to pay sh1,000 to help raise funds to develop your kingdom. If you hold a sensitive position in the Kingdom, you will contribute sh100,000 per month. New Vision tells you how the kingdom plans to collect this money from about six million of its subjects and how it will use it.

In Iganga

A Congolese bomb killed one person and injured four others yesterday at a steel factory. But how did a bomb from Congo find its way to Iganga? The Tembo Steel Works managers explain what happened.

In Tooro

King Oyo Nyimba has enrolled at the UPDF Special Forces Command School in Kasenyi for training. But Oyo is the only civilian training alongside military officers. Does he intend to join the army? Why is he doing this and what qualifications will he get at the end of the course?

In Mbale

A Kenyan pastor has been arrested in Mbale town, five years after fleeing Kenya where he had been accused of killing a schoolgirl. The pastor had even set up a new church in Mbale town. The shocking details are in the New Vision.

In Bunyoro

A group of Banyoro are suing the Government to recover sh3.2 trillion they claim Britain sent to the kingdom as compensation for the atrocities committed there during the colonial era. But the government has denied ever getting this money, so what is this group basing on to believe that the government "ate" their money. The full story is inside.

SOUTH AFRICA :

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KENYA :

Judge in Kenya Upholds Use of Anal Exams for Men Suspected of Being Gay
nytimes.com/By JEFFREY GETTLEMAN/JUNE 16, 2016

NAIROBI, Kenya — Human rights groups expressed outrage on Thursday over a Kenyan court's decision to uphold mandatory anal examinations of men who were suspected of being gay.

In Kenya, a colonial-era law prohibiting “carnal knowledge of any person against the order of nature” is widely understood to prohibit anal sex or sex between men. On Thursday, a court in Mombasa denied a petition to overturn the government's practice of subjecting men to forced anal exams.

While human rights groups criticized the exams as abusive and medically worthless, government officials argued that they were a useful way to tell if a man was gay.

“This ruling is a devastating precedent that has now heightened the risk and fear of similar anal testing on many lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer persons in Kenya,” said Eric Gitari, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, a Kenyan advocacy group.

“Suspecting someone of being gay should not be grounds for stripping them of their dignity and their fundamental rights.”

In many African countries, homosexual sex acts are illegal. A few years ago, some Ugandan politicians tried unsuccessfully to pass a bill to impose a death penalty for homosexual acts. Later, it emerged that a team of American evangelical Christians had helped the Ugandans shape their anti-gay campaign.

In Kenya, the case involving the anal exams began last year, when two men were arrested at a bar near Mombasa by police officers who suspected them of being gay. The police obtained a court order for the anal examinations.

The two men signed consent forms for the exams and H.I.V. tests; they have since claimed that they did so under duress.

The men, with the help of gay rights groups, filed a petition asking the court to declare anal exams unconstitutional and to throw out evidence collected from them.

But Justice Anyara Emukule of the Mombasa High Court ruled against them, saying that it was clear to him that the men “willingly and voluntarily consented” to the exams.

An appeal of the ruling is likely.

Kenya risks sinking in toxic politics, Mutunga warns in parting shot

By Kamau Muthoni /standardmedia.co.ke/ Fri, June 17th 2016

Outgoing Chief Justice Willy Mutunga yesterday said the gains Kenya has made over the years risk being rolled back due to perpetual politicking.

