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Zimbabwe Plans Lithium Export Controls

Zimbabwe announced plans to introduce lithium export quotas to regulate shipments. The move aims to maximise domestic value addition and strengthen control over critical mineral resources amid rising global demand.



Mali Backs Morocco's Western Sahara Plan

Mali expressed support for Morocco's autonomy proposal for Western Sahara, signalling shifting diplomatic alignments within Africa on a long-standing territorial dispute.



Egypt Engages US and Regional Actors Amid Ongoing Crisis

Egypt confirmed holding discussions with US envoy Steve Witkoff and regional counterparts, focusing on de-escalation and coordination. The talks highlight Cairo's active diplomatic role in managing regional tensions and facilitating dialogue amid ongoing instability.



Sudanese Refugees in Chad Face Aid Cuts

Over one million Sudanese refugees in Chad are facing severe reductions in humanitarian assistance, according to the UN. The situation raises concerns about worsening humanitarian conditions.



Germany Pledges Aid for Sudan Crisis

Germany pledged €212 million in support for Sudan at a Berlin conference, addressing humanitarian and stability challenges.



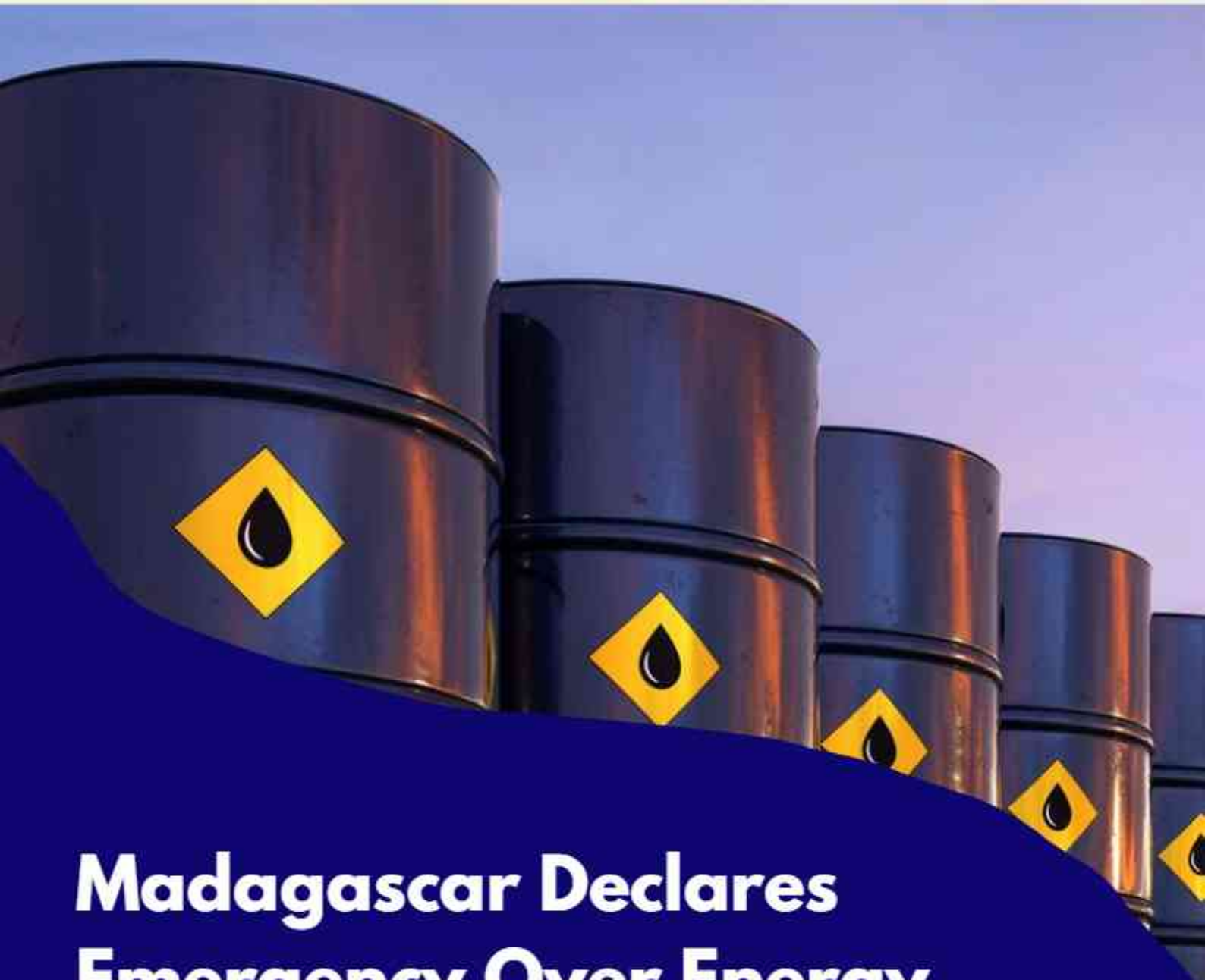
Senegal Faces Economic Slowdown and Debt Pressure

