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THE PLIGHT OF AFRICA'S **ALBINOS**

SALIF KFIT TO THE RIGHT, IS MALI'S FAMOUS MUSICIAN AND PERHAPS THE MOST POPULAR AND INFLUENTIAL ALBINO IN THE WORLD. RECENTLY HE CALLED FOR PEOPLE IN AFRICA TO BE MORE TOLERANT TOWARDS THOSE LIKE HIM WHO LIVE WITH THE GENETIC DISPOSITION OF ALBINISM, A CON-GENITAL CONDITION WITH THE ABSENCE OF MELANIN IN THOSE BIRTHED WITH IT. RECENT REPORTS INDICATE THAT ALBINOS ARE UNDER ATTACK IN MANY EAST AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHERE IT IS BELIEVED SUPERSTITIOUSLY THAT ALBINOS PRESENT # GREAT SOURCE OF CURE FOR AILMENTS SUCH AS HIV-AIDS AND SEVERAL TERMINAL ILLNESSES. MANY ALBINOS HAVE BEEN DE-CLARED MISSING, MOST OF THEM KILLED BY CRIMINALS LOOKING FOR THE BLOOD OF ALBINOS AND GENITALIA TO EASE THEIR BURDEN. READ WHAT THE PRESIDENT OF MALAWI IS TRYING TO DO ABOUT THE INCIDENTS OF DISCRIMINATION AND ABUSE



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Nigeria army bans cattle herdsmen from working at night

Military task force deployed to restore peace in Plateau and parts of Bauchi State has placed a ban on the movement of cattle and herdsmen after 7pm in all its areas of operation as part of efforts to sustain the peace in the states.

Commander of the task force, Major General Tagbo Ude issued the ban on Thursday after a town hall meeting between various community leaders, village heads and Ardos of Riyom, Barkin Ladi, Jos South and Mangu local government areas in the state.

Ude also emphasized the need to live together calling on all parties involved to consolidate on the hard earned peace the area. He also appealed to them to embrace peace that has returned to the communities.

He noted that he was not unaware that some of the challenges faced by some internally displaced persons returned to their homes to meet that their lands have been sold off or are being illegally occupied.

"Due to the security challenges, a lot of people had left their homes but many returned to meet that their lands have either been sold or are being occupied illegally.

"We are however happy that displaced persons in Lomak and Baka in Riyom have returned to meet their homes and lands intact", he said.

Boston startup making inroads to technology advance analytics and deep industry knowledge to make power plants run better and help utilities generate more power at a lower cost and reduce their emissions.

The unit can do that because GE has its own software and analytics business called GE Digital, and developed Predix, a cloudbased software platform for the Industrial Internet. Today GE Power added more muscle when it acquired NeuCo, Inc., a Bostonbased software and data analytics startup focused on improving fossil-fuel-fired power plants. The price of the acquisition hasn't been disclosed.

"The problem of generating sufficient power to meet the world's growing electricity needs is substantially a big data problem," said Ganesh Bell, chief digital officer for GE Power. "Only data science can pinpoint the types of 1 and 2 percent productivity gains which, when scaled globally, can dramatically impact productivity and reduce fuel consumption and emissions."

NeuCo's software collects and analyzes data from steam turbines, generators and other technology working inside coal-fired power plants. GE Power acquired much of this technology with Alstom last year. Some of these machines are already highly efficient. Last fall, the Rheinhafen-Dampfkraftwerk electricalgeneration facility (RDK 8) in Karlsruhe, Germany, which is using GE technology, achieved a 47.5 percent net thermal efficiency while producing 912 megawatts of electricity, a world record.

Why coal? As much as we would like the fuel to stay in the ground, it still supplies nearly 30 percent of global energy consumption its highest share since 1970 and provides 40 percent of the world's electricity. While this number is expected to drop to 30 percent by 2040 (34 percent in America), coal will remain the backbone of the power systems in many countries, despite new capacity coming from natural gas and renewables.

If coal-fired plants are not going away, Bell and his team want to make them cleaner and more efficient by combining NeuCo's software with Predix and mining data coming from sensors inside the plants for valuable insights.

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All GE businesses are linking machines to the cloud. GE Transportation plans to optimize entire rail networks, GE Aviation is focusing on fleets of passenger jets and GE Healthcare is using software and analytics to improve treatment and reduce costs.

AFDB rounds off talks in Beijing

The President of the African Development Bank Group, received by the political and business leaders who held discussions with the Bank's delegation during the visits.

China's Vice-Premier, Ma Kai said the High 5s provide China and the Bank common ground to work for Africa's development noting that the two sides have always supported each other in good and bad times.

In the same vein, the President of the Silk Road Fund, Wang Yanzhi said the Fund was focusing on the same domains as the High 5 priorities. He expressed a sense of renewed



Akinwumi Adesina, departed Beijing on Tuesday night at the end of a three-nation Asian tour, which took him and his delegation to Japan (March 24-26), Korea (March 26-28) and China (March 28-29).

