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Church

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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, Eynne. Submissions should then be uploaded to YouTube and submitted through the form on mormon.org, using #Hallelujah.

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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

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[DR Congo, WHO launch campaign to eliminate Guinea worm disease](#)

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the government of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DR Congo) over the weekend launched a campaign aimed at detecting and eliminating Guinea worm diseases in the country.

The campaign aims to enable DR Congo to be certified as a country where the disease has been effectively eradicated, according to health authorities. ...

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[SA, MOZAMBIQUE UNITED IN FIGHT AGAINST POACHING](#)

Head of the anti-poaching unit in LNP Carlos Pereira says Mozambicans and South Africans are working together in an attempt to prevent poachers from exiting the Mozambican side with rhino horns.

Operations have now shifted to the Western boundary.

Pereira says they are adapting to the changes in strategy from the poachers. There are more than 3000 dedicated rangers, military and police officials working against poaching in Mozambique.

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 Zimbabwe since independence in 1980.

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

[Zim-Zambia uni-visa set for comeback](#)

The uni-visa regime between Zimbabwe and Zambia could be re-introduced by the end of March if negotiations for its return bear fruit, a senior immigration official has said.

The uni-visa project: A pilot project which was run by Zimbabwe and Zambia, to ease tourist travel back and forth between the two countries, as well as for day trips into Botswana.

[Sudan proposes formation of joint border control force with Ethiopia](#)

....In a joint press conference at the conclusion of the 14th meeting of the technical committee Monday in Khartoum, Sudan's defence minister Awad Ibn Ouf pointed to the strategic relations between the two nations in all domains particularly the military domain which aims to achieve security and stability along the joint border....

[23 ILLEGAL ETHIOPIAN IMMIGRANTS ARRESTED IN ZIMBABWE](#)

Twenty-three illegal Ethiopian immigrants have been arrested in Zimbabwe on their way to South Africa.

Zimbabwe's Newsday paper says the migrants were found asleep in a camp outside a local army base and immediately arrested.

The 23 Ethiopians were each carrying passports last stamped in Kenya on 1 February.



[Botswana food relief for drought-hit Lesotho](#)



Botswana's chief diplomat in Maseru has confirmed that his country would be providing relief food aid to Lesotho, a country dealing with the harsh aftermath of a severe drought. The High Commissioner of Botswana in the Lesotho capital, Zenene Sinombe will on Tuesday hand over food donations behalf of his government in Gaborone.

[Tanzania's Exim bank takes over Imperial Bank](#)

The fate of Imperial Bank Uganda was in balance after main shareholders, Imperial Bank Kenya, was suspended over unsafe business practices

Exim Bank Tanzania has acquired a 58.6% stake in Imperial Bank Uganda and has officially changed the banks name to Exim Bank Uganda. This ends the statutory management of the Ugandan bank by the Bank of Uganda.

<h2>Angola</h2> 		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

<h2>Botswana</h2> 		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

<h1>Burundi</h1> R		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

<h1>Cameroon</h1> R		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 OIL AND GAS SALES UP 40 PCT IN 2015 AS OUTPUT RISES](#)
 Cameroon state oil company SNH said on Monday that its revenues from oil and gas sales jumped 40 percent last year as it increased production.

It said that volumes sold increased by 26 percent last year and that helped offset the slide in oil prices.

[‘16 villages in Akwa Ibom taken over by Cameroon’](#)

The Republic of Cameroon is said to have taken over 16 mangrove island villages of Effiat clan in Mbo Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State.

The area, which is mainly a fishing settlement and has an abundance of oil and gas, lies west of Rio Del Ray estuary- the official borderline between Nigeria and her neighbor, Cameroon.

he extension action of Cameroon poses a threat to the sovereignty of Nigeria’s maritime border.


<h1>Central African Republic (CAR)</h1> R		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

[Central African Republic: UN chief ‘deeply troubled’ by scale, nature of harm to children](#)
 Conflict and instability in the Central African Republic (CAR) have had a devastating impact on children, according to a new United Nations report that calls on all parties involved in the conflict in the country to immediately halt grave violations against children and abide by international humanitarian and human rights law.

[CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC: FIRST VIOLENCE SINCE ELECTION KILLS 12](#)
 At least 12 people have been killed in villages in Central African Republic (CAR) in the first outbreak of violence since before the conflict-torn country elected a new president.

<h1>Congo Rep.</h1> (Brazzaville) R		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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<h1>Congo DR</h1> (Kinshasa) R		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


<h1>Ethiopia</h1> R		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

[Three Strikes Law for Taxi Drivers](#)
 In America, they call it “Three-Strikes Law”. Criminals who commit three violent or serious crimes are given 25 years to life.


In Ethiopia, the T-TPLF (Thugtatorship of the Tigrean Peoples Liberation Front) is implementing (allegedly suspended for 3 months) what is the economic equivalent of three-strikes-and-you-are-out-of-the-taxi-business law on the country’s struggling and hand-to-mouth-surviving taxi drivers. Taxi drivers who accumulate 20 or more points for traffic infractions are permanently banned from ever driving taxis.

<h1>Gabon</h1> R		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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<h1>Kenya</h1> R		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: Africa Oil to Trim Kenya Operations As Global Commodity Prices Decline](#)
 Canada's Africa Oil will scale down exploration this year due to the uncertainty in global prices, said the company as it reported having spent \$207 million (Ksh21 billion) on its Kenyan operations.

<h1>Lesotho</h1> R		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


[Lesotho needs opposition to bolster legitimacy](#)


The Lesotho government needs the opposition, which holds 48% of the seats, back in parliament in order to boost its own legitimacy and pass constitutional reforms,

Lesotho's parliament convened to discuss and pass its national budget without the opposition. This would be the second consecutive national budget passed without their full attendance. However, the opposition and government are close to hatching up a deal to end the boycott. But this remains to be seen.

The parliamentary logjam enters its ninth month, following the fleeing of Lesotho's former prime minister, Thomas Thabane – now the official leader of the opposition in parliament – to South Africa, with his counterparts from the Basotho National Party (BNP) and Reformed Congress of Lesotho (RCL). They claimed there was a plot to kill them by members of the Lesotho Defence Force (LDF).

Related Article: [Lesotho opposition to return to Parliament](#)


<h1>Madagascar</h1> R		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> R		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

[Malawi drought: Millions face hunger as food crisis looms and funds are lacking](#)

Millions of people are facing hunger in Malawi where a severe drought has undermined this year's harvest for thousands of families. At least 2.8 million people, of whom 1.5 millions are children, are facing food shortage in the south-east African nation where the majority of the population lives by cultivating maize, a staple food in the country.

However, lack of rains have resulted in losses of crops making this year's harvest – which typically takes place in March and April – almost impossible for thousands of households.

<h1>Mauritius</h1> R		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> R		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

[Chinese company supports Mozambique's professional education](#)

Ambassador Su said that the support granted by Huawei Technologies shows the robustness of the relations of friendship and cooperation between China and Mozambique. He noted that Huawei has supported a variety of projects in Mozambique, particularly in the areas of education and technology.

[Renamo responds to Mozambique peace talks invite](#)

Mozambique opposition party Renamo said it has replied this morning to an invitation it received last Friday from Mozambique President Filipe Nyusi to start talks to find a peaceful solution to the current military crisis engulfing the country


<h1>Namibia</h1> R		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


[Namibia: Air Force Headquarters Relocate to Karibib](#)


The headquarters of the Namibian Air Force have been relocated from Grootfontein to Karibib in the Erongo Region.

[Namibia: #1YearOfGeingob Analysis On 17 March](#)

The Namibian is organising an analysis of President Hage Geingob's first year in office. #1YearOfGeingob will take place on 17 March at the NamPower Convention Centre in Windhoek. ...

<h1>Reunion Island</h1> R		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> R		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

<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:


[150 dead in Somalia as US strike against al-Shabaab](#)

The United States has carried out an air strike in Somalia, killing more than 150 fighters with the al-Qaeda-linked Islamist group al-Shabaab, following US intelligence on preparations for a large-scale militant attack, ...

...The al Qaeda-linked al-Shabaab was pushed out of Mogadishu by African Union peacekeeping forces in 2011 but has remained a potent antagonist in Somalia, launching frequent attacks in its bid to overthrow the Western-backed government.