Senegal projected a sharp economic slowdown alongside growing debt challenges. The development reflects broader fiscal pressures facing African economies amid global uncertainty and external shocks.



Turkey Launches Offshore Drilling in Somalia

Turkey began its first overseas deep-sea drilling mission in Somalia, marking an expansion of its energy and geopolitical footprint in Africa.



Madagascar Declares Emergency Over Energy Crisis

Madagascar declared a state of emergency due to severe energy shortages triggered by the Iran conflict. The situation underscores how global geopolitical tensions are directly impacting vulnerable economies, exposing energy dependencies.

12 th German - South African Bi-National Commission



South Africa Secures Climate Finance from Germany

South Africa agreed on a new climate loan and critical minerals cooperation during a visit to Germany, strengthening bilateral ties in sustainability and energy transition.



South Africa Proposes New AI Policy Framework

South Africa unveiled a draft national AI policy proposing new institutions and incentives. The initiative reflects growing attention to digital transformation and governance.

Nigeria–Morocco Gas Pipeline Deal Advances

A \$25 billion Nigeria–Morocco gas pipeline project is expected to move forward this year, signalling major regional energy cooperation.





Sierra Leone Signs Offshore Oil Deal

Sierra Leone signed a \$225 million offshore oil agreement with Nigeria's Marginal Energy, boosting its energy sector development.