These visits have focused on consultation with influential public and private entities in these three important nonregional members of the Bank Group on the Bank's mission and future development programmes.

Being his first visit to these countries since he assumed office as the 8th elected President of the Group on Septemvigour to work with the AfDB for the good of the continent.

The delegation also had a working lunch with the Governor of the People's Bank of China, Zhou Xiaochuan, and interacted with several other development finance entities such as the chief executives of China Eximbank, China Development Bank, China-Africa Industrial Capacity Cooperation Company as well as China -Africa Development Fund.

Most of the cooperation commitments discussed at the meetings will be concretized at the Bank's 2016 Annual Meetings in Lusaka, Zambia.

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You've heard the story before. Uber, the world's most valuable cab company, owns no taxis. Airbnb, the world's busiest accommodations business, owns no hotels and Facebook, the world's largest social media company, creates very little content. Instead, they use software and advanced data analytics to match supply with demand and give customers what they are looking for in the most direct way.

GE Power, the GE business unit that makes heat- and electricitygeneration equipment but owns very few power plants, is now taking a similar approach to the power industry. It uses software, data NeuCo's software, for example, optimizes fuel and air distribution for a coal plant's boilers. Boilers are essential to the overall efficiency and performance of coalfired plants. Too much air and the plant generates costly and unnecessary emissions, while too little air leaves unburned coal and wastes fuel.

The software finds the sweet spot between fuel and air intake and optimizes the internal temperature of the boiler to ensure the most efficient burn. "Think of it like cruise control for a car that adjusts acceleration (and fuel consumption) to maintain a set speed far more efficiently than a human can," Bell says. ber 1, 2015, Adesina used the opportunity to thank the governments for their support to the Bank. He also highlighted the areas where investment of public and private financing would result in win-win situations for both the Bank and its partners while accelerating Africa's development.

Adesina unveiled the Bank's High 5 priorities (Light up and power Africa, Feed Africa, Industrialise Africa, Integrate Africa and Improve the living conditions of the people of Africa), which were unanimously The Bank's staff involved in Japan, Korea and China will be very activate in the coming days refreshing MOUs and writing the terms of new cooperation agreements, a member of the delegation said.

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China Assignment: Examining China activiactive in Africa ^{ties in Zimbabwe in face of swelling accusations} but are the Chinese robbing Africans blind or are great partners?

RELATIONS between Zimbabwe and China could sour after revelations nationals from the Asian country are mopping hard currency from the economy, creating a cash crisis that has triggered panic in government, the Financial Gazette can exclusively report.

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China is considered an all-weather ally by President Robert Mugabe's government, which has been rocked by Western economic sanctions for nearly 15 years.

The cash crisis has been compounded by a dollar drain in the economy, created by an escalation of imports that has diminished the stock of money in the country.

Exports have been shrinking at a time imports have been soaring, forcing government to come up with a raft of measures that appear to have failed to make an impact in the wake of the alleged clean up of cash to offshore banks through the country's porous borders.

"They are taking the cash outside the country and depositing it with their bank in South Africa," a bank executive said this week.

His claim was corroborated by at least three other bankers who declined to be named.

George Guvamatanga, the managing director of Barclays Bank Zimbabwe, one of the largest importers of United States dollar notes in the country, said it was true "someone was taking the cash out of the country", but declined to say if it was the Chinese.

"We are bringing brand new notes into the country, but these notes are not coming back into the banking system as deposits. I can argue that someone is keeping these brand new notes, or taking them somewhere," Guvamatanga said.

Guvamatanga insisted the cash imported by banks and the central bank in the first quarter of this year was "adequate for our cash requirements".

During the first quarter of this year, the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) imported US\$145 million worth of notes, while banks imported an additional US\$118 million in notes. eign exchange as its domestic currency, especially at a time when business sentiment is low coupled by a strong US dollar and low productivity," Mangudya said in response to question from the Financial Gazette while attending the World Bank and International Monetary Fund Spring meetings in Washington.

He said as highlighted in his monetary policy statement in January, the country needed to come up with a "plug the leakages strategy" to enhance efficient utilisation of hard-earned foreign currency and ensure it did not "go out of the country on foot, transferred or remitted through banks or carried on person by people".

"On our part, we are putting in place measures to plug the leakages so that the cash we are importing to address the cash shortages remains or is retained in Zimbabwe. Other players like ZIMRA (Zimbabwe Revenue Authority), for example, would also need to play their part," he said.

A bank executive who declined to be named told the Financial Gazette: "This is no longer a secret. We have seen the Chinese from Zimbabwe with suitcases depositing cash with a Chinese bank in Johannesburg."

The Chinese bank in South Africa offers a full bouquet of products and services. It is also a deposit-taking institution.

Last month, a Chinese national with a bookstore in Murehwa was arrested at the Harare International Airport trying to externalise US\$32 000 to China. The businessman, who was convicted by the courts, had hidden US\$10 000 around his waist and US\$20 000 inside his hand luggage. Only US\$2 000 was in the wallet. He was fined US\$200.

