

Mali: Tuareg-Rebellen kontrollieren Bourem

Tuareg rebels in northern Mali have said they have seized control of a military camp and posts in the town of Bourem, which lies between the ancient cities of Gao and Timbuktu, after weeks of fighting against the national army and Wagner mercenaries, threatening to nullify a 2015 peace deal. The Tuareg Alliance said it was at "war" with the ruling military, which teamed up with the Russian military company Wagner Group after the expulsion of French troops last year. 13.09.2023

Somalia: App - Daariz against illiteracy

But Ismail Ahmed came to the UK as a refugee in his youth. During Covid, he tried to teach Somali to his children in London and came up with the idea of using the mobile phone. He developed a free app that works offline. Daariz Somali - offers free, fun and engaging lessons in reading, writing and comprehension. It has now been used by over 410,000 people. Sahamiye Foundation was established to transform lives in the Horn of Africa by promoting literacy and education. Ismail Ahmed wants to "give back to his community". 13.09.2023

Zimbabwe: Nepotism

President Emmerson Mnangagwa has appointed his son, 35-year-old Kudakwashe Mnangagwa, who was elected to the legislature for the first time, as Deputy Minister of Finance and Economic Development in his cabinet. Tongai Mnangagwa, a nephew of the president, also joined as deputy minister of tourism. Fadzayi Mahere of the opposition Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) described the new cabinet as "untenable" and accused Mnangagwa of fomenting nepotism. The president's re-election was contested by the opposition, citing allegations of fraud, while of observers said the election did not meet regional and international standards. 12.09.23

Kenya: Rising water in Kenya's Rift Valley

Over the past 10 years, water levels in Kenya's Rift Valley have risen due to climate change, incorrect land use and shifting tectonic plates. The rise has affected livelihoods and natural tourist attractions such as the hot springs. Entire village communities have had to relocate to Bogoria National Park because of rising water levels. The Great Rift Valley is the most populous region in Kenya and is home to ¼ of the population according to 2019 latest census. The area is multi-ethnic: Samburu, Turkana, Maasai, Kalendjin; the latter two form the majority. According to a 2021 study, the waters of Lake Baringo covered an area of 118 km² in 1995. By 2020, it had expanded to 195 km². 12.09.23

Sierra Leone: Power cuts - due to unpaid bills

Sierra Leone's energy minister said on Friday that the capital, Freetown, was hit by power cuts after Turkey's Karpowership suspended electricity supply over unpaid debts of around \$40 million. Karpowership is one of three power sources supplying the city - the other two being the country's dam and a power link with Côte d'Ivoire that also supplies Guinea and Liberia. Karpowership, one of the world's largest operators of floating power plants and part of the Karadeniz Energy Group, has signed contracts to supply power to Sierra Leone's state electricity utility for 2018 and 2020. The company states on its website that it has deployed about 65 megawatts of power

generation capacity in Sierra Leone since 2020, supplying 80% of the country's total electricity demand. The company has similar agreements with several African countries struggling with power supply. 12.09.2023

Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) filled

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed announced on Sunday that Ethiopia had completed the filling of the Great Renaissance Dam on the Nile, a source of regional tension with downstream countries Egypt and Sudan. The Ethiopian government's communications service said on X that the GERD, arguably Africa's largest dam, was "a gift for generations". At full capacity, the giant dam - 1.8 kilometres long and 145 metres high - could generate more than 5,000 megawatts. Ethiopia's electricity generation will be doubled; currently only half of its 120 million inhabitants have access. Egypt, which suffers from severe water shortages and is 97% dependent on the Nile, sees the GERD as an existential threat. The Egyptian Foreign Ministry called Ethiopia's announcement an "illegal" and "unilateral" measure.

Zambia: President warns coup plotters

Zambia's President Hichilema has warned possible coup plotters not to jeopardise the democratic government and the country's stability. The reason for this warning is not clear, but it comes after several coups in Francophone Africa and lawsuits exceed costs at home. An illegal takeover of the government would not be tolerated in Zambia. Although there have been several foiled coup attempts, Zambia has not experienced military rule since independence in 1964. Hichilema himself won a massive electoral victory over an incumbent in March 2021. He deplored rising food prices and promised that his government would address them seriously. 11.09.23

Libya: Storm claims thousands of lives

In the north-east of the largely desert-like country, storm "Daniel" has submerged parts of the cities of Benghazi, Susa, al-Baida, al-Mardz and Derna. People are waiting for help on the roofs of their houses and cars. Rescue work is underway and the UN is preparing relief efforts.

Tanzania: Maasai turn to the public

Fian reports: "The situation of the Maasai in Tanzania is increasingly deteriorating. Since 16 August 2023, paramilitary groups, police and rangers have been making arbitrary arrests. The Ngorongoro District Councilors inform about the violent actions. See attachment

G20 now G21

At the G20 summit in New Delhi, the African Union was granted permanent membership. The AU's accession had already received great approval in advance. EU Council President Charles Michel and EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen welcomed the decision: "It is a pleasure to welcome the African Union as a new G20 member," said von der Leyen. Africa is home to more than a fifth of the world's population. South Africa will take over the G20 presidency in 2025.

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