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Charges dropped?



Cecil's the lion's killer to escape prosecution
The US dentist who sparked an international outcry after killing a lion in Zimbabwe will not be prosecuted because he had obtained the legal authority to hunt, officials say.
Walter Palmer admitted to killing Cecil the lion in July but has always denied that he acted illegally. Zimbabwe's Environment Minister Oppah Muchinguri said he could not be charged as all his "papers were in order."

African kids choir rocks Canada



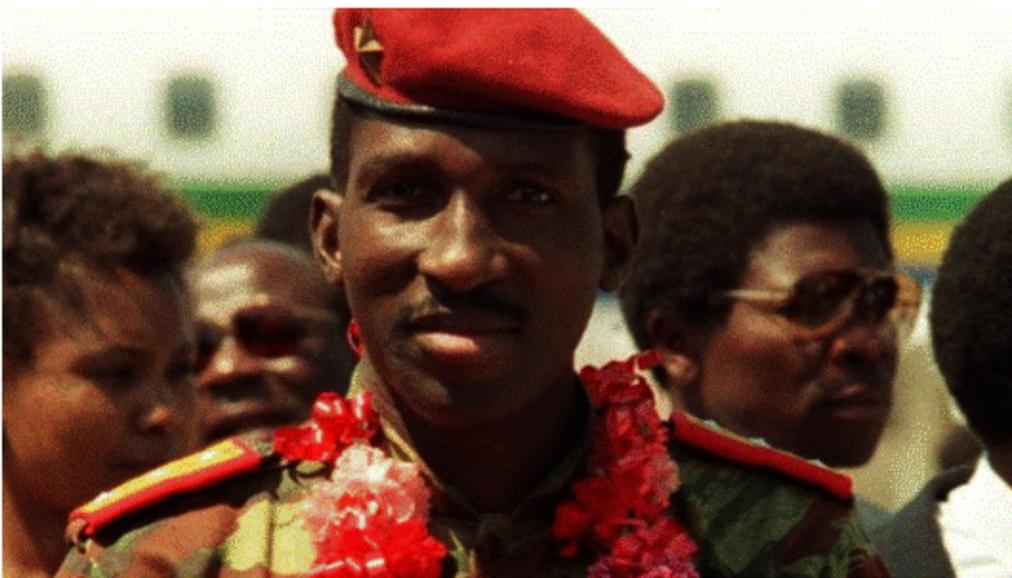
Sankara remains: Burkina Faso late leader 'riddled with bullets'

An autopsy shows the supposed remains of Burkina Faso's former leader Thomas Sankara are "riddled with bullets", his family's lawyer says.

The family is still waiting for DNA results to confirm the body's identity.

Seen as Africa's Che Guevara, the anti-imperialist revolutionary was hastily buried in a 1987 coup.

Permission for an exhumation was denied during the 27-year rule of his successor Blaise Compaore, who was ousted in an uprising last



year. Mr Compaore has always denied being involved in the ex-leader's killing, insisting that the "facts are known" and he has "nothing to hide". While he was in office, a Burkina Faso court blocked a request by Mr Sankara's family for his remains to be exhumed.

That changed last year when a transitional government came in after street protests.

The exhumation started in May but the autopsy report was delayed during last month's seven-day coup.

Ambroise Farama, one of the lawyers representing the Sankara family, said that the revelations about Mr Sankara's body were "mind-boggling", the AFP news agency reports. "You could say he was purely and simply riddled with bullets," he said.

Autopsies on the other 12 soldiers buried with him in 1987 revealed they had only one or two gunshot wounds. "But as far as Thomas Sankara was concerned, there were more than a dozen all over the body, even below the armpits," Mr Farama is quoted as saying.

Soldiers linked to Mr Compaore were behind last month's putsch, which delayed presidential elections due last Sunday.

Burkina Faso's interim government has no

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Obasanjo says African migration to Europe should be stemmed



Former former president, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo has called on the international community and African leaders to address the factors forcing many youths to embark on the perilous journey to Europe across the Mediterranean.

In a statement, Obasanjo said that Western powers should be honest enough to admit that it was partly responsible for the chaotic situation in Libya, the country many used as a route to sail to Europe.

He said: "It is thus a matter of considerable sadness for me when I witness the current wave of desperate youths risking their lives to travel to Europe and the futile efforts of European countries to deal with those who have already set sail or have even reached shores of the European continent." Although there are strenuous efforts to deny it, it is undeniable that the vacuum created by the lack of effective governance in Libya precipitated by the direct action of Western powers is responsible for the current anarchy in that country. "The current inflow of African refugees into Europe from Libya is a direct consequence."

