

Uganda: Birth control rejected for 15-year-old girls

Ugandan lawmakers have rejected a government proposal to give 15-year-old girls access to birth control pills to reduce the high number of pregnancies. Almost a quarter of 15- to 19-year-old girls in Uganda are either pregnant or already mothers. The rate has risen sharply during the nearly two-year Covid closure. Uganda is a deeply religious society; a group of religious leaders have also spoken out against the proposal, saying teenagers should simply abstain from sex. 12.10.2023

Egypt: Preventing mass exodus from Gaza Strip

Egypt has not officially commented on the situation in Rafah, but senior Egyptian security circles oppose Gaza residents settling in the Sinai and call on Israel to allow safe passage for civilians. According to the United Nations, more than 187,000 Palestinians have been displaced in Gaza; a total of 2.3 million people live there.

Kenya: Plastic waste powers cars

In his company Progreen Inovations Ltd, James Murito turns plastic waste into fuel for cars and engines of all kinds. ... With the world's plastic problem growing-4 million tonnes a year, according to the UN-Muritu's invention is timely because currently only 12% of waste is incinerated and 9% recycled; plastic waste in landfills takes centuries to decompose. 11.10.2023

Kenya: Police operation in Haiti stopped

The Supreme Court has barred Home Affairs Minister Kithure Kindiki from deploying Kenyan police units as part of the multinational security mission in Haiti. Justice Chacha Mwita of the Milimani High Court temporarily halted the police deployment and barred the National Assembly from considering the matter until further instructions are received on 24 October. Kenya's decision to lead a multinational security mission in Haiti has provoked mixed reactions in Kenya and around the world, with a section of Haitians also protesting the move.

Kenya: Accident victim: an elephant

While driving through Tsavo National Park between the coastal city of Mombasa and the capital Nairobi, a bus collided with an elephant on the busy highway. The elephant succumbed at the scene of the accident and the injured passengers were taken to hospital. Residents who rushed to the scene scrambled for the elephant's flesh. Only the rangers and officials of the Kenya Wildlife Service who arrived later were able to ease the situation.

Cameroon: Landslides in capital

Heavy rains have submerged entire districts in Yaoundé and caused several landslides that buried people, uprooted trees and caused many houses to collapse. Recovery efforts are extremely difficult and the number of dead and missing is rising. The release of water from Cameroon's Lagdo Dam, made necessary by the heavy rains, is aggravating the situation and even causing flooding in neighbouring Nigeria. 09.10.2323

Libya: Floods unveil ancient buildings

After the devastating floods that struck northeastern Libya, killing thousands and washing away homes, roads and bridges, receded, structures of an ancient city near Derna were uncovered. The city in question is Cyrene, founded by the Greeks in 631 B.C. and experiencing its economic peak in the fourth century B.C. While the

government plans to rebuild it, archaeologists have asked UNESCO for help in restoring the historic sites, including several temples.

Most important chocolate ingredient expects poor harvest

According to cocoa growers and exporters, the harvest is expected to decline by 28.5% compared to last year due to volatile weather conditions. Cocoa plants require regular rainfall and periods of sunshine. Growing conditions have deteriorated in the West African region, which includes major cocoa producers Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria and Cameroon, and which together supply about 70% of the world's supply. 05.10.2023

Congo-DR: Nobel Prize winner presidential candidate

In 2012, Nobel laureate Dr. Denis Mukwege was attacked by gunmen - in his opinion, for criticizing government policies on gender-based violence. A decade later, Dr. Mukwege lives under the protection of U.N. peacekeepers and has issued another challenge to the country's leadership. He will run for president in elections due in December, he announced Monday. 02.10.2023

Kenya: Aids - orphan transforms coastal community

Lydia Iren lost both her parents to HIV-AIDS when she was a young girl. Educated by her community and teachers, she became a teacher herself and decided to give thanks for what she had received. The beautiful coastal town of Watamu is struggling with growing plastic pollution, declining fish stocks and high unemployment. So Lydia teamed up with former students to try to improve the local environment and opportunities for young people. Weekly, they collect trash on the beach and turn it into art. She teaches cooking and tailoring and helps young entrepreneurs get a start. 02.10.2023

Zimbabwe: Shaft collapse in gold mine

At least nine miners were killed when a shaft collapsed at the Berhose mine in Chegutu; 13 miners have been rescued so far, while 21 others are still trapped. 02.10.2023

Mali: Tuareg report territorial gains

Fierce fighting has broken out in northern Mali. Tuareg rebels say they have taken control of the town of Bamba from the army. Thursday's assault on the town of Dioura is the southernmost since Tuareg rebels resumed hostilities in August after a 2015 peace deal failed. Violence is on the rise after U.N. peacekeepers deployed to Mali in 2013 were withdrawn on the junta's orders. Tuareg rebels, who seek independence for northern Mali, are resisting the army taking control of bases vacated by the thousands of withdrawing UN troops. The UN withdrawal from Mali is to be completed by the end of December. 02.10.2023

Senegal's navy intercepts boats

The Navy has intercepted four boats with more than 600 people on board within three days. They were attempting the dangerous crossing to the Spanish Canary Islands, a gateway to Europe. In August alone, more than 2,690 people arrived in the Canary Islands from Senegal and Morocco. At the end of July, the government presented a 10-year plan to combat irregular migration, which includes stronger border protection. 02.10.2023

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