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[Groundbreaking Announced for Durban South Africa Temple](#)



The First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has announced that the groundbreaking for the Durban South Africa Temple on Saturday, April 9, 2016.

[The Church Growing Rapidly in Africa](#)

Today the continent has 20 times more Mormons than in 1985

With ground broken for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' first temple in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Church now has three temples in development and another three functioning on the continent of Africa.

Related video URL: <https://youtu.be/Pi6ypiE4c1Y>

[Elder Holland, Sister Stephens and Elder Hallstrom to participate in first Face to Face event for young single adults 8 March 2016](#)



On March 8, the LDS Church will host the first Face to Face event geared toward young single adults. Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles will be joined by Sister Carole M. Stephens, first counselor in the Relief Society general presidency, and Elder Donald L. Hallstrom of the Seventy as they answer questions submitted by young single adults throughout the world.

[How can YOU participate?](#)

[Mormon Tabernacle Choir announces virtual sing-along opportunity](#)

All who have dreamed of singing with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir now have a chance. The Mormon Tabernacle Choir is inviting people throughout the world to join in a virtual sing-along of George Frideric Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus.

"Handel's 'Messiah' is an extremely powerful oratorio, especially the 'Hallelujah' chorus," said Ryan Murphy, associate music director for the choir. "It is well-known and well-loved. It's an honor for us to perform it, and we are delighted to extend the invitation to join us to singers all over the world."

Those interested in participating can download sheet music for the soprano, alto, tenor and bass parts. They can also learn their parts with the help of videos featuring YouTube star Peter Hollens and his wife, Ewynne. Submissions should then be uploaded to YouTube and submitted through the form on mormon.org, using #Hallelujah.

[#Hallelujah Virtual Choir Instructions - Mormon Tabernacle Choir](#)

Church-Important Africa Dates

Upcoming Church related Historical Events in the Africa Southeast Area.

(taken from the resource section at the end of this **Daily News**)

If anyone has any additional historical events for the ASEA Area historical calendar
...please email them to BusiR@ldschurch.org

Interesting Stuff about Africa & ASEA area

Found in the news stream.

Medical News

Found in the news stream.

Social Media/Internet/Tech

[The social media can widen political horizons](#)

Politicians are increasingly using the social networks - for all the media's inherent triviality - to generate discussion on the serious issues. It takes a measure of courage for someone of that much-derided profession to wade into the online free-for-all, but, once adept at dodging the slings and arrows of the cruellest cynics, they have much to gain by being directly involved in the dialogue. And politics might well be rendered more effective as a result.

Misc.

Found in the news stream.

[Tanzania tightens security on condemned ivory](#)

Tanzania has installed state-of-the-art protection system on its 118,000-tonne stockpile of ivory in its Dar es Salaam strong room, heightening security on the condemned wildlife products.



This is in defiance of the world anti-poaching campaigners' call to burn the stock to discourage poaching and the related businesses.

Terms that you may find in the news

AGOA-The African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) is a United States Trade Act, enacted on 18 May 2000 as Public Law 106 of the 200th Congress. AGOA has since been renewed to 2025. The legislation significantly enhances market access to the US for qualifying Sub-Saharan African (SSA) countries. Qualification for AGOA preferences is based on a set of conditions contained in the AGOA legislation. In order to qualify and remain eligible for AGOA, each country must be working to improve its rule of law, human rights, and respect for core labor standards.

Al Shabaab-Al Shabaab is al Qaeda's affiliate in Somalia and operates primarily out of the country's southern and central regions. The group is fighting an insurgency against the internationally recognized Somali Federal Government, which is based in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu.

ANC-African National Congress. The African National Congress (ANC) is the Republic of South Africa's governing social democratic political party. It has been the ruling party of post-apartheid South Africa on the national level since 1994, including the election of Nelson Mandela as president from 1994-1999.

Boko Haram-Boko Haram, is an Islamic extremist group based in northeastern Nigeria, also active in Chad, Niger and northern Cameroon. The name "Boko Haram" is usually translated as "Western education is forbidden"

BPC-Botswana Power Corporation

CAR-Central African Republic

DA-Democratic Alliance (South Africa). The Democratic Alliance (DA) is a South African political party and the official opposition to the governing African National Congress (ANC).

ESKOM-South African Electricity Public Utility

FAO- Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)

ICC-International Criminal Court

ICGLR-international Conference on the Great Lakes Region.

IDP-Internally Displaced Persons

IMF-International Monetary Fund

SADA-the Southern African Development Community

Seleka-An alliance of rebel militia factions that overthrew the Central African Republic on March 24, 2013.