Mangudya said the fine imposed in this case did not help to address the challenge of externalisation.

"We also advocate the re-establishment of an Economic Crimes Court to deal with such matters," he said.

Chinese entrepreneurs have penetrated all economic sectors in Zimbabwe's fragile economy. They make bricks, bottled water, operate bookshops, and are also extensively involved in mining and the buying of precious minerals. hough the matter was reported to police for investigations, it was quickly swept under the carpet.

Bankers said the Jinan case was "just the tip of an iceberg".

As a result of the current cash crisis, banks have been limiting daily cash withdrawals, damaging public confidence in a sector the RBZ and other stakeholders have been working hard to restore.

Public confidence had been eroded by a spate of bank failures, as well as worsening cash shortages that resulted in depositors failing to withdraw their money during a hyperinflationary crisis that forced government to ditch the domestic currency in favour of a multiple currency regime in 2009.

Although a few more banks twisted in the wind following dollarisation of the economy, the banking sector was slowly regaining public trust.

Sources indicated that there was political concern over the cash shortages which emerged against the backdrop of growing restlessness in the country, battling high unemployment caused by company closures and job losses.

"This has disturbed the political system," a ruling party source said.

President Mugabe was last week to take the unprecedented step to invalidate an indigenisation and economic empowerment campaign led by Youth, Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment Minister, Patrick Zhuwao, in a bid to calm investors and banks, whom he sought to reassure after months of speculation.

Zhuwao, who is President Mugabe's nephew, had given foreign-owned companies an ultimatum to close if they failed to comply with the country's Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment Act by March 31, 2016.

The Act compels all foreign-owned firms to cede at least 51 percent of their shareholding to indigenous blacks.

But Mangudya had moved to protect banks, saying he was satisfied with the level of compliance in the sector. He had then been publicly supported by Finance and Economic Development Minister, Patrick Chinamasa, prompting a row with Zhuwao who publicly scolded Chinamasa and Mangudya, accusing them of ignorance.

This, said Guvamatanga, was enough for Zimbabwe's "transactional purposes".

"The cash shortages are a reflection of a deep-seated problem; someone is taking the imported, brand new notes somewhere," he said.

RBZ governor, John Mangudya, said he was not in a position "to confirm the amounts or the nationalities of those hoarding and exporting cash from Zimbabwe," saying it was imperative to deal with the issue of cash externalisation "from a national perspective".

"The temptation of challenge of externalisation of cash or foreign exchange is high in economies like Zimbabwe that use forA source from the RBZ indicated that although there were many Chinese nationals operating gold mines, very few sold the minerals to Fidelity Printers and Refineries, an RBZ-owned gold buying company.

"It's not just the currency that you are talking about; it's also ivory and precious stones. A few of them have been arrested but the fines have not been deterrent," said the RBZ official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.Last year, Chinese diamond mining firm, Jinan Mining, was said to have externalised US\$546 million through an offshore transaction. AltBankers said the economy was also facing cash shortages emanating from a rising import bill, which has not been matched by rising exports.

They said imports were likely to grow further this year due to a drought situation, which will result in increased purchase of grain from other countries to feed the nation. Electricity shortages also meant that the country's power utility would import more electricity to meet demand.

From the African Press

Sultan reacts to Benue, Enugu killings, says blaming Fulani herdsmen "absurd"



From the Premium Times, Abuja

An organisation led by the Sultan of Sokoto, Sa'ad Abubakar, has described as "absurd" and "unfortunate" the widespread insinuation that Fulani herdsmen are responsible for the attacks on villagers in Benue, Enugu, Nasarawa and other parts of the country.

The Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI), a coalition of several Islamic groups in Nigeria, stated this on Sunday.

The Sultan is the head of the JNI.

In the statement, signed by Khalid Aliyu, the organisation's secretary-general, the JNI said it was shocked by the attacks.

"Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI) received with great shock and deep concern the news of incessant killings and maiming of innocent lives and the destruction of public and private properties.

"Of particular concern are the brutal murders of people in Agatu-Benue State, Nnibo-Enugu state and some parts of Nasarawa state.

"It is indeed alarming that within few weeks, deadly attacks were reportedly unleashed while the perpetrators go un-arrested. JNI therefore condemns in strong terms these repeated heinous attacks and once again calls on the relevant security agencies to brace up to the trends, in order to put a stop to this ugly tide, as human lives are sacred and must be seen to be treated as so," the statement said. Muhammadu Buhari for not acting strongly enough to condemn the attacks and arrest the perpetrators.

Nobel Laureate, Wole Soyinka, who criticised the presidency's response, stated that "I have yet to hear this government articulate a firm policy of non-tolerance for the serial massacres that have become the nation's identification stamp."

The JNI, however, absolved the herdsmen, mainly of Fulani ethnicity, of involvement in the attacks.

