

Summary of Africa
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POLITICS OF SECURITY AND CONFLICT ISSUES

South Africa: 'Unlikely' to Repatriate General

The fugitive Rwandan general granted refugee status in SA was unlikely to be sent back unless there were special circumstances requiring the government to override protections contained in the Refugees Act. Rights groups in SA questioned the government's decision to give refuge to Lt-Gen Kayumba Nyamwasa, who is accused of war crimes saying the move could compromise the integrity of the country's refuge system.

Iranian President Ahmadinejad Visits Nigeria

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad will visit Nigeria this weekend in a move considered by analysts as an attempt to build alliances against stronger United Nations sanctions over its nuclear programme.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL ISSUES IN DOMESTIC POLITICS

Death Toll in Oil Tanker Tragedy Rises, as Helicopters Shift Injured

The death toll in the oil tanker tragedy in the Democratic Republic of Congo stands at 219, according to Red Cross officials in Kinshasa. About 100 more are seriously injured with many being transferred to the provincial capital by UN forces helicopter.

Amnesty: DRC Falls Short of Human Rights

The human rights monitoring group Amnesty International says the Democratic Republic of Congo has a long way to go with regard to human rights.

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND DOMESTIC POLITICS

Oil Spill: OPEC Asks US to Revisit Offshore Drilling Ban

Nigeria and other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) have called on the United States to reconsider a recent ban on new deepwater drilling in response to the disaster caused by a ruptured BP oil well in the Gulf of Mexico.

The leadership of Environmental Health Service Providers Association of Nigeria has asked the Anglo-Dutch oil exploration giant, Shell Petroleum Development Company to commence the process of remediation of all areas affected by its operations and to also ensure that the affected communities are adequately compensated.

POLITICAL ECONOMY

Decline in Nigeria's Production Lowers OPEC June Output

Nigeria's crude oil production tumbled 75,000 barrels to 2.01 million barrels, the first decrease since February and the largest reduction of any member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), a Bloomberg survey of oil companies, producers and analysts has revealed.

US\$ 12 bn debt relief for DR Congo

The Kinshasa government today was told it was ready to receive a massive debt cancellation of up to US\$ 12.3 billion.

China Africa Relations:

How a strong Yuan may affect Kenyan consumers

Kenyan consumers may be headed for a period of pricing turbulence as the economy adjusts to a much stronger Chinese currency whose peg to the dollar has been a key anchor against global inflation. The Bank of China on Saturday announced that it was ditching the policy of pegging the Yuan against the dollar, ending nearly four years of a trade spat with the US and Europe and buoying stock markets around the globe.

Pan-African issues:

W'Bank's Commitment to Sub-Saharan Africa Rises to \$13.85bn

The World Bank, yesterday, said its commitments to Sub-Saharan Africa, which is its top priority area, rose to \$13.85billion in fiscal year 2010, a 28 per cent increase from the \$9.9billion recorded in 2009.

SAHEL: Short of cash rather than food

The ongoing food crisis in the Sahel is actually a purchasing power crisis: there is food in the markets, but the poorest households cannot afford it. "Cash transfers need to be immediately organized to allow families to buy food. Limited agricultural productivity has forced the poorest, a third of rural households in Niger, Mauritania and Mali, to rely increasingly on markets rather than on their own production, even in normal years.

Elections:

Massive Rigging in NPP Presidential Nomination

Investigations has uncovered serious anomalies in the master delegates list of the New Patriotic Party (NPP), which if not well addressed, could lead to massive rigging in the party's presidential nomination scheduled for August 7th, 2010.

US: Nigeria Faces Political Uncertainty Ahead of 2011 Polls, Says corruption undermines efforts to develop economically

United States has said despite the progress made by the recommendations of the Electoral Reform Committee report before the National Assembly, Nigeria still faces significant political challenges and uncertainty ahead of next year's general elections.

Burundi Holds Single Candidate Presidential Election

An opposition boycott has left President Pierre Nkurunziza as the sole candidate on the ballot as Burundians go to the polls Monday.

US says Guinea vote went "extraordinarily well"

The United States hailed on Sunday the holding of presidential election in Guinea seen as the first free vote in the junta-ruled West African state's post-colonial history. Guinea poll went well despite hitches – observers

Guinea's first free election since independence in 1958 was hit by some technical problems but appeared to have gone off smoothly, international observers said on

Monday. **Party of Guinean contender voices poll complaints.**

The party of a top contender in Guinea's presidential election complained of delays in announcing results and some faults in the voting process on Tuesday in an early sign of

possible disputes ahead. **EU declares Guinea vote "generally satisfactory**