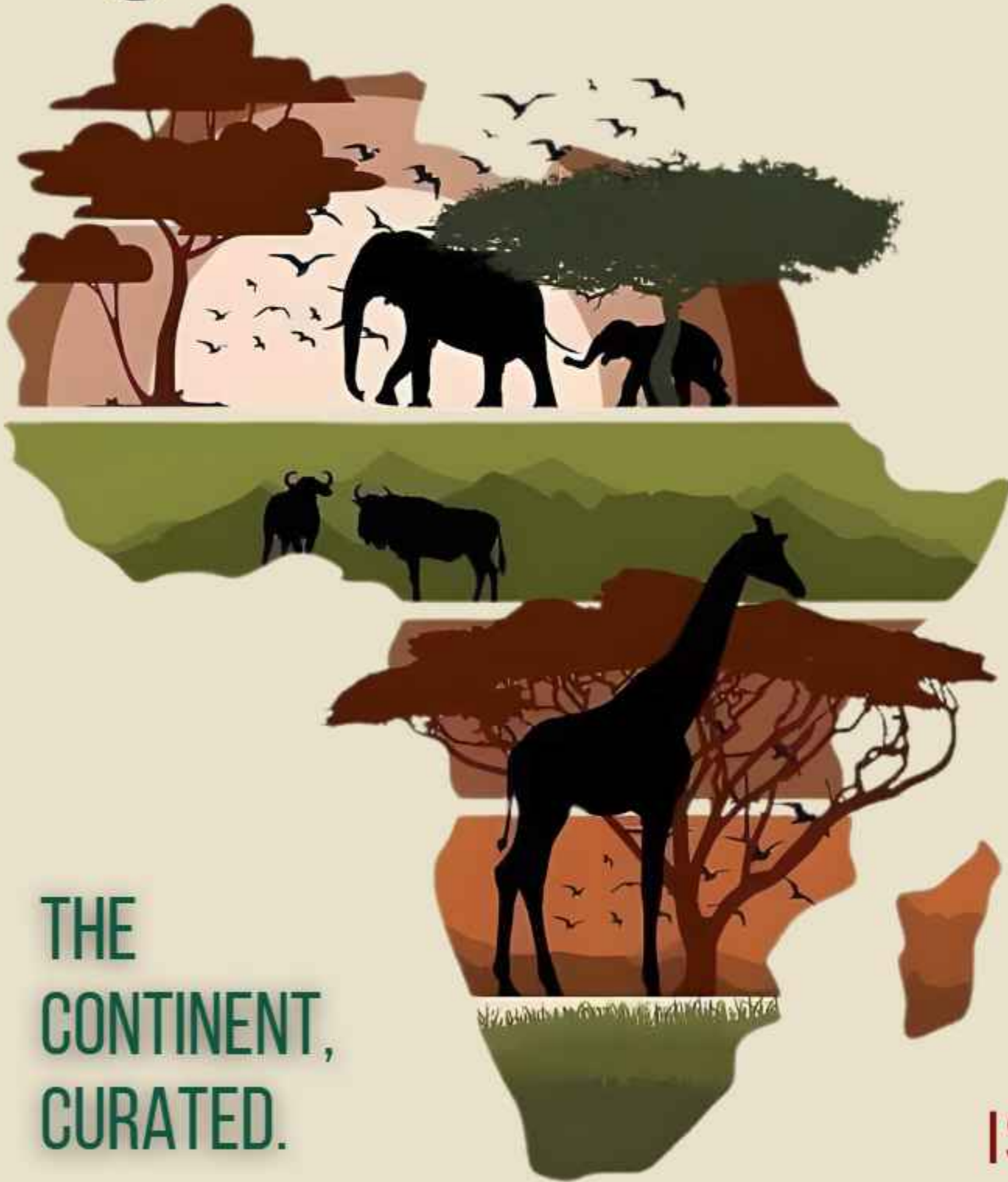




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Ethiopia Opens Africa's Largest Hydroelectric Dam

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Ethiopia inaugurated the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, Africa's largest hydroelectric project, marking a major step toward energy self-sufficiency and development. However, the move reignited tensions with Egypt, which fears threats to Nile water security. The dam underscores how large-scale infrastructure projects can reshape regional geopolitics and intensify transboundary resource disputes.