The JNI's claim is contrary to that of a leader of the Fulani herdsmen who admitted to PRE-MIUM TIMES that his people carried out the attack in Benue as a retaliation to the murder of some of their leaders

"Well, the Commissioner of Police, Enugu State has debunked the rumours, likewise the Inspector General of Police has also debunked the insinuations over those being blamed," the JNI said.

Read the JNI's full statement below:

PRESS RELEASE JAMA'ATU NASRIL ISLAM (JNI) CONDEMNS effect of the so called Boko Haram group, that claimed the lives of many thousands innocent lives. Hundreds have been abducted, the males forced into insurgency and the females into slavery. Millions more are wallowing in Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camps in Nigeria and in Refugee Camps in neighbouring countries. Public and private properties worth trillions of Naira have been destroyed.

We therefore call for a thorough investigation by appropriate agencies in order to fish out the evil perpetrators, bring them to justice and forestall re-occurrence. The repeated heinous acts of attacks are crimes against the citizenry and the perpetrators are therefore criminals and must be treated so. It is indeed absurd and most unfortunate that certain groups or people ascribe the incidence on ethnic and/or religious premise and to whimsically apportion blame in order to batter the gradual restoration of peace and security in Nigeria. Well, the Commissioner of Police, Enugu State has debunked the rumours, likewise the Inspector General of Police has also debunked the insinuations over those being blamed.

We must thus be cautious of packaging crimes on religious and ethnic garments. Crimes are abominable and whoever commits them is criminal. Security agencies should brace up in being proactive and utilize maximally intelligence reports in order to nip-in

The JNI said the attacks were criminal in nature and should be treated as such.

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It, however, said the attacks were not carried out by Fulani herdsmen.

"It is indeed absurd and most unfortunate that certain groups or people ascribe the incidence on ethnic and/or religious premise and to whimsically apportion blame in order to batter the gradual restoration of peace and security in Nigeria," it said.

The JNI, which commiserated with the victims of the attack, also called for "concerted introspection and commitment by relevant agencies to take proactive and effective measures in addressing this pernicious problem."

Nigerians have condemned the attacks, and affected communities have blamed security agencies for not protecting them against their attackers who they said were herdsmen.

Many Nigerians have also blamed President

THE HEINOUS REPEATED ATTACKS IN NI-GERIA AND CAUTIONS ON RUMOURS SPREADING

Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI) received with great shock and deep concern the news of incessant killings and maiming of innocent lives and the destruction of public and private properties. Of particular concern are the brutal murders of people in Agatu-Benue state, Nnibo-Enugu state and some parts of Nasarawa state. It is indeed alarming that within few weeks, deadly attacks were reportedly unleashed while the perpetrators go un-arrested. JNI therefore condemns in strong terms these repeated heinous attacks and once again calls on the relevant security agencies to brace up to the trends, in order to put a stop to this ugly tide, as human lives are sacred and must be seen to be treated as so. JNI and indeed all Nigerians, view the fall out of these repeated attacks, particularly the taking up of arms against other citizens as another trend of insecurity that portends grave danger to the Nation. We must not forget so soon the adverse the board possible eruptions of security problems within and around communities.

Painfully, His Eminence, the Sultan of Sokoto and President-General, JNI, Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar, CFR, mni, on behalf of Nigerian Muslims, condoles the families of those who lost their lives and sympathies with all affected victims, and also calls for concerted introspection and commitment by relevant agencies to take proactive and effective measures in addressing this pernicious problem.

His Eminence the Sultan and President-General of JNI, extends profound condolences to the families of the affected victims, government and people of states that lost their loved ones in the unfortunate happenings.

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Albinos gather at a news conference to discuss their plight in Malawi recently

Mutharika vows albino killings to end in Malawi

Malawi's President Peter Mutharika has vowed to end the sudden upsurge in macabre killings of people with albinism and has since ordered more action and vigilance on the part of law enforcers.

Albino people, who lack pigment in their skin, have faced attacks for their body parts, which

witchdoctors believe bring good luck and wealth.

But speaking in an audience he held on Thursday with representatives from Association of People with Albinism in Malawi (APAM), the President strongly spoke against the tendency saying it is inhuman from whichever perspective one looks at it.

"My government remains committed to protect and promote the life and rights of people with albinism and we will not tolerate this malpractice, which has brought fear and sense of insecurity among persons with albinism, their relatives and friends," said Mutharika.

"This is evil, and a threat to the most fundamental human rights in our constitution. And we will deal accordingly with those that are associated with this barbaric act," said President Mutharika.

He added: "We have intensified surveillance and investigations, and also intensified our working relationship with the APAM; and the fruits are visible."

The President expressed displeasure at rising cases of violence against albinism despite several public pronouncements by himself and other prominent persons and institutions. The fight against the vice is also being undertaken in coordination with neighbouring countries and United Nations among others.