Canada-made ebola vaccine works in Africa

The experimental Ebola vaccine designed by Canadian scientists seems to work, the interim results of a trial in Guinea suggest.

If proven effective, the vaccine could be "a game changer," said Dr. Margaret Chan, director general of the World Health Organization, which sponsored the trial.

The interim findings were published online Friday in the medical journal *The Lancet*.

Fifty Cents moving to Africa but where will he live?

US rapper 50 Cent has posted a film on Instagram showing his new house in Africa even though he has filed for bankruptcy in the US.

He said on the post: "My crib is almost finished in AFRICA. I'm gonna have the craziest House warming party ever."

In July he filed for bankruptcy days after a jury ruled he had to pay \$5m to a woman suing him over a leaked sex tape.

Forbes estimated in May that 50 Cent's net worth was \$155m.

He doesn't mention on Instagram where in Africa the new house is located, saying only: "I'll explain later. I got a good life Man."

The video shows people working outside the house but gives few clues to its location.

Reaction across the media and Twitter has been that of surprise given he had filed for bankruptcy.

The entertainer, whose real name is Curtis James Jackson III, said at the time that filing for bankruptcy was



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a "strategic business move".

Chapter 11 bankruptcy gives time for a business to re-organise finances while protecting it from creditors' demands.

The findings so far are persuasive, Dr. Marie-Paule Kieny, a senior author of the trial, told reporters from Geneva.

"The data so far shows that none of the 2,014 persons vaccinated developed Ebola virus disease after 10 days after vaccination," said Kieny, who oversees research and development related to Ebola at WHO. The search for a vaccine was spurred by the current Ebola outbreak in West Africa, which has killed more than 11,000 people in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia since the epidemic began in Guinea in December 2013.

WHO Ebola Marie-Paule Kieny

Marie Paule Kieny, World Health Organization assistant director general for health systems and innovation, says early results from a clinical trial of an experimental Ebola vaccine suggest it works quickly and it works well. (Denis Balibouse/Reuters)

The vaccine, known as rVSV-ZEBOV, was tested on more than 4,000 people who had been in close contact with a confirmed Ebola case in Guinea.

Of those who received the vaccine within 10 days of being identified as an Ebola

contact, there were no cases of the disease. That compared with 16 cases in more than 3,500 people who received the the shot after 10 days.

"It suggests it works, it works pretty quickly and it works well," said Kieny.

More conclusive evidence is needed and trials will continue, WHO tweeted.

Dr. Joanne Liu, international president of Doctors Without Borders, said more research is needed to

understand exactly how the vaccine protects and how long the protection lasts.

"But this is a first ray of hope: an effective vaccine could be a game changer to finally put an end to the outbreak which is still not under control in West Africa," Liu said on Facebook.

In a "ring vaccination trial," rings of contacts around Ebola cases are identified and randomly vaccinated either immediately or after 21 days. The time lag avoids the need to use a placebo.



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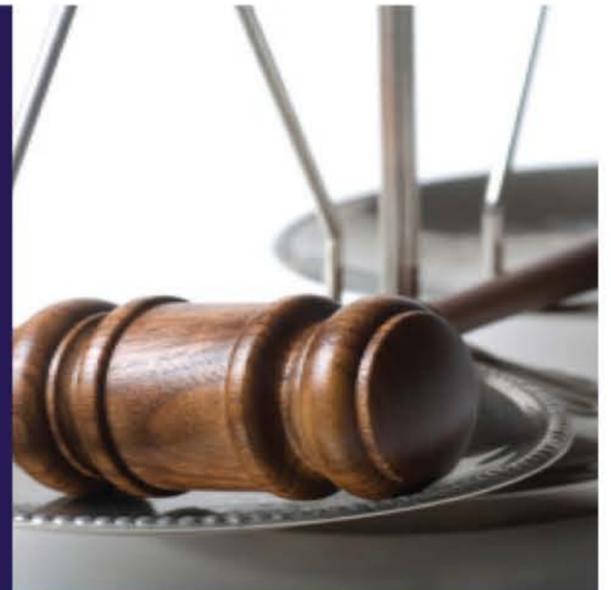
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Buhari claims Ghanaians part of oil Nigeria oil theft

President Muhammadu Buhari has hinted that his government may have uncovered some Nigerian oil companies conniving with Ghanaian oil firms to steal crude oil



from the country.

Addressing members of the Nigerian community in Ghana on Monday during his one day state visit, Buhari revealed that he had received reports that some oil companies in Ghana were bringing Nigerian crude oil into the Ghanaian system and vowed to deal with the perpetrators.

"We are going to pursue this information and find out if it is legally done. We will try to get to the bottom of it and prosecute the companies or those persons, who are involved," he declared.

