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Africa Southeast Area

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The screenshot shows the website interface for the South Africa Mormon Newsroom. The main headline is a news release titled "Remembering Nelson Mandela Through Service" with a quote: "Freedom without civility... is not true freedom at all." Nelson Mandela 1918-2013. Below this is a resource article titled "ASEA Daily News for July 2015" which is circled in blue. Other articles include "Emerging With Faith in Africa" and "The World Report April 2015".

Africa Southeast Area Websites

The Church has: [37 General Authority Facebook Pages & 27 Church Organizations Pages](#)

Africa Southeast Area (ASEA)

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Malawi	None	Malawi Mormon Newsroom Facebook
Mozambique	None	Mozambique Mormon Newsroom Facebook
Namibia	None	Namibia Mormon Newsroom Facebook
South Africa	South Africa Mormon Newsroom	South Africa Facebook page
Uganda	Uganda Mormon Newsroom	Uganda Facebook page
Zambia	none	Zambia Mormon Newsroom
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe Mormon Newsroom	Zimbabwe Facebook page
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Law and Religion Symposium	BYU Law International Center for Law and Religion Studies	
Emergency Preparedness:	Emergency Preparedness and Response	

Africa Southeast Area (ASEA)



Calendar

	July 2015	Central African Republic Presidential and Parliamentary elections
Sunday	9 August 2015	South African, National Women's Day
Saturday	15 August 2015	ASEA Mormon Helping Hands handover/culmination of projects
	18 October 2015	Presidential and Parliamentary elections
	20 October 2015	Kenya Mashuja Day (Heroes Day)
	25 October 2015	DR Congo Provincial elections
	25 October 2015	Tanzania Parliamentary and Presidential elections
Tuesday	16 December 2015	South Africa, Day of Reconciliation
	October 2015	Tanzanian General Elections
	27 November 2015	DR Congo Presidential Election
	2016 (first half)	Niger Parliamentary and Presidential elections.

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Articles of Interest to Members of
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Interesting Stuff about Africa & ASEA area

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Medical News

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[UN awards first Nelson Mandela Prize](#)

UNITED NATIONS, July 24 (Xinhua) -- Helena Ndume of Namibia and Jorge Sampaio of Portugal received the

first-ever Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize at the UN Headquarters in New York on Friday.

The prize was established in June 2014 by the UN General Assembly (UNGA) to recognize the achievements of those who dedicate their lives to the service of humanity by promoting the UN purposes and principles.

Animal Conservation and related articles

Multiple Africa Countries

[Obama calls for gay rights in Africa, decries corruption and conflict](#)

US President Barack Obama on Saturday called for gay rights in Africa, comparing homophobia to racial discrimination he had encountered in the United States.

In a joint press conference after talks with Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, Obama also pushed a tough message on Kenyan corruption, the civil war in South Sudan, controversial elections in Burundi and the fight against Somalia's Al-Qaeda-affiliated al-Shabaab militants.

[Capacity shortfall of electricity worries energy ministers](#)

This concern was raised at the 34th Meeting of the Ministers Responsible for Energy in SADC, on Friday at the Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg, where Swaziland was represented by Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama.

According to Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) Managing Director Sengiphile Simelane, Swaziland generates 302GWh, which is 20 percent of the country's total power supply and imports 860GWh from South Africa and Mozambique.

Angola



Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	64% / 26%
Penetration of population w/ internet	19.4%
GDP per capita USD\$	8,100
Unemployment / year est.	26% / 2014
Population below poverty line:	40.5%

Population: 22,116,360
Labor Force: 9,298,000
Life Expectancy: 52
Church Members: 1,436
Congregations: 8

[Angola's crackdown on human rights must be challenged](#)

Over the past three months, the Angolan government has intensified its crackdown on any form of suspected challenge to its dominance, in violation of the human rights principles that are enshrined in the Angolan constitution. On 20 June, police in Luanda arrested 13 activists who had been reading books about peaceful political action. Two more were arrested on 22 June. They remain in prison, and most have not had access to legal counsel. Officials have made unfounded allegations that the 15 were plotting a coup. Meanwhile, activist Marcos Mavungo has been held since March without a trial in Cabinda province. He urgently needs medical attention.

[Brazil-Angola undersea link gets datacenter](#)

The supporting infrastructure will support the fiber optic cable project
A 3,000 square meter datacenter will be built in the northeast of Brazil to support the requirements of a Brazil-Angola submarine fiber optic cable.

