

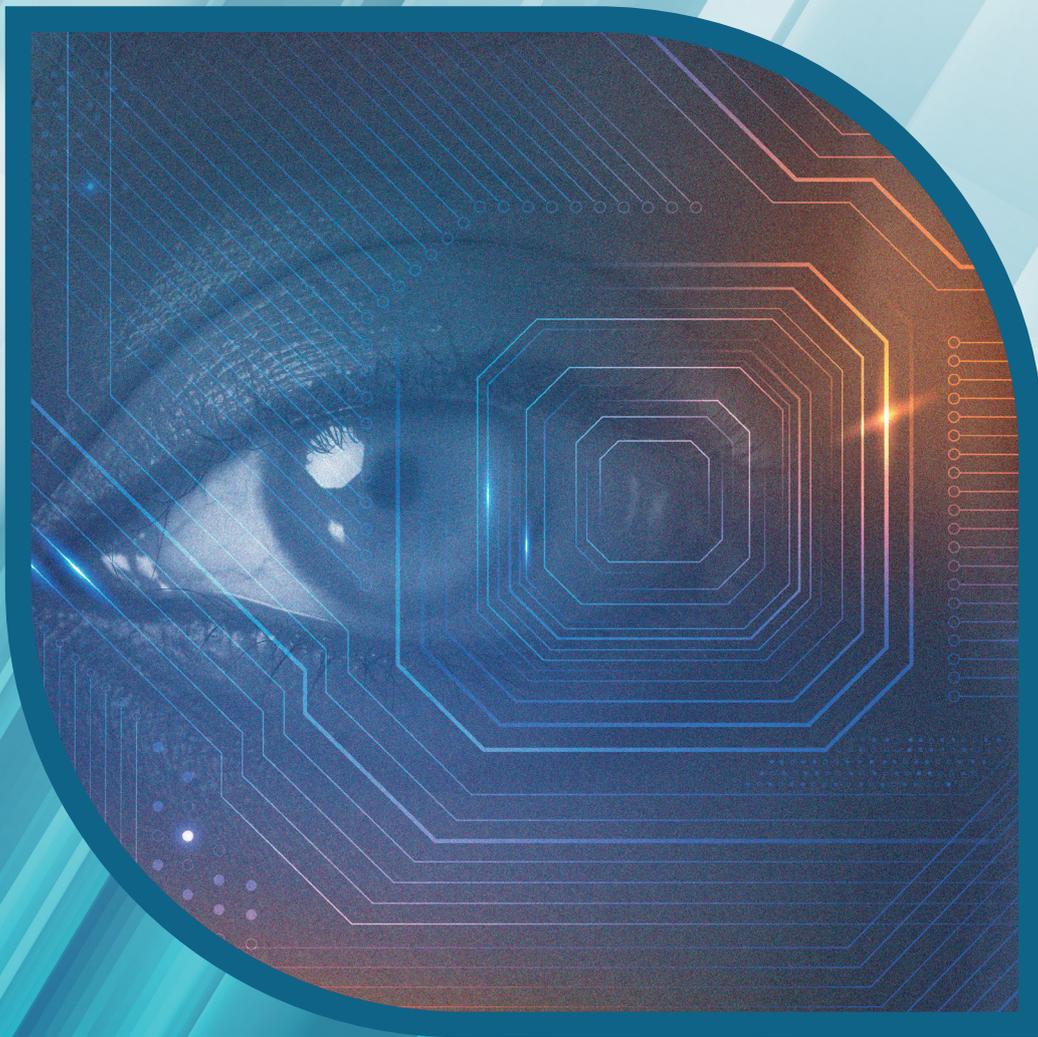


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MUSEVENI WOOS KAYUNGA'S VOTERS AS POLICE, NUP CLASH.

NUP leaders accuse security of brutality and taking sides as by-election scheduled for tomorrow 16th December 2021.

KINSHASA - President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) Felix Tshisekedi promised Monday to set a timeline for Ugandan troops' presence in the northeastern DRC. Since November 30, armed forces of DRC and Uganda have officially launched joint military operations

in northeastern DRC against rebels of the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF).

At last, forces from Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo are jointly fighting to flush out rebels from the jungles of eastern Congo. The joint force has claimed success without revealing how many rebels killed so far, but has said that at least 61 Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) rebels have surrendered. Accused of

killing civilians for over a decade in the villages of the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) where it is based, the ADF is also blamed for bomb attacks in neighboring Uganda. It has been responsible for 6,000 deaths civilians in the DRC since 2013, according to the Catholic Church in the country, including more than 1,200 killed in the Beni area since 2017, the Kivu Security Tracker (KST), a US-based monitor, has said in a statement.