"Let me also inform you that I allowed the UN Special Envoy on Albinism to assist us with the best practices on how to deal with the atrocities using the countries she deals with. As you are aware, atrocities committed against persons with albinism are violations of human rights which the UN addresses."

Mutharika also stated that he has set up a technical Committee which will monitor the implementation of the initiatives that Government has put in place to curb the malpractices.

Government has also included traditional healers in the fight because all this conduct comes as a result of ritual beliefs bring perpetrated by witchdoctors.

He said the government would continue its attempts to end the attacks as albinos should not live in fear.



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Inside North Africa

Egyptian youth remanded over insulting govt institutions

Cairo — "The street is full of laughter," but not anymore for "Street Children", a group of young theatre artists who film sarcastic videos in the streets. Egyptian prosecutors ordered on Saturday the detention of one of the group's members for four days pending investigation.

The charges are publishing videos that "insult" state institutions and the president.

Egyptian law fines those convicted of "insulting the president with EGP 30,000 (around \$3,379).

Street Children member Ezzeddin Khaled Mohamed was arrested in the early hours of Saturday after the group published a video on their Facebook page on Thursday poking fun at the Egyptian ruling authorities and president.

The video has received 12,000 Facebook "likes" and 327,000 views so far.

"We are youth who work at the theatre. We have decided to film our videos in the streets with crazy ideas. You will find us everywhere around you. Even if your day is busy and swamped, the street is full of laughter": This is how the group describe themselves on Facebook.

The video that may have caused Mohamed's arrest features the group mocking President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi and his supporters and jokingly asking journalists to "behave" in reference to a row that has raged between the Press Syndicate and the Ministry of Interior in the past week.

The syndicate demanded on Wednesday a presidential apology and the dismissal of the interior minister after security forces raided the syndicate's headquarters and arrested two journalists on Sunday, May 1. The ministry denied using violence or violating the law in its raid on the building, saying that an arrest warrant had been issued for the two journalists over accusations of "inciting protests".

In the past weeks, Sisi has been subjected to an unprecedented wave of criticism, especially amid anger from the journalists' union at the interior ministry - and also after Sisi decided in April to transfer control over two strategic Red Sea islands to Saudi Arabia. Critics have accused Sisi of "selling Egyptian land" in return for Saudi aid and took to the streets in rare protests on April 15 and April 25.

Algeria proposes to review system and structures of AMU

Tunis (Tunisia) — Minister of Maghreb Affairs, African Union and the Arab League Abdelkader Messahel said Wednesday, in Tunis (Tunisia), that Algeria proposes to review the system and structures of the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU) in order to adapt it to the ongoing changes and allow it to face current regional and international challenges.

Algeria proposes since 2001, to review the system and structures of the Arab Maghreb Union in order to adapt it to the ongoing changes and allow it to face regional and international challenges in the region, particularly terrorism, illegal migration and drug trafficking, said Messahel in a statement to APS on the eve of the opening of the 34th session of the AMU Foreign Ministers' Council.

For the minister, the statutes governing the AMU for 27 years "are not adapted to the current international changes." That is why, he said, "Algeria has continued to advocate for the reform of structures of the Union and the revision of its constitutional texts that it holds aged."

The relaunch of the AMU is dependent on the recovery of the region's economy, said Messahel.

The 34th session of the council of the AMU Foreign Affairs Ministers is devoted to the presentation and the review of the achievements made since the creation of the AMU (1989) and its role in the region.

Tunisia: Inflation stabilises at 3.3%

Tunis — Inflation has stabilised at 3.3% in March 2016 thanks to a nearstagnation of the consumer price index, according to the monthly note on economic situation published by

the Central Bank of Tunisia (BCT) on Wednesday.

This is the result of the contrasting effects of dropping clothing prices, in relation to the winter sales season, on the one hand and the recovery recorded in prices of food products, on the other hand.

energise Libya's relations with its regional environment and will contribute to foster relations between the two countries.

During this visit, Essid re-asserted Tunisia's support to the government of Sarraj to make of the transitional phase a success.

Co-chairing a press conference, Essid said that Tunisia stands beside the Libyan government and backs up its efforts to bring a "sensitive" democratic transition to a success.

Tunisia's role, he added, consists in helping Libyan brothers reach the objectives sought, specifying that what takes place in Libya is an internal matter.

The PM's visit offered the occasion to agree on several economic, social and security issues of mutual interest as the reopening of the Tunisian diplomatic representation in Tripoli before the end of May.

The two sides also agreed on deepening security co-ordination as part of countering terrorism and smuggling, training and knowledge sharing.

Besides, they agreed to iron out the difficulties faced as regards the Ras Jedir border point, by creating joint commissions to study security measures at border crossing points and to resume flights from and to Tunis-Carthage airport.

Morocco jails Paris attacker's brother

The brother of alleged paris attacks mastermind Abdelhamid Abaaoud has been jailed for two years in Morocco. Yassine Abaaoud was found guilty of promoting terrorism and failing to notify the authorities of terrorist crimes. Five other people were given sentences of between two and five years for terror-related offences.