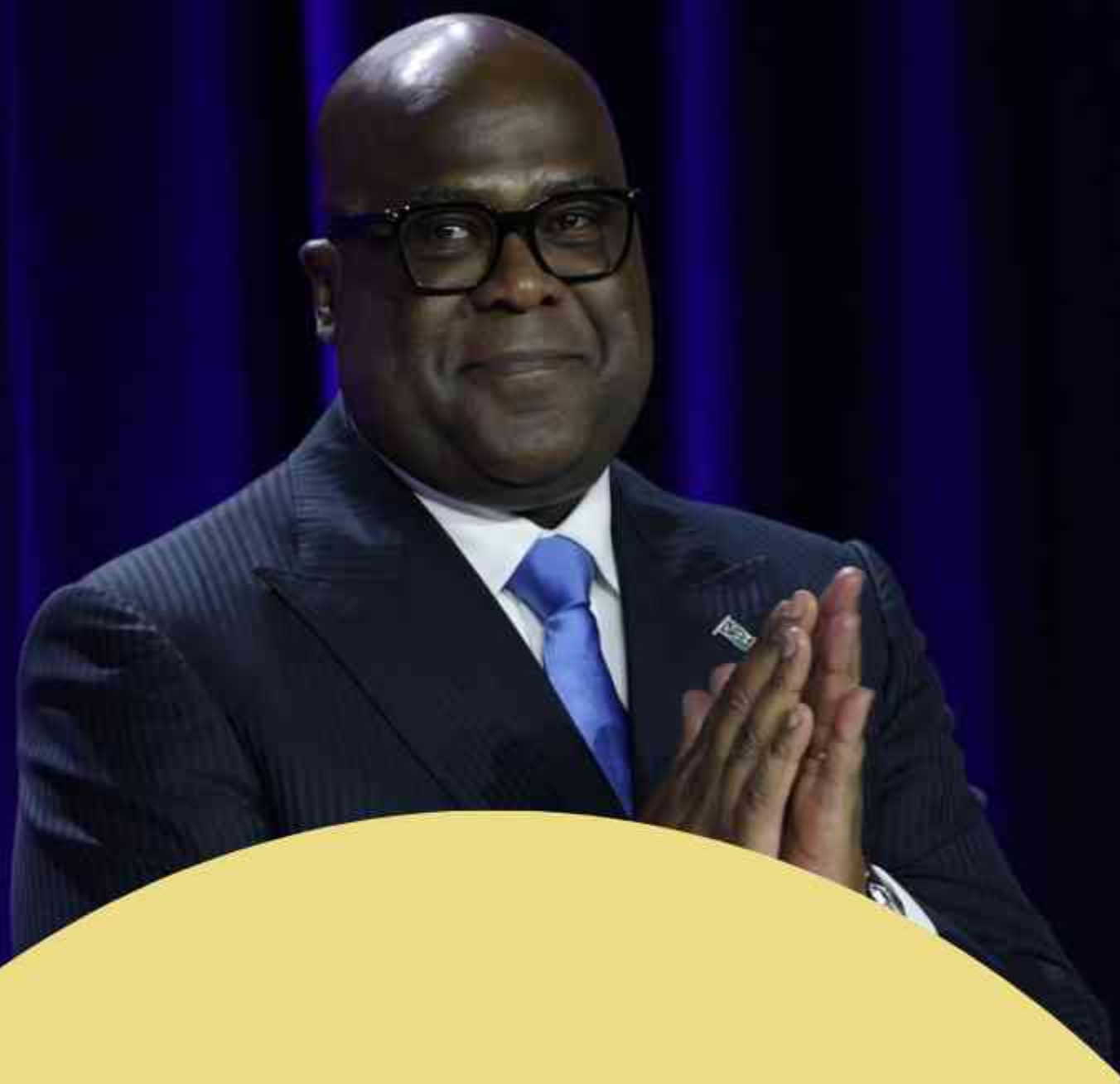
South Africa Targets Green Jet Fuel Exports

South Africa's Sasol plans to export green aviation fuel to the EU, signalling progress in clean energy innovation and sustainability.



Nigeria Convicts Hundreds of Islamist Militants

Nigeria convicted 386 Islamist militants through mass trials, marking a significant step in counter-terrorism efforts and judicial enforcement.



Congo Raises \$1.25 Billion Through Eurobond Debut

The Republic of Congo successfully raised \$1.25 billion via its first international bond issuance. The move signals efforts to access global capital markets despite economic challenges.



Mali Defence Minister Killed in Attack

Mali's defence minister was killed in a major assault, highlighting ongoing instability and security challenges in the region.

Botswana Signs Energy Deals with Oman

Botswana entered agreements with Oman for energy and mineral exploration, highlighting expanding international partnerships in resource development.





Zambia Suspends Fuel Tax Amid Economic Pressure

Zambia suspended fuel taxes, sacrificing \$200 million in revenue to ease economic pressures. The decision reflects government efforts to manage domestic costs.

Taiwan Cancels Africa Visit Amid China Pressure

Taiwan's president cancelled a planned visit to Africa, citing pressure from China. The move highlights Beijing's influence in shaping diplomatic engagements.





Russia Withdraws Forces from Mali Region

Russia's Africa Corps confirmed withdrawal from Mali's Kidal region, indicating a shift in security dynamics and foreign military presence.



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