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# Daily AfricanCrisis News Digest for: Wednesday, 25th August 2010.

**Uganda: Bomber Confessions**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Kampala - When they were brought in one at a time with their well-trimmed marine-style hair, designer moustaches, and warm jackets and neat T-shirts draped over their fit bodies, they seemed out of pl (By News Poster)...

**Namibia: The Heroic Battles of Matias Mbulunganga**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Windhoek - Tomorrow is Heroes Day to commemorate those who sacrificed their lives for the liberation of Namibia. Here is the story of former PLAN fighter, Matias Mbulunganga, as he told it to the Mini (By News Poster)...

**South Africa: Tutu, Cardinal Oppose New M! edia Law**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa and Roman Catholic Cardinal Wilfrid Napier have called on their compatriots to oppose a proposed media law that critics say resembles (By News Poster)...

**South Africa: Unions Warn of Economic 'Shutdown' as Strike Intensifies**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Luphert ChilwaneJohannesburg - THE Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) has given the government an u! ltimatum to agree to public sector unions' wage demands or fac! e a tota l shutdown next (By News Poster)...

**Somalia: UN Debates Legal Options for Pursuing Pirates**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Commending the efforts undertaken so far to combat piracy off the coast of Somalia, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today stressed that more can be done, as the Security Council debated legal options to (By News Poster)...

**Congo-Kinshasa: Mass Rapes Underline Urgency of Consolidating Peace in Eastern DR Congo - Ban**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Rapists rarely see the inside of court houses like this one in Goma, DR of CongThe recent savage rape and assault of scores of civilians in the remote and troubled far east of the Democratic Republic (By News Poster)...

**Liberia: Govt Ready for Truth Commission Report**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: According to protocol, the TRC is to submit its Final Consolidated Reports released last November to the National Legislature, for only God knows what, and simultaneously submit it to the President fo (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: MDC Vice President Sibanda Dies**
Wednesday 25-! Aug-2010: Harare - MDC vice president and Special Advisor to the Organ on National Healing, Integration and Reconciliation Mr Gibson Jama Sibanda has died.He was 66. The former trade unionist and founding vice (By News Poster)...

**Somalia: Dozens Killed in Heavy Fighting in Mogadishu**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: At least 40 people civilians have been killed and 150 others injured in heavy shelling and gun fire exchanged between Somali government troops and rebel fighters in Somalia! 's capital Mogadishu since T (By News Poster)...

**Equatorial Guinea: Human Rights Drowning in Oil**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Mario de QueirozLisbon - The oil interests of Angola, Brazil and Portugal could pave the way for former Spanish colony Equatorial Guinea to become the ninth member of the Community of Portuguese La (By News Poster)...

**S.Africa: Lessons from my Work: The Afrikaans Girl in pain... Part II**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: You will recall I told the story of various events at my work... as one reader remarked: Its like Egoli (a top soap opera) here in South Africa. I mentioned how the Afrikaans guys were doing well, (By Jan)...

**South Africa: Govt Moves to Strengthen Ties With China**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Pretoria - President Jacob Zuma's state visit to China this week signifies a deliberate attempt to reposition the economy to take advantage of new trade and investment opportunities in rapidly growing (By News Poster)...

**Congo-Kinshasa: Mass Gang Rape Exposes Systematic Sexual Violence**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Aprille MuscaraUnited Nations - A U.N. human rights investigation mission will be launched in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) Wednesday, U.N. officials announced Tuesday, after g (By News Poster)...

**Somalia: Govt Condemns Suicide Deadly Hotel Attack**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Sh. M. NetworkMogadishu - The transitional government of Somalia has harshly condemned the suicide bombers deadly attack of Munna hotel in the Somali capital Mogadishu on Tuesday, just as it left t (By News Poster)...

**South Africa: Broader Mandate Sought for Troubled Land Bank**
We! dnesday 25-Aug-2010: By Hopewell RadebeJohannesburg - THE government is reviewing the Land Bank's mandate to transform it into a strategic driver of the agricultural economy and a sustainable development finance instituti (By News Poster)...

**Nedbank Analysis - Why the HSBC Deal is Difficult to Judge**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Tim CohenJohannesburg - Apart from the larger slice, how would HSBC's transaction be different from the ICBC and Barclays ! deals?WHAT South African game enthusiasts know about civets is! that th ey ar (By News Poster)...