The facility that will serve the South Atlantic Cable System (SACS) project will be created under a partnership between the city of Fortaleza and African telecoms giant Angola Cable.

SACS will have capacity of at least 40 Tbps and is scheduled to commence operations in the first quarter of 2017. It will be the first ever undersea link connecting Africa and South America.

Botswana



Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	164% / 26%
Penetration of population w/ internet	13.2%
GDP per capita USD\$	16,000/2014
Unemployment / year est.	17.8% / 2009
Population below poverty line:	30.3%

Population: 2,115,710
Labor Force: 1,017,000
Life Expectancy: 47
Church Members: 3,104
Congregations: 12

[Molale resigns from Cabinet, Khama reappoints him within hours](#)

In a dramatic turn of events, hardly five hours after the Minister for Presidential Affairs and Public Administration Eric Molale resigned from parliament, and ultimately his cabinet post, President Ian Khama has reappointed Molale to cabinet.

[Botswana officials learning Chinese](#)

Gaborone - About 48 Botswana officials on Thursday attended the first class of a basic Chinese training course in the capital city of Gaborone.

The course co-sponsored by the Chinese embassy to Botswana and Confucius Institute at the University of Botswana (CIUB) was exclusive for the officials from Botswana Police Service, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Labor and Home Affairs.

It aims to facilitate communication and overcome language barriers between Botswana officials and Chinese nationals, help Botswana officials communicate with Chinese easily and efficiently.

Burundi



Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	25% / 2%
Penetration of population w/ internet	1.4%
GDP per capita USD\$	900
Unemployment / year est.	35% / 2009
Population below poverty line:	68%

Population: 11,010,900
Labor Force: 4,806,000
Life Expectancy: 54
Church Members: 526
Congregations: 3

[Burundi's Nkurunziza wins presidential vote boycotted by rivals](#)

Burundi President Pierre Nkurunziza won a third term in office on Friday after the opposition boycotted the vote, a victory that leaves the east African nation politically divided and facing international isolation after months of unrest.

Nkurunziza's decision to seek a third term plunged Burundi into its biggest crisis since an ethnically charged civil war ended in 2005. The opposition says Nkurunziza's bid violated the constitution and could spark another conflict.

[US calls Burundi election 'deeply flawed'](#)

WASHINGTON - US Secretary of State John Kerry on Friday called Burundi's election "deeply flawed" and urged President Pierre Nkurunziza to hold a "meaningful, serious" dialogue with the central African country's opposition, the State Department said in a statement.

[Key Burundi opposition politician urges fresh vote](#)

Burundi's main opposition leader has denounced the third consecutive term win by President Pierre Nkurunziza and has demanded fresh elections.

Agathon Rwaso, who won 18.99 percent of the vote despite saying he was unable to campaign properly, said on Saturday he would not oppose the formation of a unity government if its "primary mission is to prepare free and democratic elections".

Nkurunziza's candidacy was condemned as unconstitutional by the opposition and provoked months of protests and an attempted coup in mid-May.

His victory - taking 69.41 percent of the vote in the July 21 polls and handing him an immediate first-round victory - could prompt donor sanctions against the East African nation.

[Burundi elections: Vote-rigging allegations as opposition vows to reject results](#)

Burundian human rights activists have made allegations of widespread vote rigging in the country's presidential election ahead of results being announced on Friday afternoon (24 July).

The Burundian Association for the Protection of Human Rights and Persons Detained (APRODH) has said that a number of members of the electoral commission – who were supervising the 21 July elections – may have used fraudulent electoral voting cards.

[EAC: Burundi elections not credible](#)

[Supporter of opposition in Burundi killed before election results](#)

BUJUMBURA, Burundi — A supporter of Burundi's opposition was shot dead Wednesday night, witnesses said, a victim of electoral violence as the country awaits results of the presidential election amid unrest due to President Pierre Nkurunziza's bid for a third term.

[U.S. TO REVIEW BURUNDI AID IN NEXT TWO MONTHS OVER CRISIS: ENVOY](#)

The United States will review its relations and level of aid to Burundi over the next two months after the central African nation held elections that Washington says were not credible, the U.S. ambassador said on Thursday.

The United States provides training and equipment worth about \$80 million a year for Burundi's military and security forces, along with other aid, supporting a nation now in crisis after President Pierre Nkurunziza ran for a third term.