The group, whose name means "The Youth," seeks to impose its strict version of sharia law in Somalia, where it frequently unleashes attacks targeting security and government targets, as well as hotels and restaurants in the capital.

Al Shabaab was also behind deadly attacks in Kenya and Uganda, which both contribute troops to an African Union peacekeeping force in Somalia.

<h1>South Africa</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

Municipal Elections 2016 coming soon

[JACOB ZUMA TO SEND OVER 1,000 SOLDIERS TO DRC](#)


The President will be sending the SANDF troops to be part of the UN Stabilisation Unit in the DRC.


President Jacob Zuma has extended the deployment of South African National Defence Force troops in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) for another year.


[Man behind Zuma assassination plot e-mails, SMSes](#)

Ernest Nkosi, 26, is said to be the person behind the email which claimed that Zuma's life was in danger. He allegedly sent the e-mails to the spokesperson of the minister of police, the spokesperson of the Gauteng government, the Crime Intelligence Divisional Commissioner, as well as car dealership BMW South Africa.

At the time of his arrest, Hawks spokesperson Brigadier Hangwani Mulaudzi said Nkosi wrote in his e-mails that there was a vehicle whose seat was poisoned and that the poison was aimed at the state president.

<h1>South Sudan</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:

<h1>Swaziland</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</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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[Arson Sets Zanzibar in State of Panic](#)

A thick cloud of anxiety is hanging over the residents of Pemba and Unguja, in the wake of a wave of incidents of residential houses and offices of the ruling CCM and the main opposition Civic Unite Front (CUF) being set ablaze.

The situation is literally curtain-raising repeat elections in the isles, following cancellation of the October 25 General Election by the Zanzibar Electoral Commission (ZEC).



<h1>Uganda</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: Museveni Files Defence, Denies All Malpractices](#)

President-elect Yoweri Museveni has responded to the presidential election petition challenging his re-election, saying he was validly elected for a fifth term in office in accordance with all electoral laws.

[Uganda: Discovery of Oil in Uganda Predates NRM](#)

President Museveni at the second presidential debate said NRM discovered oil in Uganda. This was during discussions on the question of oil being a curse or blessing. Dr Kizza Besigye's earlier response to that question was a veiled attack on Museveni's government for its lack of accountable governance structures, which would automatically result in oil revenues going to private pockets and hence render oil a curse to the country. Of course, Museveni's often repeated reference to Uganda's oil as his oil also received chiding from other presidential candidates. Museveni brushed it aside but 'blundered' when he tried to give all the credit for the oil discovery to the NRM government.

<h1>Zambia</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:

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[Lightning bolt kills 3 in Chingola, Zambia](#)

Lightning has killed three people believed to be members of the same family in Chingola, two others are nursing serious burns.

The victims are believed to have had taken shelter under a mango tree when the lightning struck, killing the three on the spot.

[Zambia opposition official freed on bail](#)



A leading member of Zambia's main opposition party denied threatening President Edgar Lungu with violence and was released on bail on Monday.

Geoffrey Mwamba, vice-president of the United Party for National Development, was arrested on charges of inciting violence against Lungu last week. Police said he had threatened to "go for his throat".

"I deny the charge," Mwamba told a packed courtroom, without going into further details. If convicted, he faces a maximum of five years in prison, a lawyer said.


[Zambia: President Lungu inaugurates 120MW Itezhi-Tezhi hydropower station](#)

"The commissioning of the 120MW Itezhi-Tezhi hydropower project demonstrates my government's unwavering efforts to ensure the country has the much needed energy security," he said.

<h1>Zimbabwe</h1>  	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

[Frail Robert Mugabe grooms wife to become next Zimbabwe president after he dies](#)

The 92-year-old president, who recently declared he intended to rule Zimbabwe until he was 100, is mentoring his 50-year-old wife Grace Mugabe to take over the top job

<h1>United States</h1>  <p>Data Provided for comparison</p>	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

[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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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)
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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)
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CREATE.Ids.org	Create and Share your media Talents !!!!	
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Law and Religion Symposium	BYU Law International Center for Law and Religion Studies	
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.

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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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