President, All Nigerian Community, Mr. Moses Owarho commended Buhari for his tenacity of purpose in fostering good governance which was anchored on economic reconstruction and the restoration of the dignity of the nation.

Liberia: Christian College in Nimba Awards 200 Scholarships

The Administration at the Liberia International Christian College (LICC) in Ganta, Nimba County has awarded scholarships to 200 students at the college.

The Vice President for Administration, Gina Sheets, said that the 200 students are presently attending the college on tuition-free to help them with their education in post-war Liberia.

She added that the funds were provided by some charity organizations in the United States of America to help poor students who are struggling with their education in Africa and that LICC is offering associate degree in pastoral theology, business management, accounting, agriculture and education.

Madam Sheets stated further that plans are underway to make the Agriculture College to be number one in Liberia and said that cur-

rently LICC has 11 Masters Degree professors teaching at the college.

She said presently the college is in search of



qualified professors to add to the present instructors and professors at the college to boost the learning at the college.

The Liberia International College was established in 2009 in Ganta and had graduated many students in many disciplines.

The Liberia International Christian College is a Christian faith institution founded by the Inland Church from the United States of America by some Liberian Refugees in USA and since its establishment the college has had an enrollment of over 3,000 graduates, some of whom are currently teaching there.

Additionally, the Liberia International Christian has completed the construction of an Agriculture College that hosts agriculture students at that college.

DR Congo's Bosco Ntaganda pleads not guilty at ICC trial

Former Congolese rebel leader Bosco Ntaganda has pleaded not guilty to all charges at the start of his war crimes trial at the International Criminal Court (ICC) at The Hague.

The 18 charges include murder, rape and the recruitment of child soldiers.

Evidence has been gathered from more than 2,000 alleged victims, including former child soldiers.

Nicknamed "The Terminator", Gen Ntaganda's trial is the biggest and most complex case in the ICC's history.

He fought for different rebel groups as well as the Democratic Republic of Congo's army. He made his not guilty plea in a barely audible voice, standing in the dock with his signature pencil moustache, reports the BBC's Anna Holligan from court.

The start of the trial was a historic moment for international justice and for the Democratic Republic of Congo, our correspondent adds.

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The BBC's Anna Holligan: "Bosco Ntaganda founded the M23 rebel group"

The 41-year-old is accused of killing at least 800 civilians during separate attacks on a number of villages between 2002 and 2003.

He is also accused of raping girl soldiers and keeping them as sex slaves.

"Humanity demands justice for these crimes," ICC chief prosecutor Fatou Bensouda told the court.



General Ntaganda

Anna Holligan, BBC News, The Hague

The prosecutor used her opening statement to describe the experience of one witness in chilling detail. It was the aftermath of an attack on a village in the Ituri region of eastern DR Congo.

Ms Bensouda said the witness searched through a pile of bodies, and found his wife, toddler son and daughter, whose head was punctured and her throat slit. Then, he discovered his remaining two children who had been killed in the same way. He gathered the bodies of his family and buried them in a field.

According to the prosecutor, the rape and sexual enslavement of girls was so prevalent in Gen Ntaganda's Union of Congolese Patriots (UCP) rebel

army, that girls were referred to as "a large communal cooking pot" - commanders, she alleged, could pass the girls around and use them for sex whenever they pleased.

Human rights groups here in The Hague have celebrated Gen Ntaganda's appearance, saying it is proof that even the most powerful leaders may one day be brought to justice.

In 2013, Gen Ntaganda handed himself in at the US embassy in the Rwandan capital, Kigali.

He had evaded capture for seven years after the ICC

first issued warrants for his arrest.

Bosco Ntaganda was part of the UCP rebel group, led by Thomas Lubanga, who in 2014 became the first person to be convicted by the ICC.

Bosco Ntaganda in DR Congo copyright AFP Image caption Gen Ntaganda denies committing atrocities in eastern DR Congo

Gen Ntaganda was one of the leaders of the M23 rebel movement, which had fought government troops until signing a peace deal in 2013.

Eastern DR Congo has suffered two decades of violence linked to ethnic rivalries and competition for control of the area's rich mineral resources.

How was 700 million dollars spent? Oshiomole demands explanation



Adams Oshiomole

Edo State Governor, Mr. Adams Oshiomhole, Monday asked the former Minister of Works, Mr. Mike Onolemhem, to explain how a whopping sum of \$700 million meant for second Niger Bridge was expended.

The governor also lamented the grave conditions of federal roads in Edo State, which he said, had become impassable due to what he attributed to the failure of the Jonathan administration to make critical interventions.

He expressed disappointment in a statement by his Chief Press Secretary, Mr. Peter Okhiria, over Onolemhem's reaction to alleged mismanagement of \$700 million taken from the Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF) for the Second Niger Bridge project.

