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WHO Launches \$518 Million Ebola Response Plan

The World Health Organization unveiled a six-month, \$518 million emergency response plan to contain the Ebola outbreak across Africa. The initiative prioritises surveillance, vaccination, treatment, logistics, and cross-border coordination while supporting national healthcare systems and mobilising international partners to prevent further regional spread.



Zambia and US Expand Critical Metals Cooperation

Zambia and the United States expanded a \$491 million grant programme supporting infrastructure linked to critical minerals. The initiative seeks to improve mining logistics, strengthen value chains, attract investment, and enhance Zambia's role in global strategic mineral supplies.



Guinea President's Coalition Secures Legislative Majority

Guinea's ruling coalition secured a parliamentary majority following legislative elections, strengthening President Mamadi Doumbouya's political mandate. The results are expected to facilitate governance reforms, legislative implementation, and the country's broader political transition following years of military-led administration.



IMF Approves \$250 Million Credit for Rwanda

The International Monetary Fund approved a \$250 million credit facility for Rwanda to support macroeconomic stability, fiscal resilience, and structural reforms. The financing aims to strengthen public finances, promote sustainable growth, and enhance Rwanda's capacity to address external economic challenges.



Ghana Records Strong Economic Growth

Ghana's economy expanded by 6.4% during the first quarter of 2026, driven by improved industrial production, agriculture, and services. The growth reflects continued macroeconomic recovery, investor confidence, and ongoing government reforms aimed at stabilising public finances and supporting long-term development.



Protests Over Constitutional Changes Rock Congo

Congolese security forces dispersed demonstrators protesting proposed constitutional reforms amid growing political tensions. The unrest highlighted concerns over governance, democratic accountability, and constitutional amendments, raising questions about political stability and civil liberties ahead of future electoral developments.



Kenya Signs Airport Expansion Deal with China

Kenya signed a \$1.2 billion agreement with China Road and Bridge Corporation to expand Nairobi's international airport. The project aims to enhance transport infrastructure, increase passenger capacity, facilitate trade, and strengthen Kenya's position as a regional aviation hub.



African Currencies Show Positive Outlook

Market analysts projected gains for the Ghanaian cedi and Zambian kwacha amid improving economic indicators, stronger commodity exports, and investor optimism. Currency performance reflected expectations of enhanced fiscal discipline, stable monetary policies, and improving external balances across selected African economies.

Al Qaeda-Linked Militants Consolidate Control in Mali

Al Qaeda-affiliated militants consolidated control over territories in central Mali by adopting less coercive governance strategies. The report highlighted evolving insurgent tactics aimed at strengthening local legitimacy, improving civilian relations, and expanding long-term influence despite persistent regional security challenges.





Uganda Arrests Lawyer of Opposition Leader

Ugandan security forces arrested the lawyer representing an opposition figure facing treason charges, intensifying concerns over judicial independence and political freedoms. The development drew attention to broader debates surrounding rule of law, opposition rights, and democratic governance in Uganda.



Xenophobic Violence Displaces Migrants in South Africa

African migrants with longstanding ties to South Africa fled renewed xenophobic violence targeting foreign communities. The incidents highlighted persistent social tensions, economic grievances, and challenges surrounding migration, community integration, and protection of vulnerable populations.



Equatorial Guinea Government Resigns

Equatorial Guinea's government resigned after failing to meet key development objectives, according to the Vice President. The leadership change signalled efforts to improve governance, accelerate policy implementation, and address economic and administrative shortcomings facing the country.