Cameroon	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	71% / -%	Population: 23,248,261
	Penetration of population w/ internet		Labor Force: 9,105,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	3,000	Life Expectancy: 55
	Unemployment / year est.	30% / 2001	Church Members: 1,498
	Population below poverty line:	48% / 2000	Congregations: 7

[War on terror: "Cameroon Minister of Communication is misinforming the Cameroonian public"](#)

The provisional death toll given by the regional hospital in Maroua following the attack on Saturday, July 25, 2015, now stands at 21 including 63 seriously injured persons. The death toll could rise in view of the critical condition of some of the injured revealed the medical doctor in charge of the hospital.

This revelation contradicts the information provided by the Minister of Communications, Issa Tchiroma Bakary in a statement read on state radio and television which placed the figure at 14 dead and 20 wounded.

['Child Suicide Bomber' Kills 20 in Cameroon Bar Blast](#)

A suspected 12-year-old girl suicide bomber killed 20 people in an attack on a bar in Maroua in the far north of Cameroon, state television said Sunday, just days after 13 died in twin bombings in the city blamed on Boko Haram.

The bomber blew herself up among Saturday night revellers in the popular bar, injuring at least 79 others, state TV reported. An earlier toll put the number of dead at 14.

[Cameroon extends ban on full veil in bid to stop attacks](#)

Yaoundé (AFP) - Cameroon has extended a ban on full Islamic veils in parts of the country as it seeks to curb Boko Haram violence after a string of suicide bombings by female attackers.

The decision comes less than a month after two female suicide bombers wearing full veils blew themselves up on the border with Nigeria in the north, killing 11.

Then on Wednesday twin suicide bombings by two young girls killed 13 people in a market in Maroua in northern Cameroon.

[Authorities order mosques closed in north Cameroon](#)


YAOUNDE, Cameroon (AP) — Officials in northern Cameroon have ordered the closure of mosques and Islamic schools following a series of suicide bombing attacks that have left dozens dead.


Governor Midjiyawa Bakari said Sunday that he has ordered all street children to leave public places because all the suicide bombers so far have been under 18.


Central African Republic (CAR)	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	33% / 1%	Population: 4,851,884
	Penetration of population w/ internet	3.4%	Labor Force: 2,217,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	600	Life Expectancy: 50
	Unemployment / year est.	8% / 2001	Church Members: 216
	Population below poverty line:	na	Congregations: 1

Chad (This country borders ASEA)	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	47% / -%	Population: 13,288,797
	Penetration of population w/ internet	2.4%	Labor Force: 4,919,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	2,600	Life Expectancy: 51
	Unemployment / year est.	22% / 2009	Church Members:
	Population below poverty line:	80% / 2001	Congregations:

Congo Rep. (Brazzaville)	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	100% / 7%	Population: 4,753,445
	Penetration of population w/ internet	2.0%	Labor Force: 2,890,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	6,600	Life Expectancy: 59
	Unemployment / year est.	53% / 2012	Church Members: 6,053
	Population below poverty line:	46.5% / 2011	Congregations: 17

<h1>DR Congo</h1> <p>(Kinshasa)</p>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	59% / 8%	Population: 71,509,992
		Penetration of population w/ internet	2.0%	Labor Force: 27,590,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	700 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 50
		Unemployment / year est.	46% / 2009	Church Members: 42,689
		Population below poverty line:	63%	Congregations: 145

<h1>Equatorial Guinea</h1>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	87% / -%	Population: 802,008
		Penetration of population w/ internet	16.0%	Labor Force: 195,200
		GDP per capita USD\$	32,600	Life Expectancy: 53
		Unemployment / year est.	22.3% / 2009	Church Members:
		Population below poverty line:	na	Congregations:


<h1>Ethiopia</h1>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	26% / 49%	Population: 101,683,016
		Penetration of population w/ internet	1.7%	Labor Force: 47,320,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	1,500	Life Expectancy: 64
		Unemployment / year est.	17.5% / 2012	Church Members: 1,854
		Population below poverty line:	39% / 2012	Congregations: 64


[Ethiopian Opposition Group Threatens Armed Resistance](#)


Ethiopia's opposition Ginbot 7 Movement for Unity and Democracy has decided to use armed resistance in addition to peaceful resistance against the government in Addis Ababa. This follows the move of the group's leader from the United States to Eritrea.


Berhanu Nega travelled to Ethiopia's northern neighbor following the merger of his Ginbot 7 with the Ethiopian People's Patriotic Front. "It's true he travelled to Eritrea, he went on July 17, 2015," said the spokesman for the group, Dr. Tadesse Biru.