Yassine Abaaoud's lawyer claimed he was not aware that his brother was planning November's Paris attacks, in which 130 people died and many more were injured, the Moroccan news agency MAP reports.



On their part, Egyptian authorities launched a campaign of mass arrests targeting youth who took part in the protests.

Sisi was elected president with a sweeping majority in 2014 after he led a military ouster of Islamist president Mohamed Mursi in July 2013 following mass protests against Mursi's rule. Sisi was the country's defence minister under Mursi.

Since Mursi was overthrown, Egyptian authorities have launched a crackdown on critics and imposed restrictions on street demonstrations. The U.S.-based watchdog Human Rights Watch says Egypt "remains in a human rights crisis" under Sisi. Libya getting needed support from Tunis

Tunis — Prime Minister Habib Essid paid an announced visit Friday to Libya, the first of a premier or a foreign State after setting up the government of national accord presidency council in Tripoli.

Prime Minister-designate Faez Sarraj pointed out the symbolism of this visit which, according to him, will undoubtedly The court in Rabat did not believe him and sentenced him to two years in prison.

It found five other people guilty in separate cases relating to "terrorism".

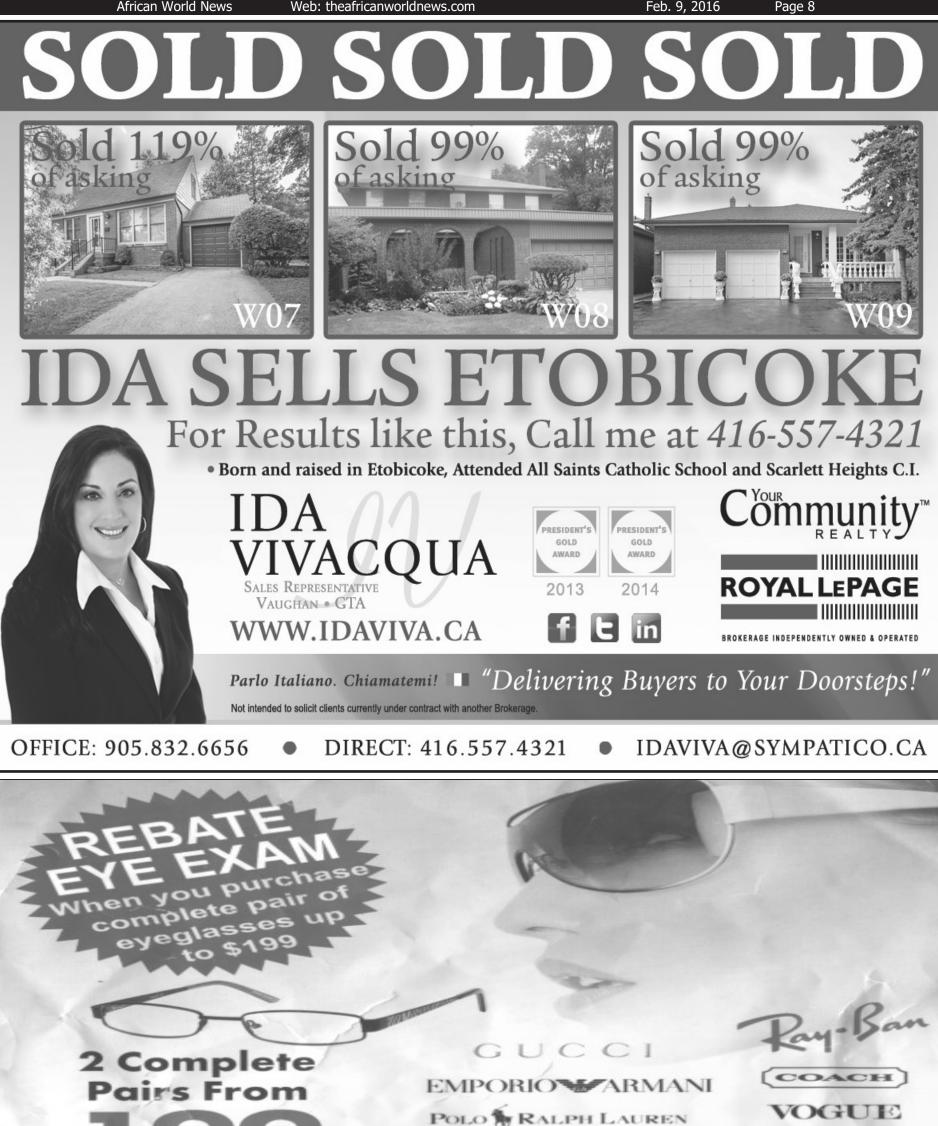
Abdelhamid Abaaoud died in a police raid on a hideout in Saint Denis, just outside Paris.