As contained in the statement, Oshiomhole said about N140billion was reported "to have been expended on the Second Niger Bridge without anything to show for it. The revelation came from those who were managers of the Sovereign Wealth Funds and not figures manufactured by anybody."

The governor said the former minister should direct his energy and explanation "to the managers of the SWF, who have depleted the savings on the explanation that it was meant for the Second Niger Bridge." He added that Onolemhem and the managers of the Sovereign Wealth Funds should also explain "to Nigerians what really transpired instead of asking Comrade Oshiomhole to apologize to Nigerians.

"The real people who should apologize to Nigerians for their many sins against the country are those who expended so much of our resources without any corresponding achievements to show for it," he said. Oshiomhole said any Nigerian "should be ashamed of the state of Nigerian roads especially with the enormous resources budgeted for road rehabilitation and construction. Rather than build new roads and rehabilitate them, they vandalized existing roads and made them almost impassable."

In Edo, the governor cited the Aduwawa end of the Benin-Auchi road, which he said, was almost impassable especially during this rainy season, noting that erosion "has cut off the Benin-Auchi road into two and motorists are going through hell passing through that road.

"What about Benin- Abraka road; one hell of a road completely abandoned and vandalized. In the name of politics, they came trying to impress Edo people but ended up depressing all of us. When we complained of utter neglect of Edo state in the scheme of things, they hurriedly brought caterpillars to site and vandalize the roads, pretending to be working.

"If you visit federal government roads today in Edo State, you will weep for Edo people. People should find time to pass through Uromi-Agbor road, a major highway connecting the Eastern part of the country, it is an eye sore, yet we had a Minister of Works who hails from Uromi," the gover-

nor said.

He asked the former minister "to explain how he expended the billions of naira that were budgeted for the Ministry of Works because what we have on ground as a product of such expenditure cannot score for any pass mark. "Roads from Oyo to Ilorin, Ilorin to Jebba and Bida, from Ore to Ijebu-Ode, from Ikom to Calabar, Onitsha to Enugu are amongst the several roads that explain the sad commentary on the state of Nigerian roads. "Aside from being death traps, they represent in graphic terms, the poor performance of the last regime in terms of roads construction and rehabilitation. Rather than hide his head in shame; Onolemhem is still oozing out diatribe against Nigerians. We deserve explanation and no amount of blackmail can stop us from speaking out about the fate of our country," the governor said.

Nigerian Segun 'Mathematical' Odegbami joins FIFA presidency run

Patrick Olusegun Odegbami is set to announce that he will stand in next year's election to replace Joseph Sepp Blatter as President of World soccer-governing body, FIFA.

Odegbami better known as 'Mathematical', a name given to him in his active days by late ace sports commentator, Ernest Okonkwo because of his zig-zag, deceptive, extraordinary dribbling skills and mastery in outwitting defenders is one of the best players to have played football in Nigeria and by his decision to join the race for the FIFA presidency stands out as the first authentic African to aspire to the position since Blatter agreed to step down as President. Liberian football chief Musa Bility remains the other African who showed interest in the Zurich office but his interest was smothered by Confederation of African Football, CAF, which distanced itself from his interest.

Chief Segun Odegbami, our source assured yesterday "has all the credentials required for the office of the FIFA Presidency", He therefore is among a shortlist of declared and likely candidates that includes the likes of UEFA president Michelle Platini and Prince Ali bin al Hussein of Jordan.

Candidates have until October 26 to come forward to signify interest. They must have the confirmed backing of at least five of Fifa's 209 member nations, and be cleared by the world governing body's ethics committee, to be able to stand.

Our source who urged Nigerians to support the great ambition of Odegbami added yesterday that his entrance into the race would be a good omen for Africa noting that many Confederations will queue behind the Nigerian soccer idol.

"This is a good thing for all Nigerians. Odegbami, beyond playing football is articulate and has been in football since he retired. He has an academy and satisfies section one of article 13 of the FIFA Statutes on such election", our source said.



Segun 'Mathematical' Odegbami

The section spells out conditions a candidate for the office of FIFA President must meet. The article puts it this way:

The candidate shall have played an active role in association football (as a board member, committee member, referee and assistant referee, coach, trainer and any other person responsible for technical, medical or administrative matters in FIFA, a Confederation, Association, League or Club or as a player) for two of the last five years before being proposed as a candidate (cf. art. 24 par. 1 of the FIFA Statutes).

Nigeria to Deploy Drones to Fight Oil Theft

Nigeria's state oil giant NNPC has announced a plan to deploy drones to monitor the movement of ships in a bid to fight oil theft on the country's waterways.