UN-United Nations

UNHCR-United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

USAID-United States Agency for International Development.

Zanu-PF-The Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front. The ruling party in in Zimbabwe since independence in 1980.

Multiple African Countries (noted in article) or other African Countries

[Mozambique, Malawi eye one-stop border posts](#)

The creation of one-stop border posts is aimed at removing trade barriers and simplify and standardize the informal trade between the peoples of both countries.

For the realization of the intention of the two countries, the ministers of Industry and Trade of Mozambique and Malawi, Max Tonela and Joseph Mwananveka respectively, met last week to formalise the implementation of the bilateral agreement. ...

[S/African petro-chemical giant to invest \\$1 billion in Mozambique](#)

South Africa's petro-chemical giant, SASOL has confirmed it will be investing over \$1 billion in the exploitation of light oil for gas and energy production in Inhassoro district of the southern Mozambican province of Inhambane as from 2018. The project kicks off this year with the construction of a processing plant in Inhassoro, a Mozambican coastal town, situated some 750 kilometers north of the country's capital, Maputo.

This is likely to make SASOL become the first commercial oil producer in Mozambique to extend a gas pipeline that will increase exports to neighbouring South Africa.

[Uganda: South Sudanese refugees turn to agriculture for survival](#)

South Sudanese refugees in resettlement camps in Uganda have turned to agriculture to raise incomes for school needs for their children.

Nearly 100,000 South Sudanese fled their homes into Uganda after violence broke out in the nation following political disputes in the ruling party (SPLM).

[South Sudan should ensure safety for foreigners](#)

... We want foreigners to feel safe when in South Sudan.


Every week there are cases of foreigners being murdered in South Sudan.

East Africa is a construction and as it continues to shrink into a global village, all aspects of life will be dynamic rather than static. ...

<h2>Angola</h2> <p>R</p>		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	64% / 26%	Population: 22,490,548
		Penetration of population w/ internet	26%	Labor Force: 9,298,000
		GDP per capita USD\$	8,100	Life Expectancy: 52
		Unemployment / year est.	26% / 2014	Church Members: 1,436
		Population below poverty line:	40.5%	Congregations: 8

[Angola appoints new central bank governor after De Morais resigns](#)

The economy of Angola, Africa's second-largest oil exporter after Nigeria, has been hammered by the oil price fall, and the government is in talks with the World Bank and International Monetary Fund about possible financial assistance.

Botswana <u>R</u> 	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	164% / 26%	Population: 2,134,458
	Penetration of population w/ internet	18.5%	Labor Force: 1,017,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	16,000/2014	Life Expectancy: 47
	Unemployment / year est.	17.8% / 2009	Church Members: 3,104
	Population below poverty line:	30.3%	Congregations: 12

Burundi <u>R</u>	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	25% / 2%	Population: 11,209,812
	Penetration of population w/ internet	4.9%	Labor Force: 4,806,000
	GDP per capita USD\$	900	Life Expectancy: 54
	Unemployment / year est.	35% / 2009	Church Members: 526
	Population below poverty line:	68%	Congregations: 3

Cameroon <u>R</u>	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	71% / -%	Population: 23,516,740
	Penetration of population w/ internet	11%	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

[Cameroon's Capital on Edge About Potential Terrorist Attack](#)

Panic has gripped Cameroon's capital, Yaounde, after a confidential letter from the country's defense minister leaked to social media stating that Boko Haram terrorists had arrived in the city. ...

Central African Republic (CAR) <u>R</u>	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	33% / 1%	Population: 4,908,506
	Penetration of population w/ internet	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

[Armed Men Kill 12 in Central African Republic](#)



Armed men killed 12 people in villages in Central African Republic, local officials said on Sunday, in the first violence since Faustin-Archange Touadera was confirmed as president last Tuesday after an election many hoped would help end attacks.

The attacks took place near the central town of Bambari and were likely linked to livestock rustling or an inter-ethnic dispute involving the Peuhl, or Fulani, ethnic group, the officials said.

The violence did not appear directly connected to the political, communal and religious killings involving militia groups that since 2013 have left thousands dead, forced many more to flee their homes and left the northern half of the country effectively partitioned.