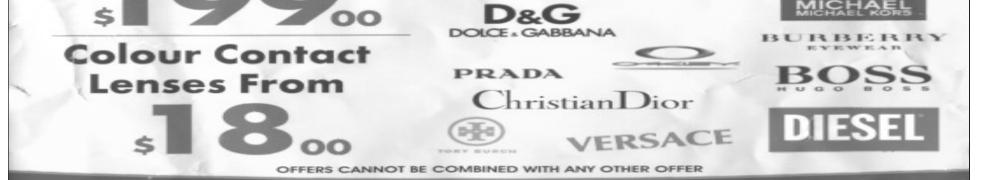
Moroccan intelligence contributed vital information that enabled French police to track him down.

The Moroccan authorities say they have broken up 152 "terrorist cells" since 2002, 31, with links to groups fighting in Iraq and Syria, since the beginning of 2013. African World News

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Yanga of Tanzania are champs

Dar es Salaam — Young Africans retained their Vodacom Premier League (VPL) title yesterday thanks to Mwadui FC's 1-0 victo-

goalkeeper to beat, he shot off target.

Mandawa missed a sitter three minutes later before Simba missed a clear chance via Said Juma in the 30th minute.

The first 45 minutes ended in a stalemate, but Simba approached the second half aggressively and could have scored through Ibra-



ry over Simba SC at the National Stadium.

Simba had a remote chance of winning the league after three seasons of heartache; nonetheless, the Jamhuri Kihwelo-led side ensured that Yanga started the title party with three matches to spare.

Simba's defeat means that no any other team can match Yanga's 68 points. The Msimbazi side has 58 points after playing their 27th match yesterday. They have three games left.

Azam FC, who were primed to take the title battle down to the wire, imploded recently, but bounced back with a 2-1 win over Kagera Sugar at Shinyanga's Kambarage Stadium.

The Chamazi team sits second with 60 points from 28 matches. The maximum point-mark they can hit is 66.

The solitary goal that handed Yanga the title was scored in the 73rd minute by Mwadui midfielder Jamal Mnyate who completed clinically a pass from Kevin Sabato. Simba looked a stronger side in early minutes of the match, but could not create meaning chances until in the 16th minute when Emery Nimuboma fired a powerful shot that, however, goalie Shaban Kado saved. him Hajib and Hamis Kiiza, but the duo fluffed their chances.

The home side found themselves trailing in the 73rd minute following Myante's superb goal.

Simba suffered a blow in the 90th minute when Hajib was dismissed for a nasty foul Hassan Kabunda.

In Shinyanga, Azam's goals were scored by Kipre Tchetche and Himid Mao while Kagera's consolation came from Adam Kingwande.

At Sokoine Stadium, Tanzania Prisons beat Majimaji 2-0.

Nigeria fined for overcrowded stadium

THE Confederation of African Football (CAF) has fined Nigeria US\$5 000 (N996 000) for overcrowding at the Ahmadu Bello Stadium during the Africa Cup of tracks to watch the game, while the stands were packed.

Meanwhile, Egypt has also been fined a similar amount following fans' excessive use of lasers in the return match against Nigeria.

Egypt won the match 1-0 to secure qualification and dump the Super Eagles out of the 2017 Africa Cup of Nations set for Gabon.

Nigeria

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Four days after hammering archrivals APR FC 4-0, on form Rayon Sports brushed aside lowly Rwamagana City 4-1 in the National Football League on Saturday at Kigali Regional Stadium.

Malian striker Ismaila Diarra scored a brace in the 12th and 63rd minute while Savio Dominique Nshuti added the third in the 31st before Djabel Manishimwe added the 4th in the 83rd minute as Rayon Sports kept pressure on leaders APR FC, who came from behind to defeat Sunrise FC 2-1 in Rwamagana.

Jean de Dieu Nyabyenda scored the consolation for Francois Kalisa's relegation-threatened Rwamagana City in the 57th minute.

The defending champions APR earned maximum points, courtesy of goals from central defender Herve Rugwiro and midfielder Tumaine Ntamuhanga to keep top spot with 49 points with eight matches left, one point ahead of second-placed Rayon Sports, who have a game in hand against Etincelles. After the win, Rayon Sports interim coach Djuma Masudi, who remains unbeaten since he took over in early March, admitted his team are favourites to win the title.

"Players have started to show fatigue but we have to find a way to manage that, the good thing is that we have finished the games against Police, APR and Mukura. Nonetheless, we still have eight complicated games remaining which we have to win," Masudi explained.

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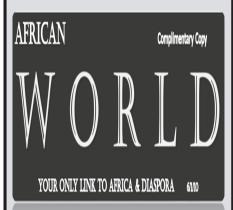
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Kado's bravery came at cost as the former Yanga shot-stopper picked an injury that forced Mwadui to go for a substitution in the 20th minute.

Second choice goalie Jackson Abdulrahman took up the role and did not disappoint Mwadui fans who cheered the team alongside those of Yanga.

Rashid Mandawa came close to giving Mwadui the lead in the 23rd minute, but with the Simba Nations qualifier against Egypt.