[Obama arrives in Ethiopia for talks on terrorism, South Sudan violence](#)

<h1>Gabon</h1>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	175% / -%	Population: 1,742,265
		Penetration of population w/ internet	9.9%	Labor Force: 636,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	21,600	Life Expectancy: 63
		Unemployment / year est.	21% / 2006	Church Members:
		Population below poverty line:	na	Congregations:

<h1>Kenya</h1>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	83% / 67%	Population: 46,764,772
		Penetration of population w/ internet	36.7%	Labor Force: 17,700,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	3,100	Life Expectancy: 62
		Unemployment / year est.	40% / 2008	Church Members: 12,471
		Population below poverty line:	43.4 / 2012	Congregations: 62

<h1>Lesotho</h1>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	95% / 24%	Population: 2,074,095
		Penetration of population w/ internet	5.3%	Labor Force: 894,400
		GDP per capita USD\$	2,900 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 49
		Unemployment / year est.	25% / 2008	Church Members: 867
		Population below poverty line:	49 / 1999	Congregations: 2

<h1>Madagascar</h1>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	40% / ?	Population: 24,540,641
		Penetration of population w/ internet	73.5%	Labor Force: 12,150,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	1,400 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 65
		Unemployment / year est.	3.6% / 2013	Church Members: 10,322
		Population below poverty line:	50%	Congregations: 38

<h1>Malawi</h1>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	37% / 10%	Population: 17,393,962
		Penetration of population w/ internet	72.2%	Labor Force: 5,747,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	800 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 55
		Unemployment / year est.	6.6% / 2013	Church Members: 1,931
		Population below poverty line:	53% / 2004	Congregations: 8

[Africa: Malawi's Mutharika Named Highest Paid President in Africa](#)

Malawi President Peter Mutharika has been named as one of the leaders living an opulent life in a country where the masses are suffering.


According to a report published by the African Review, a publication based in Kenya, Malawi president Peter Mutharika is among the top 10 African Presidents who receive a hefty salary when it is compared to the GDP of the country.


[Church in Malawi celebrates World Communication Sunday](#)


In Malawi, the celebration of World Communication Sunday takes place during the last Sunday of July every year. This year, Malawi is celebrating the day on Sunday, 26 July.


In a message to all the Christian faithful, the Bishops of Malawi re-echoed Pope Francis' message on the importance of the family. Pope Francis' message for the 49 World Communication Sunday is entitled, "Communicating the Family: A Privileged Place of Encounter with the Gift of Love."


The Malawian Bishops' message signed by Karonga Diocese Bishop, **Martin Mtumbuka urges the appropriate use of electronic gadgets in families and even among priests and the religious. According to the message, Electronic or Information technology must be used to enhance family life and to communicate the Gospel.**


<h1>Mauritius</h1>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	128% / 40%	Population: 1,322,860
		Penetration of population w/ internet	6.2%	Labor Force: 600,200
		GDP per capita USD\$	17,900 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 74
		Unemployment / year est.	8.3% / 2013	Church Members: 458
		Population below poverty line:	8% / 2006	Congregations: 2


<h1>Mozambique</h1>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	58% / 22%	Population: 27,282,161
		Penetration of population w/ internet	5.6%	Labor Force: 12,250,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	1,100	Life Expectancy: 50
		Unemployment / year est.	17% / 2007	Church Members: 7,943
		Population below poverty line:	52% / 2009	Congregations: 26


Namibia		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	137% / 32%	Population: 2,325,019
		Penetration of population w/ internet	14.8%	Labor Force: 1,168,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	10,800 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 6
		Unemployment / year est.	27.4% / 2012	Church Members: 793
		Population below poverty line:	28.7% / 2010	Congregations: 2


Niger		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	25% / 2%	Population: 19,289,323
		Penetration of population w/ internet	1.6%	Labor Force: 5,800,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	1,000 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 58
		Unemployment / year est.	2.25% / 2009	Church Members: 793
		Population below poverty line:	63%	Congregations: 2

Nigeria (This country borders ASEA)		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	97% / 15%	Population: 179,825,664
		Penetration of population w/ internet	37.6%	Labor Force: 54,970,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	6,100 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 52
		Unemployment / year est.	23.9% / 2011	Church Members: 129,989
		Population below poverty line:	70%	Congregations: 416