SOMALIA

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SECURITY COUNCIL ADOPTS RESOLUTION TO KEEP PIRATES AT BAY

The Secretary-General's latest report on the situation in the country illustrates that joint counter-piracy efforts have resulted in a steady decline in attacks and hijackings since 2011. However, although piracy

off the coast of Somalia has been "repressed", the ongoing threat of resurgence remains. As such – under Chapter VII of the Charter, which provides for enforcement action – the Security Council adopted Resolution 2608, which,

among other things, condemns piracy and armed robbery at sea off the Somali coast, underscoring that it exacerbates instability by introducing "illicit cash that fuels crime, corruption and terrorism".

KENYA

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KENYAN OPPOSITION LEADER ODINGA ANNOUNCES FIFTH BID FOR PRESIDENT

Odinga says he is committed to building ‘democratic and progressive Kenya’ as battle for Kenyatta’s successor heats up. Veteran opposition leader Raila Odinga has announced he would make his fifth bid for Kenya’s

presidency in next year’s election, ending months of suspense following a surprise truce with his former foe, President Uhuru Kenyatta. The announcement on Friday at a Nairobi stadium packed with political bigwigs and

thousands of supporters followed speculation that the 76-year-old – who was the face of Kenya’s opposition for decades – had struck a power-sharing deal with Kenyatta to secure his backing for the top job.

‘SHE DIDN’T DESERVE TO DIE’: KENYA FIGHTS TUBERCULOSIS IN COVID’S SHADOW

For the first time in a decade death from TB are rising, with the curable disease killing 20,000 Kenyans last year. Now testing ‘ATMs’ and other innovations are helping to find ‘missing cases’ One day in May last year, Violet Chemesunte, a community health volunteer in Kibera, the largest slum in Nairobi, got a call from a colleague worried about a woman she had visited who kept coughing. She asked if Chemesunte could go round and convince the 37-year-old

woman, a single mother to three young children, to seek medical help. She suspected tuberculosis (TB), and feared it might already be too late. “I went there and she was very sick,” remembers Chemesunte. “She didn’t want to go to hospital because she was scared, she might have Covid and would be taken into quarantine. The government had enforced very strict measures at that time and there was a lot of fear around.” Chemesunte spoke to

the woman about TB, which has some similar symptoms to Covid, and persuaded her to get tested at a nearby site. It came back positive. Two weeks later, before she could start treatment, she was dead. Her children, aged between nine and 13, tested negative and have since left Nairobi to live with their elderly grandmother. “It was very sad,” says Chemesunte. “She didn’t need to die. TB is curable. The only thing you need is to be diagnosed early enough.”

KENYA’S HIGH COURT SUSPENDS MANDATORY COVID VACCINATION ORDER

Judge suspends government directive pending case hearing filed by a businessman who termed it a gross violation of the constitution. Kenya’s High Court has suspended a government order

to prevent those who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 from accessing services and entering public places such as national parks, bars and restaurants. The country announced last month

it would require people to show vaccination certificates from December 21 to access in-person government services, including hospitals, schools, tax and immigration offices.

RWANDA

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CHIEF UN PROSECUTOR LOOKS FORWARD TO ACHIEVING JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS' OF 1994 GENOCIDE AGAINST THE TUTSI IN RWANDA

In the Félicien Kabuga case, Prosecutor Brammertz reported that the trial team filed its pre-trial brief and responded to significant additional litigation initiated by Mr. Kabuga's family members and associated third parties concerning seized assets. "My Office is ready for and looks forward to the commencement of this trial at the Arusha Branch when ordered by the Trial Chamber," he asserted. His Office also completed two more trials during the reporting period, he continued:

At the Hague Branch, Jovica Stanišić and Franko Simatović were convicted at trial for aiding and abetting the crimes of murder, deportation, forcible transfer and persecution as crimes against humanity, and murder as a war crime. At the Arusha Branch, in the Nzabonimpa et al. case, four accused were convicted at trial for contempt of court, with the Office proving that they engaged in a "brazen effort" to interfere with the administration of justice by improperly influencing witnesses to recant in a failed effort to overturn Augustin Ndirabatware's

genocide conviction.

With the start of the Kabuga trial approaching, "we look forward to this opportunity to achieve more justice in the courtroom for the victims of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda."

The Moderna jabs were received by Tharcisse Mpunga, Minister of State in charge of Primary Healthcare at the Ministry of Health from the Ambassador of Sweden to Rwanda, Johanna Teague.

RWANDA HAS RECEIVED ONE MILLION COVID-19 VACCINES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN, A MOVE SAID TO BOOST THE COUNTRY'S VACCINATION CAMPAIGN.

