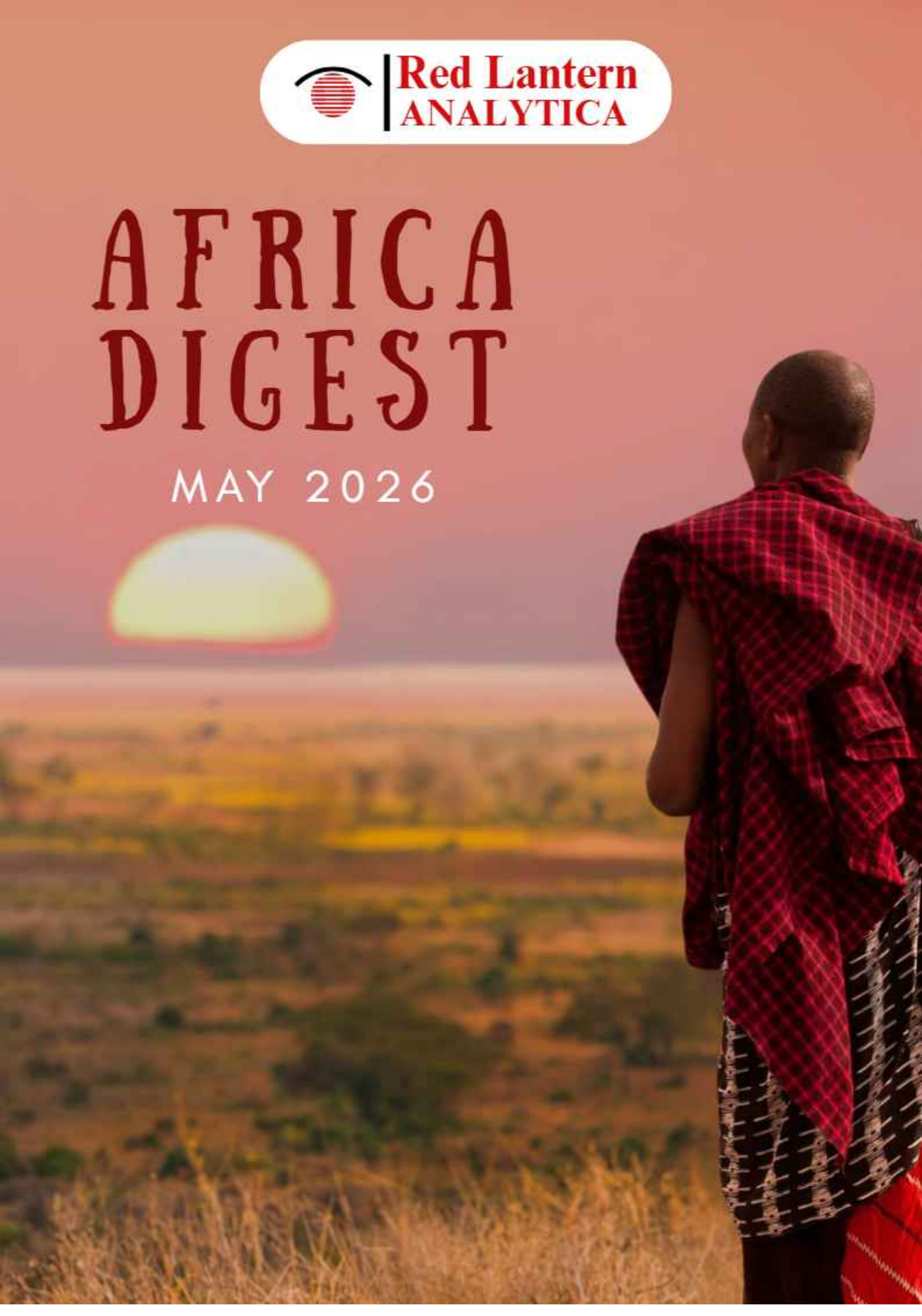




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Abiy Ahmed's Party Poised for Dominant Election Victory in Ethiopia

Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's ruling party appeared set for another major electoral victory despite ongoing insecurity and political tensions across parts of the country. The elections reflected continuing concerns regarding internal stability, armed conflicts, democratic participation, and governance challenges as Ethiopia attempts to balance political consolidation with national reconciliation efforts.



South Africa Plans Revised AI Policy for 2027

South Africa announced plans to introduce a revised national artificial intelligence policy by January 2027 following the withdrawal of an earlier proposal. Discussions focus on balancing innovation, regulation, ethics, economic competitiveness, and digital inclusion while addressing concerns regarding governance frameworks, technological development, and Africa's positioning within the evolving global AI landscape.

Rwanda Explores Small Nuclear Reactor Cooperation with United States

Rwanda announced plans to explore deployment of small nuclear reactors with US assistance as part of long-term energy diversification efforts. Discussions focused on clean energy development, technological cooperation, infrastructure planning, and energy security while reflecting broader African interest in alternative energy solutions amid rising electricity demands and climate concerns.





Senegal Elects Ousted Prime Minister Sonko as Parliament Speaker

Senegal's parliament elected former Prime Minister Ousmane Sonko as speaker following recent political upheaval. The development signals Sonko's continuing political influence despite his removal from government leadership. The move could reshape Senegal's domestic political dynamics while affecting governance stability, legislative priorities, and relations with international financial institutions and investors.



