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## **Rwanda: U.S. President Obama Calls for Empowerment of African Women**

Source: All Africa

By Edwin Musoni

**30 July 2014** - United States President Barack Obama on Monday said one of the best yardsticks for measuring a country's development is how it treats its women.

Obama said this while addressing 500 African youth attending the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) in the United States.

Six Rwandans are attending the six-week exchange, training and networking programme that is underway at different US universities.

The African fellows are undergoing training in three tracks; business and entrepreneurship, civic leadership, and public management.

In between their courses, the youth on Monday gathered in Washington, D.C. for a summit with President Obama.

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## Kenya: Obama Announces Creation of Leadership Centre in Kenya

Source: All Africa

By Olive Burrows

**Nairobi, 29 July 2014** - US President Barrack Obama on Monday announced setting up of a regional leadership centre in Kenya which will be operational beginning 2015.

Three others, he announced, would also be set up in Ghana, Senegal and South Africa "in order to improve the availability and quality of leadership training programmes and professional development opportunities for young African Leaders."

Obama's announcement ironically follows the suspension of its Peace Corps programme in Kenya over security concerns.

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## Burundi party's 'relentless' intimidation ahead of polls

Source: AFP via globalpost.com

**29 July 2014** - Burundi's ruling party is carrying out a "relentless campaign of intimidation" against opposition and critics, ahead of presidential elections next year, Amnesty International said Tuesday.

"The government's clampdown on free expression and peaceful assembly has serious implications for human rights ahead of next year's elections," said Amnesty researcher Tom Gibson.

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## Ceasefire in Central African Republic 'broken' with clash, rebel spokesman says

Source: The Associated Press via Daily Reporter

**Bangui, 28 July 2014** - A spokesman for the mostly Muslim Seleka rebel group in Central African Republic says a ceasefire has been "broken" after its fighters came under attack from the mostly Christian anti-Balaka militia.

Ahmat Ibrahim Nadjad said Monday that Seleka positions came under attack Sunday near the central town of Grimari.

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Thousands have died in violence between Seleka and anti-Balaka fighters in the past 16 months. The Seleka rebels seized power in 2013, but outrage over human rights abuses pressured their leader to step down in January, setting off reprisal attacks by the anti-Balaka.

The ceasefire was signed last Wednesday after three days of talks in Republic of Congo, though many doubted it would hold.

Nadjad said it should not have been signed while Muslims' security in the country remained uncertain.

## **China calls for enhanced peacekeeping cooperation between UN, regional organizations**

Source: Xinhua

**United Nations, July 28** - A Chinese envoy on Monday called for enhanced peacekeeping cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and regional organizations so as to maximize their respective advantages.

Liu Jieyi, China's permanent representative to the United Nations, made the remarks here at the Security Council's open debate on regional partnership and its evolution in UN peacekeeping, which focused on the world organization's relevant cooperation with African regional groups.

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## **S. Sudan political parties propose creation of prime minister position**

Source: Sudan Tribune

**Juba, July 29, 2014** - South Sudanese political parties are demanding the creation of a prime minister's position in the proposed interim government between the country's ruling party (SPLM) and its opposition wing.

The group, in a position paper, said the president and prime minister's posts shall be occupied by nominees from the rival factions of the SPLM, while the vice presidency be given to another party.

"The president and prime minister shall, respectively, be from the Sudan People's Liberation Movement in government (SPLM IG and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement in Opposition (SPLM-IO). The vice-president shall be from the political parties other than the two mentioned above," partly reads the position paper obtained by *Sudan Tribune*.

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## Sudan Hit by Heavy Rains, Floods

Source: Sudan Tribune

**28 July 2014 - Sudan** - One citizen died, and 12 others were injured in the northern Sudanese River Nile State due to heavy rains last week. Torrential rains also caused severe damages to dozens of houses in localities of Shendi, Matamma, Damer, and Berber.

In South Kordofan, the El Obeid-Kadugli road was blocked, and the railway bridge in the area of El Hammadi was demolished owing to the heavy rainfalls and the ensuing floods.

The Kassala State government is taking measures to protect Kassala town from flooding.

Citizens in Khartoum complained about the damage caused by the downpours on Friday. They severely criticised State Governor Abdel Rahman El Khidir for not taking any precautionary measures for the current rainy season.

## RDC: rassemblement lundi contre la révision de la constitution

Source: AFP via romandie.com

**29 juillet 2014 - Kinshasa** - Trois partis de l'opposition ont appelé les Congolais à se réunir lundi sur une grande place de Kinshasa pour dénoncer tout projet de révision de la constitution qui permettrait au président Joseph Kabila de briguer un troisième mandat.

Nous lançons un appel à la population de Kinshasa à venir nombreux assister à un meeting populaire de sensibilisation que nous organisons le lundi 4 août 2014 à la place Sainte-Thérèse de Ndjili (est de Kinshasa), indique la déclaration des opposants lue mardi après-midi à la presse.

La déclaration est signée par l'Union pour la démocratie et le progrès social (UDPS) d'Etienne Tshisekedi, principal opposant; l'Union pour la nation congolaise (UNC) de Vital Kamerhe, ancien proche collaborateur de M. Kabila; et l'Engagement pour la citoyenneté et le développement (Ecidé) de Martin Fayulu, l'un des fers de lance de la lutte contre la révision constitutionnelle.

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## **Bangui: que prévoit l'accord de cessation des hostilités?**

Source: Journal de Bangui

Par RJDH

**Composé de dix articles, l'accord a été signé par trente-six entités ou personnalités, politiques ou indépendantes**

**29 juillet 2014** - L'accord de cessation des hostilités en République centrafricaine prévoit l'arrêt immédiat des hostilités, la cessation de tous les actes de violences contre les populations civiles et militaires, le respect des Droits de l'Homme, la dénonciation de tous les actes de violence constaté par l'une ou l'autre parti, l'arrêt et l'abstention de toutes les actions et incitations visant à fragiliser la cohésion sociale et la cessation de toute propagande et discours de haine.

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## **Les FARDC et la MONUSCO exhortent les ADF réfractaires à déposer les armes**

Source : Radio Okapi

**29 juillet 2014** - Les FARDC et la MONUSCO ont lancé lundi 28 juillet dans le territoire de Beni, une opération visant à exhorter les rebelles ougandais des ADF encore réfractaires à déposer les armes. Un hélicoptère de la mission onusienne, avec à son bord quelques officiers des FARDC et de la section DDRRR de la MONUSCO, a largué lundi des tracts dans les villages de Abya, Bango, Manzati, Kakuka et Kayinama, où 200 à 300 personnes sont prises en otage par ces rebelles. Les FARDC voudraient obtenir, par la même occasion, la libération volontaire de ces otages.

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## **RDC : Lancer de tracts pour pousser les rebelles ougandais à se rendre**

Source : AFP via Afriqinfos

**Kinshasa, 29 juillet 2014** - L'armée et la Mission de l'ONU en République démocratique du Congo ont lancé par hélicoptère des tracts pour pousser les rebelles islamistes ougandais de l'ADF à se rendre et à libérer les otages qu'ils détiennent dans l'est congolais, ont annoncé mardi les Nations Unies.

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L'opération a débuté en juin. Les derniers lancers ont eu lieu lundi et ont ciblé une poche de la province du Nord-Kivu où l'ADF (Forces alliées démocratiques) s'est retranchée suite à une grande offensive de l'armée et de la Mission de l'ONU (Monusco) commencée en janvier.

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