The managing director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Ibe Kachikwu, made the disclosure on Tuesday at a special conference on security in the Gulf of Guinea.

"We are launching an armada of approaches which will include incorporation of drones to check movements of vessels within our territorial waters," he said, according to an NNPC official statement. "We are looking at the current logistical nightmares of changing staffing at the loading bay of crude oil export terminals virtually every 90 days", he added. Kachikwu said NNPC was also trying to help the Nigerian navy make up for a lack of equipment to carry out patrols. The moves are expected to end theft within the next eight months, the NNPC statement added. Kachikwu said that if oil theft was left unchecked, it could make it impossible for NNPC to operate the nation's four refineries. He said that between June 2014 and June 2015 nearly 4,000 attacks were made on its pipelines across the country, and that a total of 350 people including NNPC workers, policemen, local community members had been killed by oil thieves in the past three years. Nigeria will seek the support of the international community, especially from countries that receive the stolen cargoes, as part of the crackdown on oil theft.

Oil accounts for more than 90 percent of Nigeria's foreign exchange earnings.

Speaking at the conference, Sao Tome Prime Minister Patrice Emery Trovoada urged countries in the Gulf of Guinea to forge better collaboration to improve maritime security.

Al Jazeera Canadian journalist freed in Egypt



Mohamed Fahmy, left, jailed in Egypt

An Egyptian court has freed Canadian-Egyptian journalist Mohamed Fahmy who had been handed down a three-year prison sentence at the retrial of all three Al Jazeera reporters of supporting the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood.

The case aroused international condemnation. An Egyptian court charged them of broadcasting false news and working without permits, in a retrial called after an initial verdict was overturned by an appeals court. Al Jazeera condemned all court decisions, calling it a "deliberate attack on press freedom." The broadcaster's English acting director-general, Mostefa Souag, said the verdicts "defy logic and common sense," adding that the "whole case has been heavily politicized and has not been conducted in a free and fair manner." A Canadian national, Mohammed Fahmy was accused alongside Australian journalist Peter Greste and Egyptian producer Baher Mohammed, who had initially been accused of supporting the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood while covering events following the ouster of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi for the Qatar-based broadcaster. Fahmy's lawyer, Amal Clooney, who had arrived to represent him for the first time in the crucial proceedings, told DW that she would have appealed to an international court following the retrial verdict. The journalists were sentenced to seven years in prison in June 2014, while Mohammed was given an additional three years after police searching his home found a bullet that he had picked up while report-

ing on clashes between Brotherhood supporters and security forces. An appeals court overturned the verdicts, after finding there to be a scarcity of evidence against the journalists. Greste was deported in February after serving 400 days, and was being retried in absentia, while both Fahmy and Mohammed have been out on bail since the retrial began in February. Fahmy, who had both Egyptian and Canadian citizenship, dropped the Egyptian one in the hope of being deported like Greste. Previous hearings for a verdict in the retrial have been delayed several times.

Your next oysters from Morocco?

It's now September - the first month since spring-time to have an "R" in its name - which means that according to that "little pearl of folk wisdom," it's oyster season!

Few people think of Morocco when they think of oysters. Seafood overall sometimes comes as a surprise to travelers expecting to eat chicken tagine, lamb merguez, and couscous against a desert landscape.

But like its topography - which ranges from snow-capped mountains to sun-drenched dunes - Moroccan cuisine is diverse; and with both Mediterranean and Atlantic coastlines, tourists and natives alike indulge in all kinds of seafood, from shrimp to squid to sardines and more. In fact, Morocco is "one of the world's largest producers of sardines," according to Oxford Business Group's (OBG) 2013 Morocco Report; and with its fishing industry accounting for 2-3% of its GDP, "The

kingdom currently provides roughly 3.3% of the global supply of seafood products"!

Though commercial fisheries can be found in the port cities of Agadir and Tan Tan, the vast majority of Morocco's annual catch is fished off the coastlines of Laâyoune and Dakhla in Morocco's southern provinces. It's this latter desert oasis, known for its beautiful lagoon and prime kite surfing conditions, that is home to Morocco's fledgling oyster industry.

According to Jeune Afrique, eight producers operate in Dakhla, including subsidiaries of the Azura Group, and French-based Cultimer, represented by Rachid Kandy's "Les Huitres Kandy." As explained by Jeune Afrique, Kandy was something of a pioneer when he established an oyster farm in Dakhla in 2002. At the time, oyster farming in Morocco was concentrated in Oualidia, south of Casablanca. But since about 2007, Dakhla has become the country's oyster pearl, so to speak, specializing in the species *crassostrea gigas*, also known as the Pacific oyster, Japanese oyster, or Miyagi oyster. Morocco's oyster production remains modest, largely feeding national markets.