Congo Rep. (Brazzaville) <u>R</u>	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	100% / 7%	Population: 4,825,168
	Penetration of population w/ internet	7.1%	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



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Congo DR (Kinshasa) <u>R</u>  	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	59% / 8%	Population: 72,511,886
	Penetration of population w/ internet	3.0%	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

Ethiopia <u>R</u>	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	26% / 49%	Population: 103,392,064
	Penetration of population w/ internet	2.9%	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: 4

Gabon <u>R</u>	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	175% / -%	Population: 1,761,297
	Penetration of population w/ internet	39.3%	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:

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Kenya <u>R</u>  	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	83% / 67%	Population: 47,384,458
	Penetration of population w/ internet	63.6%	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



[Kenya: Over 40,000 run to reduce childbirth deaths](#)



Kenyan First lady and Rwandan counterpart participate in half-marathon aimed at raising funds to reduce deaths linked to childbirth

[Kenya's new land law must protect peasants](#)

The clamour to enact a law which proposes a tenure system that protects community land rights is as old as colonialism. The Community Land Bill (2015), discussed and moved through the second reading in Parliament last week, is the furthest successive regimes have gone in getting a law towards protection of communities that own land jointly. ...

Lesotho <u>R</u>	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	95% / 24%	Population: 2,078,067
	Penetration of population w/ internet	11%	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: 24,927,036
		Penetration of population w/ internet	3.7%	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: 17,650,264
		Penetration of population w/ internet	6.1%	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



[Fuel price hike scares Malawians](#)



Malawians have expressed shock over the hike in fuel prices arguing that it will raise the cost of living.

On Thursday, Malawi Energy Regulatory Authority (MERA) announced that fuel prices have been adjusted following a sharp depreciation of the local currency against major currencies in the world.

Petrol is now at K743.30 from K711.90 while diesel is at K722.90 from 671.30 and paraffin will be sold at K580.80 from K522.30 per litre.

[Malawi exporting many gardeners to South Africa](#)

<h1>Mauritius</h1> 		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	128% / 40%	Population: 1,328,229
		Penetration of population w/ internet	60.0%	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: 27,641,379
		Penetration of population w/ internet	5.9%	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

[Mozambique: Renamo Gunmen Murder Two in Attack On Bus](#)

Gunmen of the Mozambican rebel movement Renamo on Saturday morning opened fire on a bus in the central province of Manica, killing two people and injuring a further eight.



The ambush took place in the Honde area, in Barue district, on the main road from the provincial capital, Chimoio, to Tete, and on to Malawi and Zambia.



The bus belonged to the private company Nagy Investments. The attackers shot the driver in the head. He lost control of the bus which careened off the road and only stopped when it hit a tree.



The gunmen continued to fire at the immobilised bus, injuring several of the passengers. The driver died of his wounds, and a passenger died while being taken to the nearby Catandica Rural Hospital. Of the other eight people hit, six suffered minor injuries and were soon discharged. The other two are still undergoing medical care.

[Malaysia, Mozambique DCAs to meet over debris found](#)

A Malaysian Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) team is scheduled to meet with their Mozambican counterparts in the southern African country today to discuss the recovery of an object believed to be part of the missing Malaysia Airlines (MAB) aircraft MH370.

<h1>Namibia</h1> 		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	137% / 32%	Population: 2,336,522
		Penetration of population w/ internet	15.7%	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



<h1>Reunion Island</h1> 		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	105% / 48%	Population: 876,835
		Penetration of population w/ internet	34.6	Labor Force:
		GDP per capita USD\$		Life Expectancy:
		Unemployment / year est.	40% / ?	Church Members:
		Population below poverty line:		Congregations:

<h1>Rwanda</h1> 		Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	61% / 28%	Population: 12,540,798
		Penetration of population w/ internet	25.4%	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

[Rwanda, Djibouti to strengthen trade ties](#)

President Paul Kagame and his Djibouti counterpart Ismael Omar Guelleh yesterday announced their countries' intentions to strengthen partnership to grow trade and investment between the two countries. ...


"This visit can only advance our partnership particularly in trade and investment. Djibouti is a very important entry point to our region and a global crossroads in its own right. So, based on the fraternal relations we have, we can also take advantage of this and expand to other relevant activities," President Kagame said at the state dinner.

<h1>Somalia</h1> 		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:

[AMISOM soldier killed in bomb blasts in Somalia](#)

The blasts occurred as the troops were on their way to a military camp in the town Bardhere in which one AMISOM soldier was killed

Somali militant group al-Shabaab is suspected of being involved in the attack which also injured more than seven others

<h1>South Africa <u>R</u></h1> 	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	154% / 35%	Population: 51,621,506
	Penetration of population w/ internet	49%	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

[Protesters arrested for public violence in Vuwani](#)

Several people have been arrested for public violence at the troubled Vuwani area outside Thohoyandou in Limpopo.

The protesters allegedly pelted police and other motorists with stones.

Residents in Vuwani have prevented the Independent Electoral Commission from conducting voter registration on the first day on Saturday due to dissatisfaction over re-demarcation of the municipal boundaries.

