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## **Congo–Zambia Copper Corridor Reopens After Disruption**



The Congo–Zambia copper corridor is set to reopen following repairs to damaged infrastructure. The route is critical for mineral exports, particularly copper, and its restoration is expected to stabilise supply chains and support regional trade flows in Southern Africa.

# Middle East Conflict Strains African Supply Chains



South African President Cyril Ramaphosa warned that the Middle East conflict is disrupting African supply chains. Rising shipping costs and logistical uncertainties are impacting trade and economic stability across the continent, highlighting Africa's vulnerability to external geopolitical shocks.





## **Islamist Militants Kill Nigerian Soldiers in Borno State**

Islamist militants killed 14 Nigerian soldiers in Borno state, underscoring persistent insecurity in the region. The attack highlights ongoing challenges in combating insurgency in northeastern Nigeria, where militant groups continue to threaten stability and military operations.

## Somalia Approves Constitutional Changes Extending Presidency

Somalia's parliament approved constitutional amendments that could extend the president's term. The decision has raised concerns about democratic governance and political stability, as the country continues to navigate fragile institutions and ongoing security challenges.



## Central African Republic Seeks Russian Energy Support



The Central African Republic is seeking Russian assistance to develop its energy sector. The move reflects deepening ties between Bangui and Moscow, as African states increasingly look to diversify partnerships beyond traditional Western actors.

# Ghana Faces Pressure Over Gold Royalty Policy



Ghana is facing pressure from both the United States and China to halt plans to increase gold royalties. The development highlights global competition over Africa's mineral resources and the influence of major powers in shaping economic policy decisions.



# IMF Engages Gabon on Economic Reform Plan



The IMF held discussions with Gabonese authorities on economic reforms and development strategies. The talks focus on fiscal stability, structural reforms, and long-term economic growth, reflecting ongoing efforts to strengthen governance and economic resilience.



## Madagascar President Dismisses Government

Madagascar's president dismissed the prime minister and cabinet, signaling political upheaval. The move reflects internal tensions and governance challenges, with implications for policy continuity and political stability in the island nation.



# Al-Qaeda-Linked Group Kills Truck Drivers in Mali



An Al-Qaeda-linked group killed at least 12 truck drivers in Mali, highlighting escalating insecurity in the Sahel. The attack underscores the persistent threat posed by extremist groups and the risks to regional trade and transport networks.



## Zambia Seeks Investment to Boost Copper Output

Zambia is seeking global investors to triple its copper production by 2031. The initiative aims to capitalise on rising demand for critical minerals, positioning Zambia as a key player in the global energy transition and industrial supply chains.



## South Korea and Ghana Expand Strategic Cooperation



South Korea and Ghana agreed to deepen cooperation in climate, technology, and maritime security. The partnership reflects growing Africa-Asia engagement and highlights Ghana's efforts to diversify international partnerships in strategic sectors.

## South Africa Deploys Troops to Combat Crime

South Africa authorised the deployment of 2,200 troops to support efforts against rising crime. The move underscores growing concerns over internal security and the government's attempt to stabilise law enforcement amid increasing criminal activity.



# Nigeria Prioritises Domestic Fuel Supply



Nigeria has suspended gasoline import licences to prioritise domestic refining capacity. The move is part of broader reforms aimed at achieving energy self-sufficiency and reducing reliance on imports amid fluctuating global energy markets.



## Madagascar Appoints New Prime Minister



Madagascar appointed anti-corruption chief Mamitiana Rajaonarison as prime minister following the cabinet reshuffle. The appointment signals an attempt to restore governance credibility and address corruption concerns amid political instability.

## Kenya Charges Suspects in Wildlife Smuggling Case

A Kenyan court charged two individuals, including a Chinese national, with smuggling live ants. The case highlights ongoing challenges in wildlife trafficking and the need for stronger enforcement against illegal biodiversity trade.



## UK and Nigeria Sign Port Development Deal

The UK and Nigeria agreed on a billion-dollar export finance deal to refurbish Nigerian ports. The agreement aims to enhance trade infrastructure, improve logistics, and strengthen economic ties between the two countries.



# Rwanda and Congo Agree to De-escalate Tensions



Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo agreed on steps to ease tensions during talks in Washington. The development reflects diplomatic efforts to stabilise relations and reduce conflict risks in the Great Lakes region.



## Chad to Deploy Security Personnel to Haiti

Chad plans to send 800 security personnel to Haiti to assist in stabilisation efforts. The move highlights Africa's growing role in international peacekeeping and security cooperation beyond the continent.



# Ukraine Seeks Gas Imports from Mozambique

Ukraine is exploring gas imports from Mozambique as part of efforts to diversify energy sources. The development underscores Africa's increasing importance in global energy markets amid ongoing geopolitical tensions.



# Nigeria Launches Trade Platform at Ports



Nigeria plans to introduce a digital trade platform at its ports to streamline operations and reduce inefficiencies. The initiative is part of broader economic reforms aimed at improving trade facilitation and boosting competitiveness.

A photograph showing two world leaders, Xi Jinping of China and Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya, walking side-by-side in a formal military procession. They are both dressed in dark blue suits. Xi Jinping is on the left, wearing a light blue tie, and Uhuru Kenyatta is on the right, wearing a red tie. In the background, a line of soldiers in blue uniforms with yellow accents and caps is marching, holding rifles. The scene is outdoors under bright sunlight.

## Kenya Finalises Trade Deal with China

Kenya announced the conclusion of trade negotiations with China, marking a significant step in bilateral economic relations. The agreement is expected to enhance trade flows and deepen economic engagement between the two countries.

# Algeria and Spain Strengthen Energy Cooperation

Algeria and Spain are in talks to increase gas supply, reflecting Europe's continued efforts to diversify energy sources. The discussions highlight Algeria's strategic role as a key energy partner for Europe.





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