But Morocco's Ministry of Agriculture and Maritime Fishing hopes to change that. In 2009, the government launched a development program, "Plan Halieutis," that "aims to boost [fishing] sector turnover... by 2020 by streamlining fisheries practices, strengthening infrastructure and expanding local processing industries," writes OBG. Among the plan's top priorities is to strengthen aquaculture - or fish and shellfish farming, both to increase production and improve sustainability.

Morocco's National Agency for the Development of Aquaculture even developed a guide to oyster farming, complete with initial start up cost estimates and market potential. And earlier this year, the Ministry partnered with Japan's Agency for International Cooperation to fund an oyster farming research center in Tetouan to improve and share best practices in hopes of growing the industry. Though you can't buy Dakhla oysters at your local fish market this fall, it could be just a matter of time!

Libya PM backs up threat and resigns



Al-Thinni with US Secretary of State John Kerry

Abdullah al-Thinni has stepped down as Libya's prime minister in a move to end the power struggle in the country.

The cabinet said it was resigning to enable the elected parliament to choose a new, inclusive government.

The Islamist-linked militia which seized the capital, Tripoli, last week has called for the elected MPs to be replaced by the previous body, the General National Congress (GNC). Libya has been hit by instability since the 2011 ousting of Muammar Gaddafi. The various armed groups which united against Libya's long-time leader have refused to disarm, leaving the government unable to exert control.

France's President Francois Hollande has called for the UN to give "exceptional support" to Libya to prevent the country sliding further into chaos.

The approach road to Tripoli airport, littered with shells, on 21 August 2014. Image copyright EPA

Image caption

The recent fighting in Tripoli has been centred on the airport, which has been closed since July. Reports say the key issue for MPs to mull over is that the new cabinet needs to be an inclusive government with ministers acceptable to all sides of Libya's political divide.

Anything less will see the country's current stalemate continue, she says.

Following the call by the Misrata-led militia for the GNC to reform, some members gathered this week in Tripoli and said they had appointed a new prime minister.

The UN this week stressed that it only recognised the elected body, the House of Representatives, which is dominated by liberal and federalist lawmakers.

Because of the instability in Tripoli, and the second city Benghazi, the House of Representatives has been meeting in the far eastern town of Tobruk.

Uganda: Police should respect rights of Ugandans

EDITORIAL form *The Kampala Monitor*

Weeks before the official campaigns kick off, the Electoral Commission and police are about to wipe out any hope that they would, this time, conduct themselves with civility and in a non-partisan fashion.

In the last three days alone, police officers in eastern Uganda have behaved in a most deplorable manner; wantonly tear-gassing Ugandans just because they chose to gather, as is their legitimate right, to listen to a politician. In the same period, the EC has gone to great lengths, issuing statements demanding that former Prime Minister Amama Mbabazi refrains from addressing rallies and instead sticks to holding consultative meetings. For the uninitiated, this would have seemed perfectly plausible. However, how would the same authorities then rationalise their deafening silence when the President has gone around addressing rallies with an overtly campaign tone in about the same period? This blatantly selective application of the rules is the latest in a long and growing list of aggravations against the civil liberties of Ugandans. In the interest of national security, peace and stability, all patriots must denounce this misbehaviour by elements of State. We realise that many Ugandans are now asking: if the ruling party feels confident enough of mass support as it asserts, why then are the police, EC and other State functionaries so quick to restrain regime opponents from exercising their constitutional rights? What is it that the police and EC are so afraid of? The people who were tear-gassed in Teso were Ugandans peacefully gathered; enjoying their fundamental human right to freedom of assembly. There was absolutely no justification for any violence against them. The country soon heads into a general election. At a time like this it is the people's right to listen to whoever plans to canvass for their support. Unless Uganda is a police State, we must all reject the lawless and reprehensible conduct of institutions that are otherwise supposed to uphold the law. We must recall that Ugandans have repeatedly been told that President Museveni participated in an armed struggle so that the human rights of his countrymen would again be respected. Please stop making a mockery of that claim and thereby insulting the memory of those who shed their blood in that cause. This country does not belong to any single individual; it is our country. The Constitution in Article 1 proclaims that all power belongs to the people. No one can, therefore, pretend to enjoy a superior claim to this land, and as such purport to enjoy a higher privilege.

High-Speed Fibre Cable to Connect Kenya, S.Sudan in 2 Years

From *CapitalFM, Nairobi*

Nairobi – Kenya and South Sudan will be connected to a high-speed fibre optic cable within the next two years enhancing communication and inter-border trade.