Police had to fire rubber bullets to disperse the violent protesters. The number of people arrested has not yet been confirmed.

[South Africa-Nigeria relations high on Zuma's agenda](#)

Resetting relations between South Africa and Nigeria will be high on the agenda this week as President Jacob Zuma undertakes a state visit to the oil rich, most populous country on the continent.

President Zuma will be the first African head of state to undertake such a visit since the inauguration of President Muhamadu Buhari in May last year.

South Africa and Nigeria are undoubtedly the continent's economic leaders, but it is no secret that neither country is in good shape.

<h1>South Sudan <u>R</u></h1>	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	28% / 12%	Population: 11,749,434
	Penetration of population w/ internet	15.9	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:

[Sudan's influential opposition leader, al Turabi buried](#)

Some three thousand Sudanese including government officials and politicians on Sunday turned up for the funeral of the country's late opposition leader, Hassan al-Turabi amid high security.

Turabi, a prominent Sudanese politician is considered by many as the spiritual leader of the country's Islamists.

The 84-year-old died Saturday evening of a suspected heart attack and was buried at the Bourri cemetery in the east of the Sudanese capital, Khartoum on Sunday morning.

[Sudanese army to resume operations in S. Kordofan soon](#)

A Sudanese army field commander has announced, on Saturday, the readiness of the Sudan Armed Forces(SAF) to launch summer military operations in South Kordofan State, after the arrival of Rapid Support Forces (RSF) to Kadugli, the state capital.


[South Sudan forces plan to launch military operations against SPLA-IO: official](#)

South Sudan's armed opposition group, the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement (SPLM-IO), said the South Sudanese army (SPLA) loyal to President Salva Kiir, is preparing to carry out heavy military operations against opposition forces in Eastern Equatoria state.

<h1>Swaziland <u>R</u></h1>	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	70% / 11%	Population: 1,280,595
	Penetration of population w/ internet	27.1%	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

<h1>Tanzania <u>R</u></h1>	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


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<h1>Uganda <u>R</u></h1> 	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	64% / 11%	Population: 40,777,196
	Penetration of population w/ internet	23%	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

[Uganda: Groups Seek to End Uganda's Political Impasse](#)

Efforts are underway to get Uganda's ruling NRM party and the opposition Forum for Democratic Change to contribute to a minimum agenda for dialogue to resolve the tension in the aftermath of the February 18 General Election.

[Uganda elections: Ugandan journalists at war with the police](#)

<h1>Zambia <u>R</u></h1> 	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	73% / 10%	Population: 15,549,296
	Penetration of population w/ internet	18%	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 R  	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	102% / 98%	Population: 15,762,551
	Penetration of population w/ internet	47%	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

[Zimbabwe's Food Shortage Worsen as Country's Worst Drought Ever Recorded Hits](#)

Zimbabwe was hit by the worst drought the country has ever recorded. It causes around 3 million or 23 percent of the population to go hungry.

Zimbabwe has received very little rainfall at the end of January, it is less than 75 percent of what they are expected, according to George Kembo, director of Zimbabwe Food and Nutrition Council during the signing ceremony of a \$10 million donation made by the US government for hunger alleviation

[Zimbabwe deep in limbo](#)

Political infighting and a collapsed economy offer little light at the end of tunnel for the majority of Zimbabweans, writes Piers Pigou.

There is no end in sight to the hardships faced by the majority of Zimbabweans. Political uncertainty and economic insecurity have worsened as the country struggles to develop the necessary foundation to underwrite a broad-based and sustainable recovery.

[Zim Undertakes Nation Rebranding to Lure Investment](#)

Government is working on a framework that will brand Zimbabwe as a tourist, trade and investment destination as it moves to attract foreign investors.



The framework involves the ministries of Tourism and Hospitality Industry, Industry and Commerce and Finance and Economic Development.

[Mugabe wants to rule Zimbabwe until he's 100](#)

Zimbabwe's president Robert Mugabe says he plans to stay in office until he's at least 100.

This may be distressing news for his starving countrymen, who just watched their president spend more than a \$1 million on his own 92nd birthday party.

The comments from Africa's oldest leader, now aged 92, are his clearest indication that he wants to be president for life.

United States R <small>Data Provided for comparison</small>  	Cellphone/Smartphone penetration	102% / 85%	Population: 324,343,287
	Penetration of population w/ internet	90%	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 **R**

[Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Potential Security Threat](#) January 8, 2016

The U.S. Embassy has received information regarding a potential security threat in Luanda, Angola. As a precautionary measure, the U.S. Embassy advises U.S. Citizens to avoid the following three locations:

- 1) Belas Shopping (located in the Talatona area of Luanda)
- 2) Ulengo Commercial Center (located in the Viana area of Luanda)
- 3) Hotel Baía (located along the Nova Marginal in Luanda)

This security advisory is effective immediately and will remain in place until February 8, 2016 unless an additional notice is provided by the U.S. Embassy.