EU Expands Support for Ebola Response

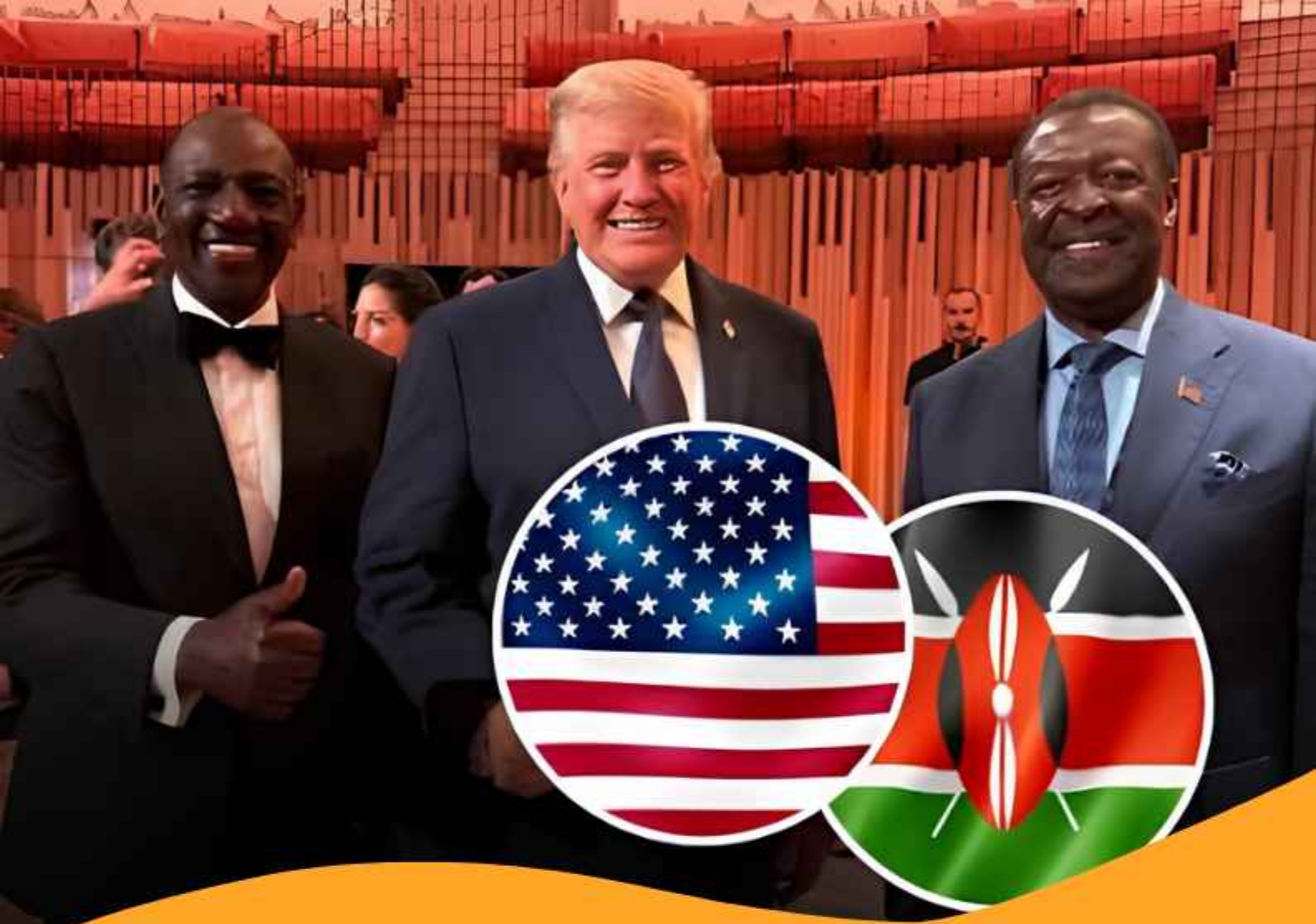
The European Union pledged €493 million to strengthen Africa's Ebola response through vaccines, medical treatment, humanitarian assistance, and healthcare support. The package reinforces international cooperation aimed at containing the outbreak and strengthening regional public health preparedness.





New Development Bank Approves South Africa Infrastructure Loan

The New Development Bank approved financing of up to \$1 billion for urban infrastructure projects in South Africa. The loan supports sustainable urban development, improved public services, transport infrastructure, and economic resilience while reinforcing the Bank's development financing role.



Kenya and US Advance Critical Minerals Partnership

Kenya and the United States moved closer to concluding a critical minerals agreement focused on investment, responsible mining, processing, and supply chain security. The proposed partnership aims to strengthen strategic resource cooperation and diversify global mineral supply networks.



South African Rand Strengthens on Global Optimism

The South African rand appreciated following reduced geopolitical tensions after the US-Iran interim agreement. Improved global market sentiment, stronger investor confidence, and declining risk perceptions supported gains in South Africa's currency and broader financial markets.

Somaliland Confirms Israeli Military Training

Somaliland acknowledged receiving military training assistance from Israel while denying negotiations over establishing an Israeli military base. Discussions centred on defence cooperation, regional security, and Somaliland's expanding international engagement without altering its existing strategic posture.





Senegal Faces Rising Default Concerns

As the IMF reviewed Senegal's economic programme, investor concerns over sovereign default intensified amid fiscal challenges and debt pressures. Discussions focused on financial sustainability, economic reforms, and restoring investor confidence through prudent macroeconomic management.



IMF Approves Climate Funding for Sierra Leone

The IMF approved \$211 million in climate financing for Sierra Leone to strengthen resilience against climate-related risks. The funding supports adaptation measures, sustainable development, disaster preparedness, and reforms aimed at improving environmental and economic resilience.



Zimbabwe Explores Minerals-for-Infrastructure Deals

Zimbabwe announced plans to pursue minerals-backed financing arrangements with China to support infrastructure development. Discussions focused on leveraging the country's mineral wealth to finance transport, energy, and public infrastructure while attracting long-term foreign investment.

Burkina Faso Ends Diplomatic Relations with France

Burkina Faso formally severed diplomatic relations with France, marking another significant shift in regional geopolitical alignments. The decision reflected deteriorating bilateral relations and broader changes in West Africa's external security and diplomatic partnerships.





IMF Approves New Funding for Congo

The International Monetary Fund approved nearly \$350 million in financing for the Republic of Congo to support fiscal reforms, macroeconomic stability, and economic diversification. The assistance aims to strengthen public finances and promote sustainable long-term growth.



Kenya and Rwanda Strengthen Energy Cooperation

Kenya and Rwanda signed a fuel import agreement to enhance energy security and improve supply reliability. The partnership seeks to strengthen regional energy cooperation, optimise fuel distribution networks, and support economic resilience across East Africa.



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