Ethiopia's dam causes disputes with Egypt

9th Sept 2025



Ethiopia's flagship dam has become a focal point of diplomatic friction with Egypt, blending climate adaptation, development needs, and water security concerns. While Addis Ababa frames the project as essential for green growth, Cairo views it as an existential threat. The dispute highlights governance challenges over shared resources amid climate stress and population growth.



Siege of Al-Fashir and Civilian Suffering in Sudan

9th Sept 2025

Residents fleeing Sudan's besieged city of Al-Fashir described relentless shelling, hunger, and degrading treatment. Aid access remains severely restricted, exacerbating civilian hardship. The siege illustrates the brutal nature of Sudan's conflict and the failure to protect non-combatants, as rival armed groups prioritise territorial control over humanitarian considerations and civilian safety.



AU Panel Reviews Governance, Peace, and Security Frameworks

12th Sept 2025



*A*frican Union's High-Level Panel of Eminent Africans met in Nairobi to review AU governance, peace, and security frameworks. Discussions focused on strengthening conflict prevention, improving institutional coordination, and responding to coups and protracted crises. The review aims to enhance continental mechanisms amid rising instability and growing challenges to constitutional order.



Mauritius PM Dr. Ramgoolam Visit to India

16th Sept 2025

Mauritius Prime Minister Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam undertook a state visit to India from 9 to 16 September 2025, at the invitation of the Indian government. The visit, his first overseas bilateral trip in the current term, aimed to deepen the Enhanced Strategic Partnership with India. Dr. Ramgoolam held meetings with senior Indian leadership, including the President Droupadi Murmu and PM Modi, and engaged in discussions to expand cooperation across strategic, economic, and cultural domains.



Senegal-Mali Trade Threatened as Jihadist Militants Block Key Routes

17th Sept 2025

Militant fighters from the al-Qaeda-linked Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM) have imposed blockades on major transport corridors linking Senegal and Mali, particularly near Kayes and Nirodu-Sahel, disrupting fuel, food, and goods shipments. The insurgents have set vehicles ablaze, kidnapped drivers, and erected checkpoints that have forced transport companies to suspend services. The blockade risks stifling regional commerce, isolating Bamako's economy, and undermining state authority in the Sahel corridor.



Sudan War: Humanitarian and Military Developments

22nd Sept 2025



The conflict in Sudan continues to escalate, with intense fighting between rival military factions deepening humanitarian suffering. Millions face displacement, food shortages, and collapsing public services. The article outlines shifting territorial control, stalled peace efforts, and the fragmentation of authority, highlighting the risk of prolonged state failure with serious regional spillover effects across the Horn of Africa.



Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger Announce Exit from ICC

23rd Sept 2025

Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger jointly announced their withdrawal from the International Criminal Court, accusing it of political bias and infringement on sovereignty. The decision reflects broader rejection of Western-led institutions by Sahelian military regimes. It also raises concerns over accountability for human rights abuses amid worsening insecurity and the erosion of democratic norms in the region.



Guinea Approves New Constitution

24th Sept 2025

Guinea overwhelmingly approved a new constitution in a national referendum, with authorities presenting it as a step toward stability and reform. Critics argue the process consolidates power under military leadership and weakens democratic safeguards. The vote raises questions about the credibility of Guinea's political transition and the broader trend of constitutional manipulation in post-coup contexts.



South Africa Seeks Tariff Reduction Talks with the US

24th Sept 2025



South Africa initiated talks with the United States to seek tariff reductions aimed at boosting exports and economic recovery. The move reflects Pretoria's pragmatic approach to trade diplomacy amid domestic economic pressures and global uncertainty. It also highlights South Africa's effort to balance strategic autonomy with maintaining access to key Western markets.

US–Russia Rivalry and Africa's Instability

25th Sept 2025



The intensifying US–Russia competition is fuelling instability across Africa through proxy conflicts, arms transfers, and political interference. Rather than addressing local needs, external powers prioritise strategic advantage, exacerbating violence and weakening institutions. The article stresses the erosion of African agency amid great-power rivalry and militarised geopolitical competition.



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