[State Department warns that Cameroon is a high-risk travel destination for U.S. citizens](#) 4 January 2016

The U.S. State Department is warning Americans about the high risk of traveling to Cameroon. In particular, the department said, U.S. citizens should avoid all travel to the north regions because of the general threat of violent crime, terrorism and the targeting of Westerners for kidnappings and murder.

The terrorist group Boko Haram continues to be a presence in the region. Since July 2015, the group has carried out at least 14 suicide bombings in the north, the State Department reported. The northeastern Nigerian Islamist group has been even more deadly than Islamic State this year.

[State Dept. issues worldwide travel alert for U.S. citizens due to increased terrorist threats](#) 20 December 2015 (MyFoxBoston.com) -- The State Department issued a worldwide travel alert for U.S. citizens Monday due to increased terrorist threats.

According to the State Dept., their latest information says that ISIL, al-Qa'ida, Boko Haram, and other terrorist groups are planning attacks in several regions. The department says the attacks may involve a variety of tactics, including conventional and non-conventional weapons and "targeting both official and private interests."

The department also believes there is a continuing threat from "unaffiliated persons" that may plan attacks inspired by other terrorist organizations.

U.S. citizens should take extreme caution when traveling, the department says, and always be aware of your surroundings. This alert says Americans could be at risk anywhere throughout the world.

Homeland Security Expert Anthony Amore said, "There wouldn't be an alert if there wasn't some intelligence telling the government that Americans have to be on the lookout."

[Democratic Republic of the Congo Travel Warning](#) Saturday, December 05, 2015 :: Staff infoZine

The Department of State warns U.S. citizens of the risks of travel to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (a.k.a. DRC or Congo-Kinshasa).

Washington DC - infoZine - U.S. citizens should avoid all but essential travel to the provinces of North Kivu, South Kivu, the provinces of Bas-Uele, Haut-Uele and Ituriz (northeastern part of the former Oriental Province) and particularly the new provinces of Tanganyika and Haut-Lomami (northeastern and central parts of the former province of Katanga), where instability and sporadic violence continues. Very poor transportation infrastructure throughout the country and poor security conditions in eastern DRC make it difficult for the U.S. Embassy to provide consular services anywhere outside of Kinshasa.

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Africa Southeast Area Newsroom & Facebook sites

Countries	 Mormon Newsroom Sites Link from these sites to Facebook!	 Mormon Newsroom Facebook sites.
Church HQ	Mormon Newsroom	Mormon Newsroom Facebook page (English)
Angola	Angola Mormon Newsroom	Angola Mormon Newsroom Facebook (Portuguese)
Botswana	none	Botswana Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)
Congo DR	DR Congo Mormon Newsroom	DR Congo Mormon Newsroom Facebook (French)
Congo Rep	none	Republic of Congo Mormon Newsroom Facebook (French)
Indian Ocean	Indian Ocean Newsroom	Indian Ocean Mormon Newsroom Facebook (French)
Kenya	Kenya Mormon Newsroom	Kenya Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)
Madagascar	Indian Ocean Newsroom	Madagascar Mormon Newsroom Facebook (French)
Malawi	None	Malawi Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)
Mozambique	None	Mozambique Mormon Newsroom Facebook (Portuguese)
Namibia	None	Namibia Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)
South Africa	South Africa Mormon Newsroom	South Africa Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)
Uganda	Uganda Mormon Newsroom	Uganda Mormon Newsroom Facebook page (English)
Zambia	none	Zambia Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe Mormon Newsroom	Zimbabwe Mormon Newsroom Facebook (English)
Totals for ASEA	7 Country-Mormon Newsrooms	14 Country Newsroom Facebook pages!
Helping Hands	Mormon Helping Hands - Africa Southeast Facebook page	
Public Affairs	All Public Affairs individuals are able to access the Public Affairs Network (Secure Site) at this link: Public Affairs Network	
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	Liahona Issues (downloadable)	Liahona Local Inserts
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CREATE.Ids.org	Create and Share your media Talents !!!!	
Church Resources	LDS.org	Mormon.org
	Deseret News	LDS Media Library
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Emergency Preparedness:	Emergency Preparedness and Response	

Historical Events in Church History for Countries in the ASEA Area
(and related events)