In addition to the sanction, Nigeria has received a warning further punishment would be meted if the offence recurred. On March 25, the teams drew one-all in front of 40 000 spectators in the Kaduna facility with a capacity to accommodate 25 000. t was seen as recipe for disaster as many supporters stood on the athletics He added that, "Our aim is to win the league title this season; we are remaining with eight games which we have to win, and we are not too far."

Third placed Mukura VS

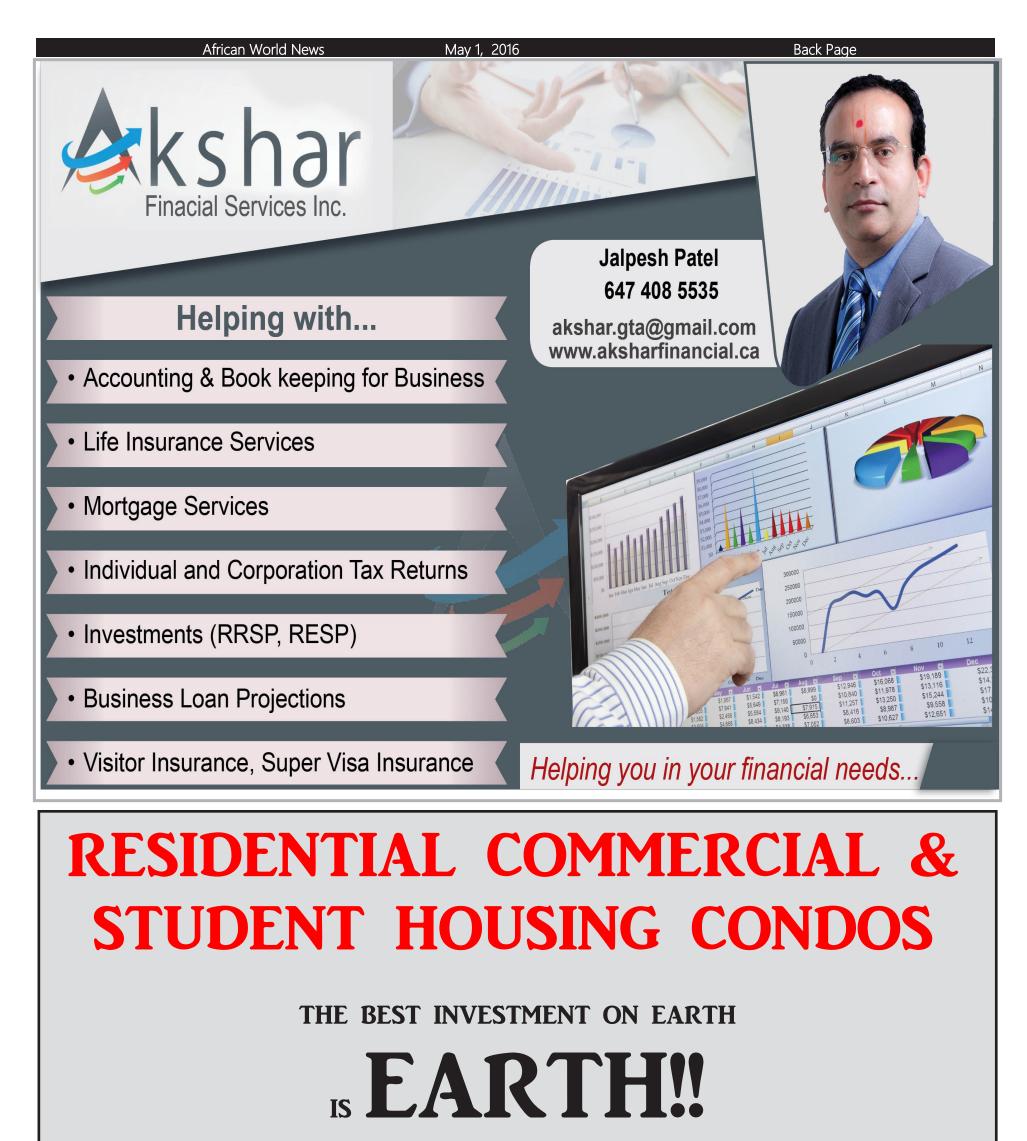
beat AS Muhanga 3-1 at

Muhanga Regional Stadium with Burundian international Christophe Ndayishimiye scoring a hat trick while former Amavubi striker Bokota Labama Kamana snatched the consolation goal for the home side. ourth-placed SC Kiyovu suffered a 2-0 loss to Etincelles with Bodo Ndikumana ing the goals for Innocent Seninga's team.

Police FC registered their first win in seven matches as they edged Gicumbi FC 3-0 at Gicumbi stadium. Jean Paul Niyonzima picked a brace and striker Dany Usengimana scored his ninth goal of the season to keep Andre Casa Mbungo's side in sixth place with 35 points. Rwamagana City remains bottom with 11 points, behind AS Muhanga with 14 points.

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