Minister Mpunga, after a handover ceremony held in the Special Economic Zone, told the media that the doses come at a critical moment where the government of Rwanda is working to achieve the global target of vaccinating 70 percent of its population by 2022. "It comes at a time when we are celebrating the achievement of 30 percent of our population who are fully vaccinated, this is a great achievement. That has only

been possible through various frameworks and partnerships," he said. Ambassador Teague highlighted the importance of vaccine sharing at a time the current inefficient and unequal distribution of vaccines on a global stage is "deeply worrying."

"We salute the resolute and effective response by the Rwandan government to the pandemic, one of the reasons to why we

chose Rwanda in addition to our strong relations," she added, "At least we know that the vaccines will be used in an efficient way based on need." Teague said she was convinced that Rwanda has shown an incredible commitment and efficiency in vaccinating her population.

"So, I commend the leadership and the great efforts not only in coming together to speed up the

vaccinations in Rwanda, but also when it comes to establishing a hub for vaccine production” “Rwanda has come far in reaching the population, I am convinced that your pace and your success of vaccine administration will continue,’ she added.

Besides Rwanda being the first country to benefit from a bilateral

donation from her government, Teague highlighted that Sweden has so far provided almost \$300 million dollars to Covax, making it the world’s leading Covax contributor per capita.

Commenting on future collaboration between the two countries, Mpunga appealed to the Swedish ambassador for support

especially in the capacity building and training of Rwandans to establish the anticipated vaccine hub. “We hope this is a start of broader collaboration in terms of the health sector and even beyond, we believe we will also have a discussion around vaccine manufacturing in the country, already you have expertise in this field,” “Mpunga said.

BURUNDI

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BURUNDI SAYS WILL ‘NEVER’ ALLOW IN UN SPECIAL RAPPOREUR

Burundi’s government has signaled that it won’t allow a recently appointed United Nations special rapporteur on human rights into the East African nation.

Foreign Minister Albert Shingiro last week told reporters, and separately told a meeting with diplomats, that Burundi would “never” allow the special rapporteur to investigate the country, which was rocked by deadly political violence and a crackdown on dissent around the

2015 national election.

Some in the international community have tried to take a fresh approach with Burundi after President Pierre Nkurunziza died last year, but some human rights groups and critics have alleged that repression continues under current President Evariste Ndayishimiye. Local civil society groups last week asserted that several hundred arbitrary arrests have occurred since Ndayishimiye took office in June 2020.

The U.N. special rapporteur for Burundi was created in October by the U.N. Human Rights Council to replace a commission of inquiry on the country. Burundi’s foreign minister in his comments last week asserted that the current government has improved on human rights, pointing to the termination last month of the U.S. sanctions program on the country. He objected, however, to continued European Union sanctions.

ETHIOPIA

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UN HALTS FOOD AID IN ETHIOPIA'S KOMBOLCHA, DESSIE AFTER LOOTING

Mass looting of WFP warehouses in the Amhara region prompts suspension of food distribution in two towns.

TIGRAY REBELS RETAKE ETHIOPIA'S UN WORLD HERITAGE TOWN.

TPLF rebels are patrolling Lalibela, witnesses say less than two weeks after government forces claimed to have retaken it. Lalibela is home to 11 medieval rock-cut churches and a site of pilgrimage for the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. The Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) rebel group's military leadership said in a statement shared with pro-TPLF media they had launched "widespread counter-offensives" in numerous locations including along the road linking Gashena and Lalibela.

SOUTH SUDAN

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IGAD SUSPENDS SOUTH SUDAN OVER UNPAID DUES

The East African economic bloc, Inter-governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) on Friday suspended South Sudan over unpaid dues. A letter by IGAD dated September 16 and addressed to President Salva Kiir stated that the country had accumulated \$9,782,635.

WARRAP TEACHERS FURIOUS OVER DELAYED ALLOWANCES

Teachers in Warrap State furious after the state ministry of finance failed to pay their allowances of the month of July till date. The national Minister of Finance and Planning Agak Achuil Lual has said that the civil servants would be paid their salaries before the Christmas holidays and vowed to begin the coming year on the right path.

SUDAN

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SUDAN POLICE FIRED TEAR GAS AT KHARTOUM PROTESTERS

Pro-democracy groups say the military should not be part of the government as they cannot be trusted to lead the transition to democracy. Sudanese police have fired tear gas at protesters, who rallied near the presidential palace in the capital Khartoum to voice their anger against a military deal that re-instated Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok. Thousands of people took to the streets in Khartoum and other Sudanese

cities on Monday as part of relentless demonstrations against the October military coup and subsequent deal that has allowed the military to remain part of the transitional council formed in 2019 following the overthrow of longtime President Omar al-Bashir.

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