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Country	Year	Date	Historical Event
Zimbabwe	1999	January 1 *	1999: Zimbabwe's first stake is organized in Harare. The first full edition of the Book of Mormon is published in Shona, a native language of Zimbabwe.
Zimbabwe	1980	February 1	Rhodesia becomes Zimbabwe
Swaziland	1990	February 21	In what has been termed a continuation of events in the "dawning of a new day in Africa," Elder Neal A. Maxwell of the Council of the Twelve dedicated two African kingdoms to the work of the Lord and for the preaching of the gospel. Swaziland, an independent mountain kingdom bordered on three sides by South Africa and by Mozambique on its eastern side, was dedicated Feb. 21. Lesotho, a kingdom surrounded by South Africa, was dedicated Feb. 22.
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Zimbabwe	2013	APRIL 1	2013: Edward Dube is called to the First Quorum of the Seventy, making him the first General Authority from Zimbabwe.
South Africa	1853	April 19	When the first LDS missionaries arrived in Cape Town in 1853, they climbed Lion's Head (which they called Mount Brigham Heber Willard, in honor of the Church's First Presidency) and dedicated the land to the growth of the gospel.
Zimbabwe	2009	July 1	2009: Edward Dube becomes the first native mission president to serve in Zimbabwe.
Nigeria	2005	August 7	Aba Nigeria temple dedicated August, 2005

Zambia	1992	August 20	Zambia-On Aug. 20, at a secluded spot on a hill near a lake on university grounds in the capital city of Lusaka, Elder Nelson dedicated the nation of Zambia to the preaching of the gospel. "It was a touching scene," commented Pres. Vern Marble of the neighboring Zimbabwe Harare Mission who was present for the prayer of dedication.
Botswana	1992	August 21	The prayer of dedication on the nation of Botswana was offered by Elder Scott on Aug. 21, in a small clearing in the Gaborone Game Reserve. Nearly 100 people were present, including members and missionaries.
Cameroon	2009	August 21	Elder Holland dedicated the country of Cameroon on August 21, 2009, on a green hillside overlooking Cameroon's capital city of Yaounde in the company of local church leaders. Later in the day, approximately 600 people gathered to hear Elder Holland speak at Yaounde's City Center. http://www.mormonwiki.com/Missionary_Work
Namibia	1992	August 22	In Namibia, on Aug. 22, a small group of members gathered on Tower Hill in Windhoek to witness the dedication of the land by Elder Nelson. Namibia is part of the South Africa Cape Town Mission. Its president, Blaine Hudson, described the gathering as "the Lord's people who in the past years have been faithful in the desert and in the wilderness, and have made it blossom as a rose."
Congo Rep (Brazzaville)	1992	August 24	The nation of Congo was dedicated Aug. 24 by Elder Scott. Elder Nelson briefly addressed the small gathering of members and leaders who gathered in a peaceful setting in a shaded area located on a hillside overlooking treetops about 10 miles down the Congo River from the capital city of Brazzaville. A picturesque Congolese village was visible in the distance beyond the river's rapids. About 65 members and leaders of three branches in Congo attended the dedication.
South Africa	1985	August 24	1985: On August 24–25 the Johannesburg South Africa Temple is dedicated. https://www.lds.org/ensign/1993/02/south-africa-land-of-good-hope?lang=eng
Rwanda	2009	August 27	Elder Holland dedicated Rwanda on Aug. 27 during a sacred moment on the top of a mountain overlooking the capital city, Kigali. http://www.mormonwiki.com/Missionary_Work
Ethiopia	1993	September 16	The Church was officially recognized in Ethiopia on 16 September 1993.
Burundi	2010	October 19	The chosen dedication spot for the country of Burundi was located on a hill overlooking Bujumbura, the capital city, with Lake Tanganyika shining in the distance beyond. Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve pronounced a blessing upon the country of Burundi in the Great Lakes region of Eastern Africa. Elder Holland offered a blessing on the people and the nation, dedicating the country of Burundi for missionary work on Oct. 19.
Angola	2010	October 20	On Wednesday, Oct. 20, a small group of Church leaders and members gathered at the base of a large, several-hundred-year-old baobab tree on a quiet hill overlooking the Atlantic Ocean to the west and the capital city of Luanda, Angola, to the north, where Elder Christofferson pronounced a blessing upon the country and formally opened Angola to missionary work.
Uganda	1991	October 23	In late October 1991, Elder James E. Faust of the Quorum of the Twelve dedicated Uganda, Kenya, and Zimbabwe for the preaching of the gospel and the establishment of the Church. On October 23, Elder Faust, accompanied by Elder Richard P. Lindsay of the Seventy, who serves as president of the Africa Area, dedicated Uganda from the capital city, Kampala. Earlier this year, Uganda granted the Church official status. https://www.lds.org/ensign/1992/02/news-of-the-church/uganda-kenya-zimbabwe-dedicated?lang=eng
Kenya	1991	October 24	The next day, October 24, Elder Faust, Elder Lindsay, and President Larry Brown of the Kenya Nairobi Mission traveled to Nairobi, Kenya, where more than one hundred Church members gathered for the outdoor service. https://www.lds.org/ensign/1992/02/news-of-the-church/uganda-kenya-zimbabwe-dedicated?lang=eng In the dedicatory prayer, Elder Faust said, "We acknowledge this as a blessed land." The prayer contained references to Kenya's beauty, grandeur, and abundant plant and animal life. Elder Faust asked that "the beasts of the earth, which have historically been native to this land, may continue to find a home."
Zambia	1964	October 24	1964: Northern Rhodesia becomes Zambia, and Southern Rhodesia becomes Rhodesia.
Zimbabwe	1991	October 25	1991: On October 25 Elder James E. Faust (1920–2007) of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles dedicates Zimbabwe for the preaching of the gospel.
Malawi	2011	October 25	While the first branch of the Church in Malawi was organized in 1999 and there are now about 1,000 members in four branches, the land had not been formally dedicated. Elder Nelson and others met as a small group for that purpose on Oct. 25. (2011)
Zimbabwe	1991	October 25	On October 25, Elder Faust and Elder Lindsay met Zimbabwe Harare Mission President Vern Marble for the dedication of Zimbabwe. "Before the meeting, the Saints of Zimbabwe had been fasting and praying for rain," Elder Lindsay said. "As the dedicatory prayer by Elder Faust concluded, a gentle rain began to fall, and rainfall increased for days afterward." In the prayer, Elder Faust asked for a blessing upon the earth of Zimbabwe and prayed that the land would "continue to provide the abundance which it has in the past. ... May the rain fall and the streams flow, and the sun kiss the land to provide for thy people." https://www.lds.org/ensign/1992/02/news-of-the-church/uganda-kenya-zimbabwe-dedicated?lang=eng
Central Africa Republic	2012	October 29	On a heavily forested hillside overlooking the capital city of Bangui, Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve offered a prayer of dedication and blessing upon the country and people of the Central African Republic. The prayer was offered Monday, October 29, on Gbazabangui hillside overlooking the Ubangi River—a major tributary of the Congo River—a few degrees north of the equator that is the original site of the Bangui people. https://www.lds.org/church/news/elder-holland-dedicates-central-african-republic?lang=eng
Gabon	2013	November 5	On November 5, 2013, eleven days after the Church received full legal status in the Central African country of Gabon, Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles performed a powerful and significant country dedicatory prayer in a forest clearing at the base of a tall tree. He was accompanied by his wife, Susan K. Bednar, and local leaders: Elder Carl B. Cook of the Africa Southeast Area Presidency and his wife, Sister Lynette H. Cook; President W. Bryce Cook, president of the Democratic Republic of the Congo Kinshasa Mission, and his wife,