**Somalia: U.S. Condemns "Outrageous" Attack by Al-Shabaab on Hotel**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Stephen KaufmanObama administration officials condemned an attack on a Mogadishu hotel that reportedly left 30 dead, including six parliament members in Somalia's Transitional Federal Government (T (By News Poster)...

**Africa: Trade Talk - Don't Mischaracterize AGOA, It's Working!**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Rosa WhitakerWashington, DC - I find it troubling that declaring Agoa's achievements a "disappointment" has gained currency in so many policy circles. It leverages a pernicious line of thinking, (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: Zanu Pf Officials to Be Questioned in Torture Trial**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Alex BellTop ZANU PF officials are set to face questioning in the High Court next week, in connection with the torture of a Norton man in 2008.Four Cabinet ministers and a number of service chiefs (By News Poster)...

**Namibia: Repo Rate Likely to Remain Stuck at 7 Percent**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Jo-MarÉ DuddyBANK of Namibia (BoN)! Governor Ipumbu Shiimi is expected to continue the central bank's neutral rate stance today by maintaining a repo rate of 7,0 per cent, a poll by The Namibian has (By News Poster)...

**Somalia: Six Die in Fresh Fighting in Mogadishu**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: New clashes in Mogadishu killed six people early on Wednesday, according to witnesses. Following Tuesday's attack on a Mogadishu hotel which killed 30 people the Somali transitional government, Europe (By News Poster)...

**! South Af rica: Zuma Looks to China for Boost to Rural SA**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Loyiso LangeniSA hopes to lure China into providing more foreign direct investment specifically for its infrastructure investment plan, President Jacob Zuma said yesterday.Mr Zuma is on a three-day (By News Poster)...

**South Africa: Strike Jeopardizes HIV Treatment**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: A strike for better wages by South African health workers is putting the lives of HIV-positive people on the line as indus! trial action disrupts treatment programmes.Services providing antiretroviral ( (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: Australian Firm to Acquire Stake in Zimbwe Gold Miner**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Harare - AUSTRALIAN firm Cape Range Limited (CAG) is set to proceed with plans to acquire an equity interest in Zimbabwean gold producer, Ox Mining (Pvt) Limited.According to CAG the acquisition of Ox (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: 'Sexual Harassment' Case Gets Messier**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Lagos - It is not easy for now for anyone to predict, accurately, who will eventually be the Accuser and the Accused in the case of alleged sexual harassment of a student by one of her lecturers at th (By News Poster)...

**Africa: Continent's Leaders Retain Frosty Stand on Hague Court**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Nompumelelo Sibalukhulu and Antoinette LouwThe recently concluded 15th African Union (AU) summit which took place in Kampala from 25-27 July 2010 made it clear that the International Criminal Court (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Militant Leader Feared Killed in P! ort Harcourt**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Ahameful! a OgbuPo rt Harcourt - A major blow was yesterday evening dealt on the federal government amnesty programme when the leader of "Outlaws" and major urban guerrilla, Mr. Soboma George, was kil (By News Poster)...

**Somalia: Veteran Journalist Killed in Mogadishu Fighting**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) has sounded the alarm over the complete absence of safety for journalists in Somalia following the death of veteran journalist, Barkhad Awale Adan.Awa (By News Poster)...

**Kenya: Growing Vegetables in Sacks to Beat Hunger and Make a Shilling**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Mathias Ringa MringaNairobi - As land becomes scarce and food prices hit the roof, a new method of growing vegetables is fast gaining popularity in various parts of the country.Using the simple tec (By News Poster)...

**Kenya: A Bid to Save Macadamia Crops**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Isaiah EsipisuJoseph Ndirangu Muriithi is a worried man. After watching the fall of coffee farming in Kenya a decade ago, he now fears that his other cash crop will also go into decline as a new di (By News Poster)...