Dr Mutunga, who was making his final address as the head of the Judiciary in Nairobi said government and Opposition politicians will drown the country unless they give dialogue a chance. He said he was disturbed to be taking a job to quell political fires in another country, Maldives, South Asia, when his own country is struggling with political leadership. "I have accepted this request and note, rather disturbingly, that here in my motherland, if the political leadership is not self-restrained, if they do not rise above parochial ethnic and jingoistic politics, as long as they frown upon dialogue and continue to maintain bigotry rather than ideology as the fuel and framework of politics, we risk everything that we have put in to build this country," said Mutunga. He added: "Kenya's development risks stalling if Cord and Jubilee leaders continue maintaining their hard-line stances on issues affecting this country." This came as Jubilee and Cord remain deadlocked over the fate of the electoral commission. CORD is calling for electoral reforms ahead of next year's elections, claiming the current IEBC, as constituted, will not deliver a fair election. CORD, led by its principals Raila Odinga, Moses Wetang'ula and Kalonzo Musyoka want all commissioners and staff sacked and new ones appointed in consultation with all political parties. However, Jubilee, under President Uhuru Kenyatta, had said any changes at IEBC should go through Parliament, and that anything outside that would be tantamount to overthrowing the Constitution. However, Cord is reluctant to take that path due to the 'tyranny of numbers' that Jubilee enjoys in both the National Assembly and the Senate. And now both sides have agreed to nominate seven members each to engage in negotiations on how to carry out electoral reforms in Kenya. Meanwhile, Mutunga said he had laid a good foundation for the Judiciary in his five-year tenure. He however warned that the challenges the institution is facing are far from over and that more efforts must be put in to enhance access to justice. "The foundations have been laid, but I am not deluded to think the war has been won, or that the journey is completed. Far from it, even as we laid this foundation, we were aware that there were many termites at work that sought to destroy our institution and abort our progress, and so far they have failed," he said. He added: "Friends, these forces will not simply fade away if we do not stand up to them. It is up to all of you who now remain in the Judiciary, and Kenyans who are invested in a Judiciary that delivers, to stop the termites and encourage and glorify those who embrace transformation.

ANGOLA :

AU/AFRICA :

Africa: AU Says Satisfied With July Kigali Summit Preps

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By Collins Mwai

President Paul Kagame yesterday met the African Union Commission chairperson, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, who was in the country for a two-day official visit.

Dr Dlamini-Zuma was in the country to assess Rwanda's preparedness to host the 27th African Union Summit, scheduled to begin on July 10 in Kigali.

Dlamini-Zuma said that after touring a number of sites to be used during the summit, they were happy with the ongoing preparations in readiness for the meeting.

"Rwanda is hosting the next summit in three weeks time. Yesterday, we had a tour of the facilities, hotels and the conference centre and we are happy that the delegates will be comfortable. We are happy with the overall progress," Dr Dlamini-Zuma said.

She added that a delegation from the African Union would begin arriving in Kigali at the end of this month to test the facilities to be used at the forum.

The AU Commission chief said she had briefed the President about the oncoming summit.

More than 3,000 high-level delegates are expected to be in attendance at the summit, including about 50 African Heads of State.

Dlamini-Zuma's visit comes days after the government reaffirmed that all was set for the summit and that facilities under construction would be ready on time.

Foreign Affairs minister Louise Mushikiwabo last week told reporters that the Kigali Convention Centre and the Marriott Hotel were undergoing final touches in readiness for opening in the first week of July.

At the summit, African Heads of State and Government will use an African Passport in a bid to show solidarity and promote free movement of Africans within their region and other parts of the continent.

A major highlight of the summit will be election of 10 elective positions in the commission's Secretariat which is entrusted with executive functions.

The positions include the commission's chairperson - who will take over from Dr Dlamini-Zuma -, a deputy chairperson and eight commissioners.

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EU airlines black list: Who's on and who's off in Africa?

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The latest update of the much-feared EU blacklist for airlines and even entire countries was published yesterday, and at least in two African countries this was cause for celebration.

Zambia, following months of technical assistance by EU aviation officials, finally cleared the hurdle and saw the various improvements, in both oversight as well as safety regulations put into place, rewarded when the country's airlines were cleared to resume flights into and across Europe.

Further out in the Indian Ocean, Air Madagascar passed the test when the airline was finally cleared again to operate flights into Europe once more without having to resort to wet or dry leases.

Good fortunes, however, did not yet shine on TAAG of Angola and Air Comores, which remain on a partial ban list and are only allowed to operate specific aircraft types approved by the European regulators.

In total, remain 219 airlines from 19 countries are banned from flying into European airspace due to continued concerns over regulatory issues and safety of airlines, something the EU is now assisting those countries to address through technical assistance.

For Zambia in particular, and also for Madagascar, this will be a boost for their respective aviation sectors and tourism, which should benefit in the future from having their bans lifted.

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