			Sister Karol Cook; and President Armand Mpandou, president of the Libreville Gabon Branch.
Tanzania	2003	November 18	The East African nation of Tanzania was blessed and dedicated Nov. 18 by Elder Russell M. Nelson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Elder Nelson, who was accompanied by his wife, Sister Dantzel Nelson, gathered for the occasion on a sunny afternoon with some 15 members and Church leaders on a promontory overlooking Oyster Bay on the Indian Ocean, near the capital city of Dar es Salaam. http://www.ldschurchnewsarchive.com/articles/44749/Gospel-takes-root-in-Tanzania.html
Mauritius	1988	November 22	The islands of Mauritius and Réunion, in the Mascarene Islands Mission, were dedicated late in 1988 for the preaching of the gospel. https://www.lds.org/ensign/1989/03/news-of-the-church/mauritius-reunion-dedicated-for-missionary-work?lang=eng Elder Marvin J. Ashton of the Council of the Twelve dedicated the two islands, located off the southeast coast of Africa. He visited Mauritius, an independent nation of 1.1 million, on November 22, and Réunion, an overseas department of France with a population of 500,000, on November 23.
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South Africa	1973	December 1	In 1973, President Spencer W. Kimball rededicated South Africa “to the preaching of the gospel ... to the transformation of lives.” Among the many blessings pronounced by this prophet of God, none was more thrilling than his request that “processes might converge to bring a temple to this land” and that “no hungry or thirsty soul may ever miss the privilege of hearing and accepting the truth.” https://www.lds.org/ensign/1993/02/south-africa-land-of-good-hope?lang=eng

Books of Interest about Africa

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‘I Dreamed of Africa’

ISBN 0140287442 (ISBN13: 9780140287448)

This is a beautifully written book about a woman who moves to Africa from Italy, learns to love the country, learns to love the animals and especially learns to love its people. A tender story of survival through hard times. Very tender. (Review by Sister Ford serving in Kenya.)

