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South Africa and US Agree to Advance Trade Talks

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South African President Ramaphosa spoke by phone with U.S. President Trump concerning bilateral trade, agreeing that respective negotiating teams would resume detailed discussions after previous efforts to reach a deal fell short of Trump's deadline. Currently, U.S. imports from South Africa carry a 30% duty, underscoring the urgency of progress. Both sides committed to continued engagement through their trade teams to address outstanding issues and potentially pave the way for a renewed trade framework.



Guinea-Bissau President Appoints New PM Ahead of Elections

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Just three months ahead of presidential and legislative elections, Guinea-Bissau's President Umaro Sissoco Embaló appointed Braima Camará, a coordinator from the opposition Madem G15 party, as Prime Minister by presidential decree. Camará replaces Rui Duarte de Barros and becomes the third PM since Embaló took office in 2020. Critics say the move follows postponed elections and allegations that Embaló's mandate has expired. The new appointment adds another layer of political complexity ahead of the November vote.



President Ramaphosa Talks Ukraine Peace and Bilateral Agenda with President Putin

8th Aug 2025

South African President Ramaphosa held a phone call with Russian President Putin to discuss the Ukraine peace process and broader bilateral cooperation. The discussion prompted by Putin's proposal to update Ramaphosa on the Russia-Ukraine peace efforts, alongside exploring areas of mutual interest between the two countries. The call underscores South Africa's diplomatic engagement with key global stakeholders amid geopolitical complexities.





AfDB to Anchor \$500M Financing for Ethiopia's Mega Airport

11th Aug 2025

The African Development Bank announced it will provide \$500 million to support the construction of Ethiopia's mega-airport near Bishoftu, set to become Africa's largest, with four runways and a 100 million passenger capacity by 2029. Ethiopian Airlines is financing 20% of the estimated \$10 billion cost, while the AfDB is spearheading additional funding efforts, totaling \$7.8 billion. This project is poised to be a transformative infrastructure asset for regional connectivity and economic integration.

UAE Sends 30 Tonnes of Aid to Chad to Fight Cholera Outbreak

24th Aug 2025

The UAE has dispatched 30 tonnes of medical supplies, including emergency medicines, to Chad in response to a severe cholera outbreak. The aid package, sent via two flights, contains vital treatments and supplies to bolster local healthcare facilities. This support is part of the UAE's longstanding emphasis on humanitarian outreach across Africa. Earlier rolls of aid have included food, water, and medical assistance for various crises across the region. UAE's efforts amplify international response to pressing health threats, emphasizing relief, partnership, and the strengthening of regional resilience amid emerging challenges.



Egypt Signs \$220 Million Solar Cells, Panels and Storage Facility

27th Aug 2025

Egypt's cabinet has signed a \$220 million deal with investors from the UAE, Bahrain, and China to build an integrated solar manufacturing complex in the Suez Canal Economic Zone. The facility will produce 2 GW of solar cells and 2 GW of solar panels, and will include energy storage systems. This move supports Egypt's clean energy expansion and aims to establish domestic capacity for solar components.



DR Congo and M23 Rebels Resume Peace Talks

27th Aug 2025



The DR Congo and the M23 rebel group have restarted peace negotiations to implement a July ceasefire agreement. Discussions focus on establishing a monitoring mechanism for the truce and arranging prisoner and detainee exchanges, supported by the U.S. and the Red Cross. This development follows missed deadlines earlier this month for concluding a settlement and reflects ongoing efforts to revive diplomacy amid escalating violence in eastern Congo.



South Africa Launches G20 Taskforce to Tackle Global Wealth Inequality

28th Aug 2025

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa unveiled the first-ever G20 experts taskforce aimed at addressing global wealth inequality's effects on economic growth, poverty, and multilateralism. Chaired by Nobel Laureate Joseph Stiglitz with members including Winnie Byanyima and Jayati Ghosh, the six-member panel will present its findings at the G20 summit in Johannesburg in November 2025. President Ramaphosa emphasized that inequality undermines dignity and results from deliberate policy choices.

Algerian President Ousts PM Larbaoui, Appoints Sifi Ghrieb as Acting Premier

28th Aug 2025



President Abdelmadjid Tebboune issued a decree ending Prime Minister Nadir Larbaoui's tenure and appointed Industry Minister Sif Ghrieb as acting head of government, according to state media. Larbaoui, a former diplomat, had served since 2023. The government provided no official explanation for the change. As a major natural gas supplier to Europe, Algeria remains politically stable, and the transition appears a routine reshuffle in continuity with longstanding governance patterns.



Dangote & Ethiopia Partner on \$2.5 Billion Fertilizer Plant

28th Aug 2025

Nigeria's Dangote Group and the Ethiopian government have agreed to develop a \$2.5 billion fertilizer plant in Gode, Ethiopia, aiming to produce 3 million metric tons annually. The plant, co-owned by Ethiopian Investment Holdings (40%) and Dangote (60%), marks a milestone in Africa's drive for industrial self-reliance and food security. The initiative aligns with Dangote's vision to end the continent's dependence on imported fertilizer. The announcement was confirmed by Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed.



Egypt and Qatar Review Activation of \$7.5 Billion Partnership Package

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Egypt's Prime Minister, Mostafa Madbouly, and Qatar's Prime Minister, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, discussed activation of a \$7.5 billion partnership package during a cabinet meeting, signaling renewed Gulf support for Cairo's financing efforts. Specific projects emerging from this agreement are expected to be announced soon, according to Egypt's Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty.

Egypt Boosts Gas Output with Two New West Delta Wells

28th Aug 2025



Egypt has increased its natural gas production following the commissioning of two new wells in the West Delta region. The additional output, totaling roughly 60 million cubic feet per day, enhances Egypt's energy supply and supports regional energy security efforts. The wells were brought online to help meet rising domestic demand and support the nation's position as a key player in the regional energy landscape.





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