**Uganda: AMISOM is Alive and Kicking**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Dr Opiyo OloyaKampala - On February 21, 2007, I wrote: "The African Union (AU) mission to Somalia is likely DOA - Dead on Arrival - for reasons beyond the control of well-meaning African countries (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Task Force Calls for Special Courts to Try Illegal Bunkerers**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Jimitota OnoyumePort Harcourt - Joint Task Force has called for the setting up of! a special court to try illegal bunkerers in the country.Comma! nder of the Force, Major General Sarki Yarki Bello, in (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Killing And Extorting at Will**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Funke AboyadeLagos - N20.35bn from Police checkpoints in 18 months. That's what the Nigeria Police have allegedly made from their informal toll collections nationwide, according to the Internationa (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: FG to Revisit 2007 Bid Round August**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Lagos - The Federal Government at the weekend declared that the controversial 2007 oil bid rounds would be revisited in August when it plans to auction oil blocks for 2010.Some oil blocks already auct (By News Poster)...

**Corpses Litter Streets Amid Mogadishu Fighting (news)**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Nairobi - Deadly clashes between Islamist insurgents and African Union-backed government forces cut off many parts of Mogadishu on 24 August, when dozens of people, including several MPs, were killed (By News Poster)...

**A! frica: National Public Sector Strike Hits HIV Treatment**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Johannesburg - A strike for better wages by South African health workers is putting the lives of HIV-positive people on the line as industrial action disrupts treatment programmes.Services providing a (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Ex-Militants' Reform - a Roadmap to Brighter Future**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Mary EkahLagos - As the rehabilitation of ex-militants continues at the Obubra camp, in Obubra Local Government Area of Cross River State, indications are that trade! s, entrepreneurial training and (By News Poster)...

**Kenya: Smaller Banks Realise Faster Profit Growth**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Mid and small tier banks that have released financial results have outperformed the big banks in terms of growth.Ecobank, Chase, HFCK, Family, Prime, Bank of Baroda, Imperial, Consolidated and Orienta (By News Poster)...

**Namibia: Nedbank is Indeed Up for Sale**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Desie HeitaWindhoek - Just days after Old Mutual denied that it intends to sell Nedbank, there is now confirmation that the South African insurer is indeed in exclusive discussions with HSBC Holdin (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Bayelsa Police Parade 13 Robbery Suspects**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Samuel OyadonghaYenagoa - The police in Bayelsa State, Tuesday, paraded 13 robbery suspects, including a man and his wife, who specializes in 'one chance' robbery.Also paraded before newsmen were a (By News Poster)...

**South Africa: Mining Letdown Tarnishes Growth Outlook**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Mari! am IsaJohannesburg - MINING output falls offsetting a trade bo! ost from the World Cup, official data showed yesterday.THE growth rate slowed more sharply than expected to 3,2% in the second quar (By News Poster)...

**MDC-M Vice President Gibson Sibanda Dies**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Tichaona SibandaGibson Sibanda, the MDC-M Vice President and former leader of the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU), died in Bulawayo on Monday aged 66.The humble, softly spoken Sibanda lost (By News Poster)...

**São Tomé and Príncipe: Nation at at Oil Bonanza Crossroads**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Megan Iacobini de FazioNew York - With the discovery of large amounts of oil in the Gulf of Guinea, the small archipelago of Sao Tome and Principe faces the possibility of benefiting from considera (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: Zimbabwean MDC Co-Founder Gibson Sibanda Dies**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Gibson Sibanda, the co-founder of former opposition party Movement for Democratic Change, has died in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe at the age of sixty six after a long battle with cancer.Zimbabwe's President Ro (By News Poster)...

**Namibia: A Local HIV-Aids Hero**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Jana-Mari SmithA LOCAL hero to a number of people living with HIV in Namibia, Augustinus Matyayi, received widespread recognition this year when the US government recognised him as a "hero" in the (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Former Nigerian Gangster Believed Killed**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: A former leader of an armed gang in Nigeria's oil-producing region, the Niger Delta, is believed to have been shot dead, police said Wednesday.Police spokesperson Rita Abbey said a man and a woman wer (By News Poster)...

**Angola: Economic Police Record 17 Crimes in Seven Days in Viana**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Luanda - The Economic Police of the Viana district Command, in Luanda, recorded from 17 to 23 August about 17 economic crimes.According to a press note from that police institution which reached ANGOP (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: Tourism to Contribute 15 Percent to GDP**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Harare - The tourism sector is on course to contribute 15 percent ! towards the national Gross Domestic Product by 2014, the Ministry of Tourism and Hospitality Industry has said.Deputy director of the (By News Poster)...

