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UK Foreign Secretary Visits Ethiopia with Migration in Focus



The UK Foreign Secretary visited Ethiopia to strengthen cooperation on migration management, regional security, and development assistance. Talks centered on curbing irregular migration flows to Europe, enhancing bilateral ties, and addressing root causes such as conflict and economic instability in the Horn of Africa.

Guinea-Bissau Junta Releases Opposition Leader, Promises Inclusive Governance



Guinea-Bissau's military leadership released a detained opposition figure and pledged to form a more inclusive government. The move appears aimed at easing domestic tensions and international pressure while attempting to restore political legitimacy amid ongoing instability following the coup.





Tunisia Upholds Harsher Sentences Against Political Opponents

Tunisian courts upheld increased prison terms for opposition figures and security officials, reflecting continued judicial crackdowns under President Kais Saied. Critics argue the rulings signal deepening authoritarianism, while authorities maintain they are enforcing national security and anti-corruption measures.

Nigerian State Charges Former Justice Minister with Terrorism Offences



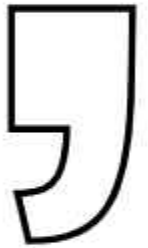
Authorities in a Nigerian state filed terrorism-related charges against former Justice Minister Abubakar Malami. The case marks a significant escalation in political and legal confrontations, highlighting tensions within Nigeria's political establishment and ongoing concerns over governance and security.



Trump Extends Africa Duty-Free Trade Program



Former U.S. President Donald Trump signed an extension of a duty-free trade program benefiting African exports to the United States. The renewal aims to support economic growth across eligible African nations and maintain U.S. commercial engagement on the continent.



UK Expands Sanctions List Over Sudan Conflict

The United Kingdom added six new individuals to its Sudan sanctions list, targeting actors linked to ongoing violence and instability. The measures aim to pressure factions involved in the conflict and reinforce international efforts to restore peace and civilian governance.



Egypt Appoints New Defence Minister



Egypt announced the appointment of a new Defence Minister, signaling potential adjustments within its military leadership. The reshuffle comes amid regional security challenges and domestic political considerations, reinforcing the central role of the armed forces in Egypt's governance structure.



Tunisian Police Detain Opposition Figure Olfa Hamdi

Tunisian authorities detained opposition politician Olfa Hamdi at an airport, intensifying concerns about political repression. The incident reflects continued tensions between the government and opposition groups amid broader debates over democratic backsliding and judicial independence.



Turkey and Ethiopia Sign Energy Cooperation Agreement

During President Erdogan's visit, Turkey and Ethiopia signed an energy cooperation accord aimed at expanding investment and technical collaboration. The agreement strengthens Ankara's strategic footprint in the Horn of Africa and supports Ethiopia's energy diversification ambitions.



Gabon Suspends Social Media Citing Security Threats



Gabon temporarily suspended social media platforms, citing threats to national security and stability. The decision sparked debate over digital freedoms, as authorities defended the measure as necessary to prevent unrest and misinformation.

Tunisia Jails Lawmaker for Mocking President



A Tunisian court sentenced a lawmaker to eight months in prison for mocking President Kais Saied. The ruling underscores growing restrictions on political expression and raises concerns among observers about shrinking civic space in Tunisia.



Congo Replaces Gecamines Leadership Amid U.S. Minerals Talks



The Democratic Republic of Congo replaced leadership at state miner Gecamines amid negotiations with the United States over critical minerals cooperation. The move reflects strategic positioning as global demand for cobalt and other resources intensifies.

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South Sudan Fires Finance Minister After Three Months

South Sudan's president dismissed the finance minister after only three months in office, highlighting ongoing governance instability. Frequent leadership changes have complicated economic reform efforts in one of the world's most fragile states.

Pope Leo Plans First Overseas Visits to Monaco, Africa, Spain

Pope Leo announced his first overseas visits, including trips to Monaco, African nations, and Spain. The planned visits signal diplomatic outreach and engagement on humanitarian, social justice, and interfaith issues early in his papacy.





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