The two governments are implementing the optic fibre cable system as part of the Eastern Africa Regional Transport, Trade and Development Facilitation Project. The project will also build a road linking the two countries from Eldoret to Lodwar and Juba and a common border post built at the interconnection of the two countries. "As you are all aware, roads and information superhighways are two of the most effective means of realising accelerated development of any modern economy. Today we are witnessing the implementation of both at the same time in this region," Shared Services Director at the ICT Authority Robert Mugo said during the project commissioning in Lodwar town, Turkana to inaugurate the project on the ground. South Sudan will similarly extend the cable from the Kenya-South Sudan border to Juba. The ICT Authority is implementing the Kenyan-side of the project through a World Bank fund estimated at a cost of Sh2.6billion, while the Sudan side is estimated to cost Sh1.5billion.

The road construction between Lokichar and Nedapal is worth Sh52.5billion and will be funded by the World Bank. The full cost of the road construction from Eldoret to Sudan border is an estimated \$1.2 million dollars. The real construction work will start in May 2016 and will be completed in February 2019. Once completed, the two countries are set to benefit from fast movement of goods and people and enhanced internet connectivity. The connectivity will be used by towns and facilities along the corridor including schools, hospitals, government offices and telecommunications operators.

"This development will increase inter-border trade between Kenya and South Sudan as well as link Turkana County to the rest of Kenya. We see the prices of commodities coming down," said Turkana County Governor Josphat Nanok. Kenya through the Ministry of ICT has already entered into an MoU with South Sudan through the Ministry of Telecommunications and Postal Services on January 23, 2015 in relation to the construction of the fibre optic cable that will interconnect both countries.

Pondering the decades after Samuel Does' death

From the *African Arguments, Monrovia*

ANALYSIS

When a 28-year-old Master Sergeant took power in 1980, he set in motion a series of events that reverberates in Liberia to this day.

In 1980, Samuel K. Doe, a 28 year-old Master Sergeant, assumed power in Liberia in a blaze of glory. In a surprise night-time attack on the Executive Mansion overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, Doe and his accomplices brutally murdered President William R. Tolbert Jr, ending 133 years of rule by black American settlers and their descendants (known as Americo-Liberians). Having discarded with Tolbert, Doe became Liberia's first president of "exclusive indigenous heritage".

In the subsequent decade, President Doe inflamed ethnic politics and eked out a suspiciously close victory in the 1985 elections, before he met an even less dignified end than his predecessor. At the end of the Cold War, his previously unwavering support from the US evaporated and, as Liberia erupted into civil war, Doe was left vulnerable. Nine months into the conflict on 9 September, 1990, Doe was captured on a visit to the recently deployed ECOWAS Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) in Monrovia.

Hours later, he was dead, though Liberia's civil war would continue for another 13 long years. In his last hours, Doe was stripped to his underwear, interrogated on film, and his ear was sliced off.

Rebel leader Prince Johnson nonchalantly presided over the affair.

Today, exactly 25 years after Samuel Doe's bloody death, his legacy continues to reverberate in Liberia. Prince Johnson, for instance, is today a Liberian Senator, while a range of actors tied to Doe's overthrow, including current President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, remain prominent in politics.

Although he has been gone for a quarter of a century, Doe set in motion a chain of events that continue to make their impact felt across the nation he once led.

Doe came to power in 1980 by virtue of being the highest-ranking of the coup members and began his reign in brutal fashion. Ten days after President Tolbert met his brutal end, thirteen of the most senior officials of the Tolbert government were stripped down to their underwear and publicly executed on a Monrovia beach.