African Development Bank Meets Amid Ebola and Funding Pressures

The African Development Bank convened under concerns surrounding the Ebola outbreak and broader challenges in securing development financing across Africa. Discussions focused on domestic resource mobilisation, economic resilience, healthcare preparedness, infrastructure investment, and sustainable development strategies amid rising debt burdens and increasing demands for African-led financing mechanisms and economic self-reliance.

Uganda Enacts Law Targeting Foreign Influence

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni signed a controversial law aimed at limiting foreign influence within the country. Critics argue the legislation could restrict civil society organisations and political activism, while the government maintains it protects national sovereignty. The law has raised international concerns regarding democratic freedoms, governance, and political space in Uganda.





Egypt Plans to Establish Major Global Grain Hub

Egypt announced plans to develop a global grain hub aimed at strengthening food security, storage capacity, and international trade connectivity. The initiative reflects Cairo's efforts to enhance strategic supply chains, reduce vulnerability to global commodity disruptions, and position Egypt as a regional centre for agricultural logistics and food distribution networks.

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Ghana Completes Final Review of IMF Support Programme

Ghana reached agreement on the final review of its \$3 billion IMF programme, marking progress in economic reform and fiscal stabilisation efforts. Discussions focused on debt restructuring, inflation control, macroeconomic recovery, and investor confidence as Ghana continues navigating financial pressures and broader economic challenges affecting several African economies.



Rwanda Confirms Funding for Cabo Delgado Security Mission

Rwanda stated that Mozambique secured funding enabling continued Rwandan military deployment in Cabo Delgado province. The mission remains central to counterinsurgency operations against Islamist militants threatening regional stability and energy infrastructure. Discussions highlighted ongoing international support for security operations and stabilisation efforts in northern Mozambique's conflict-affected regions.



India–Africa Union Summit Postponed Due to Ebola Outbreak

India and the African Union postponed their planned summit in New Delhi due to concerns surrounding the Ebola outbreak. The decision reflects growing international caution regarding public health risks while delaying discussions expected to focus on India–Africa cooperation, trade, development partnerships, healthcare collaboration, and broader Global South engagement initiatives.



Senegal Political Changes Complicate IMF Negotiations

The removal of Senegal's outspoken prime minister complicated ongoing discussions with the International Monetary Fund and heightened concerns among international bondholders. Political uncertainty raised questions regarding fiscal reforms, debt management, and economic stability, potentially affecting investor confidence as Senegal navigates economic challenges and negotiations over financial assistance and structural adjustment measures.



Somaliland Announces Embassy Plans with Israel

Somaliland announced plans to open an embassy in Jerusalem while Israel signalled reciprocal diplomatic engagement. The move carries significant geopolitical implications concerning Middle East diplomacy, regional recognition, and African-Israeli relations, while potentially affecting broader diplomatic sensitivities involving Arab states, Palestinian issues, and international recognition of Somaliland's political status.



Senegal President Appoints Economist Lo as Prime Minister

Senegalese President Bassirou Diomaye Faye appointed economist Lo as the country's new prime minister following political changes within government leadership. The appointment signals efforts to stabilise governance, reassure international financial partners, and address economic reform priorities amid ongoing domestic political adjustments and challenges facing Senegal's fiscal and development agenda.



United Kingdom Pledges Funding to Fight Ebola in DRC

The United Kingdom committed nearly \$27 million to support efforts containing the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The funding aims to strengthen healthcare responses, disease surveillance, emergency preparedness, and humanitarian coordination while highlighting growing international concern regarding regional public health security and the potential cross-border spread of infectious diseases.



Nigeria Says Joint US Operations Killed Senior Islamic State Leaders

Nigeria announced that joint military operations with the United States killed 175 Islamic State militants, including senior commanders. The operations targeted extremist networks threatening regional security in West Africa. The announcement highlights continuing counterterrorism cooperation between Abuja and Washington amid persistent insurgency and militant violence across Nigeria and neighbouring regions.



Somalia Faces Renewed Risk of Famine Amid Humanitarian Crisis

Parts of Somalia face the risk of famine for the first time since 2022 due to worsening drought, conflict, displacement, and funding shortages. Humanitarian agencies warned that deteriorating conditions threaten millions of vulnerable people, highlighting continuing challenges concerning food security, climate vulnerability, and humanitarian response capacity across the Horn of Africa.



France and Morocco Prepare Treaty to Deepen Bilateral Relations

France and Morocco moved towards finalising a treaty designed to strengthen political, economic, and strategic cooperation between both countries. Discussions focused on trade, migration, security collaboration, and diplomatic engagement, reflecting efforts to stabilise bilateral relations amid evolving geopolitical dynamics and regional challenges across North Africa and the Mediterranean region.



Sierra Leone Receives First Deportees from United States

Sierra Leone received the first group of West African deportees from the United States under expanded repatriation arrangements. The development highlights increasing international focus on migration management, border enforcement, and deportation cooperation while raising regional concerns regarding reintegration, humanitarian challenges, and the socioeconomic impact of forced returns across West Africa.



ISIS Deputy Leader Killed in Joint US–Nigeria Operation

US and Nigerian authorities confirmed that ISIS second-in-command Abu-Bilal al-Minuki was killed during joint military operations. The operation represented a major counterterrorism success against extremist networks operating in West Africa and underscored continuing security cooperation between Washington and Abuja in combating transnational militant threats and regional insurgencies.



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