**Tanzania: Public, Private Sector Commitment Inevitable for Kilimo Kwanza Success**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Austin BeyadiDar Es Salaam - AGRICULTURAL revolution, as touted under the Kilimo Kwanza strategy, is achievable but only through bold new approaches and strong commitment by both the public and pri (By News Poster)...

**Government Loyal to Chinese, Not Workers**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Jo-Maré DuddyWORKERS and employers alike yesterday accused Government of being more loyal to Chinese than to Namibians on the first day of the Metal and Allied Namibian Workers Union's (Manwu) conf (By News Poster)...

**Kenya: MPs Clip Powers of President, PM**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Francis MureithiNairobi - PRESIDENT Kibaki's and Prime Minister Raila Odinga's powers to pick members of the commissions to be established under the new constitution have been clipped.The two will (By News Poster)...

**Sudan: Troubled Dar! fur Camps Tops Talks**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: The! situati on in one of the largest camps for people uprooted by the conflict in the war-ravaged Sudanese region of Darfur has topped talks between top United Nations and African Union (AU) officials. (By News Poster)...

**Mauritania: Soldiers Stop Suicide Bomber**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Mauritanian troops foiled a suicide bomb attack early on Wednesday. Soldiers killed the bomber who tried to ram his 4x4 vehicle into the main military barracks in Nema, about 1,200 kilometres east of (By News Poster)...

**USA: Stock Markets: Wall St drops another 1.3% in one day...**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: I see that today, Wall St dropped 133 points. The market is sliding downwards towards the 10,000 mark finally... after stalling and rallying for weeks. Yep... no matter how much they try... the ma (By Jan)...

**Namibia: Teenager Raped in Sand Dunes**
Wednesday 25! -Aug-2010: By Albertina NakaleWalvis Bay - A man raped a 14-year-old girl in the dunes after he tricked her into leaving her home that night.The rape victim happened to be visiting her elder sister from Windhoek (By News Poster)...

**Tanzania: Roadside Coin Selling**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Samuel KamndayaThe Bank of Tanzania (BoT) should exercise great care when dealing with the issue of 'roadside coin selling' as it indicates problems with the entire economy, an economist has cautio (By N! ews Poster)...

**Most Companies Fail to Recapitalise Operations**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Harare - Rainbow Tourism Group, Afre Corporation and RioZim Limited last week released interims for the period ended June 2010 with the trio posting dull results.This is an indication that companies f (By News Poster)...

**National Police Present BAI Suspect Robbers**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Luanda - The Provincial Command of the National Police in Luanda presented last Thursday three men believed to be involved in theft of USD 283,000, 23,000 Euros and Akz 2 million (the local currency), (By News Poster)...

**! Rwanda: South African Ties Fine - Munyakayanza**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Nasra BishumbaKigali - THE Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Amb. Eugène Munyakayanza, has refuted continued media reports that relations between Rwanda and South Afric (By News Poster)...

**Chad: Malnutrition Outstrips Aid Response**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Dakar - In parts of Chad acute malnutrition levels far exceed the international emergency threshold, according to a new study - fallout, par! tly, from crop failure hitting already fragile communities w (By News Poster)...

**Liberia: Taylor Did Not Know of Sierra Leone Rebel Link, Trial Hears**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: By Alpha SesayFormer Liberian president Charles Taylor had no knowledge that his Director of Special Security Services had a close friendship with a Sierra Leonean rebel commander in 1998, a Liberian (By News Poster)...

**Namibia: Genocide Day Must Be Observed**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Okahandja - Okahandja Day-cum-Maharero Day or Red Flag Day would assume more significance in Namibia if it is celebrated by Namibians from all walks of life, but more so if declared a Genocide Remembr (By News Poster)...

**S.Africa: Lessons from my Work: How I wrenched victory from the jaws of defeat succeeded beyond belief...**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: You will recall that back in May my system was supposed to roll out to various departments. Senior management, outside our contact centre, decided that the roll-out should be done by another departmen (By Jan)...

**"Zimbabwe Today" by Robb WJ Ellis (2508-2010)**
Wednesday 25-Aug-2010: Howzit Foreign currency mid-rates updated... -o00o- I was awake at about 3am this morning and just happened to hear the news. I was amazed to hear that the police in Coventry have offered pro (By The BeardedMan)...

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