Reunion Island		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	105% / 48%	Population: 874,345
		Penetration of population w/ internet		Labor Force:
		GDP per capita USD\$		Life Expectancy:
		Unemployment / year est.	40% / ?	Church Members:
		Population below poverty line:		Congregations:

Rwanda		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	61% / 28%	Population: 12,540,798
		Penetration of population w/ internet	9.2%	Labor Force: 6,061,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	1,700 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 64
		Unemployment / year est.	3.4% / 2012	Church Members: 281
		Population below poverty line:	44.9 / 2011	Congregations: 3

Somalia		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	50% / 2%	Population: 10,742,489
		Penetration of population w/ internet	1.5%	Labor Force: 3,011,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	600 / 2010	Life Expectancy: 55
		Unemployment / year est.	25.4% / 2012	Church Members:
		Population below poverty line:	na	Congregations:

South Africa		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	154% / 35%	Population: 51,621,506
		Penetration of population w/ internet	46.8%	Labor Force: 20,230,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	12,700	Life Expectancy: 57
		Unemployment / year est.	24.9% / 2013	Church Members: 61,221
		Population below poverty line:	31.3%	Congregations: 159

[First Black Leader of South Africa's Opposition Seeks to Unseat the A.N.C.](#)

[How the ANC orchestrated Nelson Mandela's death](#)

By early 2013 Nelson Mandela was slowly dying. His family and carers deliberately shielded him from the endless stories of African National Congress corruption and mismanagement because they knew it would upset him to see what his beloved party had become.

Mandela represented the ANC's only remaining claim to the "moral high ground", of which it had asserted sole ownership when it was unbanned in 1990. As such he remained a precious political possession, especially since his popularity domestically and internationally remained at stellar levels. Thus when he was rushed to hospital on June 8 it was a crisis not just for his family but also for the ruling party.

Much had already been made of Mandela's approaching 95th birthday (on July 18) and the ANC was trying hard to have that date internationally recognised as Mandela Day.


[MAHARAJ: ZUMA SHOULD'VE PREPARED HIMSELF TO PAY BACK NKANDLA MONEY](#)


JOHANNESBURG – Business Day is quoting President Jacob Zuma's former spokesperson Mac Maharaj as saying the president should have "prepared himself" to pay back the money for the upgrades to his Nkandla residence.


This week Parliament's ad hoc committee visited the KwaZulu-Natal homestead where it found the costs had been grossly inflated by construction companies.


Meanwhile, the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) is celebrating its second anniversary in Rustenburg where Nkandla and the "pay back the money" slogan are being discussed among delegates.



Maharaj has told the Business Day Zuma told him he refused to "prepare himself to pay back the money even though he could raise funds as he didn't ask for the upgrades".

Sudan		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	70% / 31%	Population: 40,313,269
		Penetration of population w/ internet	24.0%	Labor Force: 11,920,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	4,500 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 62
		Unemployment / year est.	20% / 2012	Church Members:
		Population below poverty line:	46.5 / 2005	Congregations:



South Sudan		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	28% / 12%	Population: 11,749,434
		Penetration of population w/ internet	unkn	Labor Force:
		GDP per capita USD\$	2,000 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 62
		Unemployment / year est.	12% / 2008	Church Members:
		Population below poverty line:	50.6% / 2009	Congregations:



Swaziland		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	70% / 11%	Population: 1,280,595
		Penetration of population w/ internet	23.8%	Labor Force: 435,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	7,800 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 49
		Unemployment / year est.	28.5% / 2010	Church Members: 1,768
		Population below poverty line:	69%	Congregations: 4

Tanzania		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	62% / 24%	Population: 50,998,619
		Penetration of population w/ internet	15%	Labor Force: 25,000,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	1,900 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 61
		Unemployment / year est.	10.7% / 2011	Church Members: 1,336
		Population below poverty line:	36% / 2002	Congregations: 6



Uganda	 	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	64% / 11%	Population: 40,777,196
		Penetration of population w/ internet	16.8	Labor Force: 18,000,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	1,800	Life Expectancy: 59
		Unemployment / year est.	4.2% / 2010	Church Members: 13,248
		Population below poverty line:	25.5%	Congregations: 26

[Ugandan rebels kill three women in DR Congo raid](#)

Zambia	 	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	73% / 10%	Population: 15,549,296
		Penetration of population w/ internet	15.4%	Labor Force: 6,338,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	4,100	Life Expectancy: 58
		Unemployment / year est.	15% / 2008	Church Members: 3,359
		Population below poverty line:	60.5%	Congregations:

Zimbabwe	 	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	102% / 85%	Population: 15,762,551
		Penetration of population w/ internet	19.5%	Labor Force: 5,063,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	2,000 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 60
		Unemployment / year est.	95% / 2009	Church Members: 26,156
		Population below poverty line:	68% / 2004	Congregations: 64

[China group to build Zimbabwe coal power plant](#)
 HARARE (Reuters) - Zimbabwe's PER Lusulu Power has signed an agreement with China State Construction Engineering Corp Ltd to build a coal power station in April next year, company officials said on Thursday.
 The 600 megawatt plant will be the first phase of a 2,000 MW project.
 The southern African country produces a maximum 1,100 MW of electricity, half its peak demand, forcing local industries to use costly diesel generators to keep operations running. Power shortages have been blamed for keeping away potential investors.
[Zimbabwe: President Sets Up Pensions Conversion Commission](#)
 President Mugabe has set up a commission of inquiry to probe the conversion process used to convert pensions and insurance benefits following dollarisation of the economy in 2009.
 This followed concerns by pensioners that their pensions and insurance benefits were undervalued during the switch over from the Zimbabwean dollar to the US dollar.
 The nine member commission is chaired by retired judge Justice George Smith.

United States Data Provided for comparison	 	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	102% / 85%	Population: 324,343,287
		Penetration of population w/ internet	86.8%	Labor Force: 156,000,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	54,800 / 2014	Life Expectancy: 79
		Unemployment / year est.	5.5% / 2015	Church Members: 6,466,267
		Population below poverty line:	15.1% / 2010	14,018 Congregations

Travel Advisories/Warnings

[Niger Travel Warning](#) 18 July 2015
 The Department of State warns U.S. citizens of the risks of travel to Niger and specifically recommends citizens avoid travel to the Diffa region, particularly those areas adjacent to Niger's southern and eastern border, and Lake Chad.

[Feds issue travel warning ahead of Obama's trip to Kenya](#)
 Weeks before President Obama is set to make a historic visit to Kenya, the State Department is warning Americans about the risks of crime and terror attacks in the country.
 On Monday, the State Department issued a travel alert notifying Americans that the Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Nairobi could turn them into targets.
 "As with all large public events, there is the opportunity for criminal elements to target participants and other visitors," the State Department said in its Monday warning. "Large-scale public events such as this summit can also be a target for terrorists."

[LIBERIA MAKES TRAVEL ALERT 16 June 2015](#)
 Liberia's Health Ministry authorities are making travel alerts in the wake of sharp rise in Ebola infection in neighboring Sierra Leone and Guinea, warning travelers "to be very much careful" not to come in contact with infected persons.
 Liberia and its two neighboring countries Sierra Leone and Guinea which are still battling the Ebola outbreak, share scores of porous borders which marketers and inter-marriage families across either side commute almost daily.

[U.S. State Dept. Updates Sudan Travel Warning, June 15, 2015](#)
 Washington, DC--(ENEWSPP)--June 15, 2015. The Department of State warns U.S. citizens of the risks of traveling to Sudan. We urge U.S. citizens to avoid all travel to the Darfur region of Sudan, and to Blue Nile and Southern Kordofan states, and advise U.S. citizens to consider carefully the risks of travel in other areas of Sudan. This supersedes the Travel Warning issued on October 30, 2014

[US issues travel advisory for Burundi](#) (17 May 2015)
 Washington - The United States issued a travel warning on Thursday for strife-torn Burundi, telling its citizens not to go there and urging those in the country to get out as soon as possible.
 Burundi's government survived a coup attempt this week that saw fierce fighting between rival army factions.
 It was the culmination of weeks of violent street protests against the president's bid to seek a third term in the poor east African country.

In a statement, the US state department said Burundi was faced a "deteriorating security situation".

It said it had ordered all non-emergency US government personnel and dependents of American staff to leave Burundi on Thursday.

[US warns airlines against flying over Somalia](#) (17 May 2015)

A United States aviation safety agency has listed the Somali airspace as too dangerous to fly over, citing the threat posed by the armed group Al Shabab following the downing of MH17 by Ukrainian rebels fighting the government forces in Ukraine.

The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has banned all US airlines from flying over Somalia deeming it too dangerous, an advisory rejected by many countries, among them Australia airlines.

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