‘Left to Tell’ by Immaculee Ilibagiza

(2014) ISBN 978-1-4019-4432-2

‘Left to Tell’ tells Immaculée Ilibagiza’s experience during the 1994 Rwandan genocide. She survived hidden for 91 days with seven other women in a small bathroom, no larger than 3 feet (0.91 m) long and 4 feet (1.2 m) wide with an area of 12 feet. The bathroom was concealed in a room behind a wardrobe in the home of a Hutu pastor. During the genocide, most of Ilibagiza’s family was killed by Hutu Interahamwe soldiers: her mother, her father, and her two brothers Damascene and Vianney. Besides herself, the only other survivor in her family was her brother Aimable, who was studying out of the country in Senegal and did not know the war was going on. In Left to Tell, Ilibagiza shares how her Roman Catholic faith guided her through her terrible ordeal, and describes her eventual forgiveness and compassion toward her family's killers.

‘Unbowed: A Memoir’ by Wangari Maathai

(2007) ISBN 978-0-307-27520-2

In Unbowed, Nobel Prize winner Wangari Maathai recounts her extraordinary journey from her childhood in rural Kenya to the world stage. When Maathai founded the Green Belt Movement in 1977, she began a vital poor people’s environmental movement, focused on the empowerment of women that soon spread across Africa. Persevering through run-ins with the Kenyan government and personal losses, and jailed and beaten on numerous occasions, Maathai continued to fight tirelessly to save Kenya’s forests and to restore democracy to her beloved country. Infused with her unique luminosity of spirit, Wangari Maathai’s remarkable story of courage, faith, and the power of persistence is destined to inspire generations to come.

‘The Shackled Continent’ by Robert Guest

(2004) ISBN-13: 978-0-330-41972 ISBN-10: 0-330-41972-2

The Shackled Continent provides a persuasive look into the persistent problems of modern Africa and offers some possible solutions.

‘Long Walk to Freedom’ by Nelson Mandela

(2010) ISBN 9780230013858

‘Long Walk to Freedom’ is an autobiographical work written by South African President Nelson Mandela, and published in 1995 by Little Brown & Co. The book profiles his early life, coming of age, education and 27 years in prison. Under the apartheid government, Mandela was regarded as a terrorist and jailed on the infamous Robben Island for his role as a leader of the then-outlawed ANC. He has since achieved international recognition for his leadership as president in rebuilding the country's once segregated society. The last chapters of the book describe his political ascension, and his belief that the struggle continues against apartheid in South Africa.

‘Dark Star Safari’ by Paul Theroux

(2004) ISBN-10 0618446877 ISBN-13: 978-8446872

‘Dark Star Safari’ (2002) is a written account of a trip taken by author Paul Theroux 'overland from Cairo to Cape Town' via trains, buses, cars, and armed convoy. Theroux had lived in Africa as a young and idealistic early member of the Peace Corps and part of the reason for this trip was to assess the impact on Africa of the many years of "helping" from Western countries. **His assessment is generally critical of the long-term impact of aid programs.**

If you have any books that you have read that you would like to include in this section, Please, email me the information.

Movies of Interest about Africa

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Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom 2013	Zulu (1964)
Hotel Rwanda (2004)	Out of Africa (1985)
Invictus (2009)	The Last King of Scotland (2006)
Mandela and de Klerk (1997)	

If you have any movies that you have watched that you would like to include in this section, Please, email me the information.

Sources of information for country banners:

All church membership information is provided by [Mormon Newsroom](#) by clicking on the ‘Africa’ continent on the map (at the right) and then finding the desired country on the list. The information is reviewed from the list and updated as necessary.

All **keywords** and **country** information is collected from an Internet scan of about 60 specific keywords that is supplied to me at 0300 each morning via [Google alerts](#). This keyword list is reviewed and updated as needed.

All **Population data** are from [Country Meters](#) and is updated as needed.

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GNI (Gross National Income per capita) and **Life Expectancy** data is from [The World Bank](#)

Unemployment and other data are from [Photius](#) , [IECONOMICS](#), [Quandl](#), [Wikipedia](#), [Theodora](#) & [The World Factbook](#).

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