Doe's new government briefly flirted with Libya, before aligning firmly with the US. This position was rewarded with massive foreign assistance from the administration of President Ronald Reagan and a state visit to the White House in 1982. Furthermore, until 1985, Liberia was the largest per capita recipient of US aid in sub-Saharan Africa, receiving more assistance from the US in 1981-1985 than over the entire previous century - though by the time rebels Charles Taylor and Prince Johnson moved to overthrow Doe at the twilight of the Cold War, this support had evaporated. Before that, however, Doe won fraudulent elections in October 1985 and then, just a month later, faced a major coup attempt led by a former comrade. Doe survived the failed overthrow, but this tumultuous period caused domestic political calculations to change greatly. The army quelled an uprising soon after and proceeded to launch reprisals and perpetrate human rights violations against the Gio ethnic group, which was seen as widely supporting the coup. By 1990, forces under Doe were committing ever greater atrocities and primarily consisted of members of his own Krahn ethnic group. Doe's decade-long rule is often remembered for these atrocities, but he also has some defenders. For instance, William K. Glay, Sr. a Liberian politician who was a cousin and former advisor to President Doe, claims that many of the most egregious atrocities under Doe's watch, such as a massacre at a Monrovia church, were perpetrated by undisciplined commanders. In fact, Glay lauds his kinsman for constructing roads, a new national archives, military barracks, sports stadiums, and police stations during his presidency. He told *African Arguments* that one of Doe's greatest achievements was the construction of a range of government ministries - prior to Doe's presidency, most government ministries were housed in buildings leased out by well-connected Americo-Liberians. However, while many Liberians recognise the infrastructural achievements of the Doe government - most of which were laid to waste by the civil war - many blame him for introducing ethnic politics into the country's governance, the consequences of which still linger today. 25 years after his demise, Doe's party, the National Democratic Party of Liberia (NDPL), is no longer a major political force. It did elect two senators in the first post-war election in 2005, and its presidential candidate, Winston Tubman, placed fourth in a large field. But the party was deregistered in May 2014 and according to Tubman, "the reason I didn't do better [in the 2005 elections] was because of the stigma the NDPL carried". He adds that NDPL sympathisers today are dominated by the Krahn. Looking back on Doe's rule today, not all Liberians see the man himself with malice. In fact, even Winston A. Tolbert, the son of the president that Doe deposed, says that "in [our] family we don't hold anything against Doe or his family... [Doe] was just a pawn in a big game... he was just executing a plan that someone gave him." Tolbert suspects that both his father and Doe were the targets in this 'big game', removed from office as a result of pressures from the US government.

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Continent's favourites fall at the hands of lesser-knowns in Africa



Burkina Faso, South Africa and Tunisia were the biggest casualties of the Day Two matches on Saturday, suffering losses away from home.

The trio tasted defeats in encounters much was expected of them as the journey for the places at the final tournament of the 31st edition of the showpiece continental football tournament gathers momentum.

'Les Etalons' of Burkina Faso, losing finalists at the 2013 edition in South Africa were undone by a Joel Mogorosi 50th minute strike, which handed Botswana victory in the Group D encounter in Francistown.

In Nouakchott, Mauritania overwhelmed South Africa beating them 3-1 to boost their chances in Group M. 'Les Mourabitounes' went up after five minutes after Bafana Bafana goalie Itumeleng Khune failed to make a firm grab of a shot from Ali Abeid from a free-kick.

Despite playing with a man less after David Zulu was shown a straight red card six minutes after the break, South Africa drew level on 69 minutes courtesy a Thamsanqa Mabuzza header.

Late goals from Boubacar Beyguili and Moulaye Ahmed secured a convincing win for the Mauritians, their first of the campaign.

Elsewhere, Tunisia tasted defeat for the first time in the qualifiers after Liberia beat them 1-0 in Monrovia. Striker Francis Doe scored the only on 79 minutes to revive the chances of the Lone Stars.

Striker Ferebory Dore was the hero for Congo scoring four times in their 4-2 win over Guinea Bissau at Bissau in Group E. Dore completed his hat-trick on 62 minutes before Zezinho pulled one back for the hosts.

Dore restored the three-goal lead on 65 minutes and Zezinho reduced the

deficit for the homers on 80 minutes.

Gambia: Abdoulie Mansally Patronises Gunjur Sports Committee

Gambian international Abdoulie Kenny Mansally has donated football boots and balls to the Gunjur Sports Committee, as part of his foundation's efforts to promote and develop football in the country.

The presentation ceremony was held at the Gunjur Nyamina football field, on Tuesday.

Gunjur Sports Committee applauded Kenny Mansally for his benevolent gesture, while assuring him that the donated items would aid the committee in their efforts to develop football in Gunjur and its satellite villages.

Mr Mansally expressed his delight in donating the football materials to the people of Gunjur, the first time he has done so.

"My foundation started just last year, but we are doing our quota in trying to support many areas in national development," he said. "I can see a lot of potentials in Gunjur, and all they need is the support and I and my foundation will be bringing more materials in the near future."

Mansally said his foundation does not only support football, but also extends support to school-going children at nursery school level, and the sick.

"I have a huge package for December or early next year when my foundation will launch its fund raising campaign, and the proceeds gained from that campaign will be used in other developmental areas."

Liverpool signs Nigerian Awoniyi

Liverpool signed teenage Nigerian forward Taiwo Awoniyi on Monday and immediately sent him out on loan to German club FSV Frankfurt.

Brendan Rodgers' side have brought Awoniyi to Anfield from Imperial Academy in Nigeria after fending off reported interest from Porto and Monaco.

The 18-year-old is understood to have cost around £400,000 (\$614,000, 547,371 euros) and will spend the rest of the season learning his trade on loan with Frankfurt in the German second tier.

"This is the biggest club in the



world and I'm privileged to be here," Awoniyi told Liverpool's website.

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