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**2011 Budget Speech By Minister Pravin Gordhan, Minister of Finance**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: It is my privilege to introduce the Second Budget of President Zuma's administration.Mister President, you outlined our programme of action in the State of the Nation Address two weeks ago. Your visio (By News Poster)...

**Africa: Rising Food Prices Require Political Response**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Saliem FakirThe world finds itself back where it was in mid-2008 when food prices skyrocketed causing untold harm to the vulnerable. In the last six months there has been a massive increase in pric (By News Poster)...

**USA: Stock Markets - Oil prices hit $100 - Will expensive oil endanger economies? Libya in flames - Gadaffi's ties to S.Africa**
T! hursday 24-Feb-2011: [As a rule, expensive oil is not good for! any eco nomy. Jason Kelly gives an analysis below. It did not surprise me that Gadaffi's son wants to fight and they were killing their own people. In the days (By Jan)...

**Southern Africa: South Africa Losing Interest in SADC Customs Union**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Servaas Van Den BoschWindhoek - A schism about the division of revenues in the world's oldest customs union threatens to derail the process of regional economic integration in Southern Africa.The i (By News Poster)...

**Africa: Libya, Europe and the United States**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Richard PithouseAs the first unconfirmed reports of airborne attacks on protestors in Tripoli and Benghazi reached Al Jazeera the station crossed to a spokesperson for the European Union. There was (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: Activists Face Treason Charges Over Meeting on Egyptian Uprisng**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Alex BellHuman rights group have slammed the treatment of a group of 45 activists, who are facing treason charges for watching TV footage of Egypt's revolution, and have called for their immediate (By News Poster)...

**Africa: We Need a New U.S. Trade Framework**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Witney SchneidmanAs the White House scrambles to keep pace with the fast changes taking place across North Africa, the administration should reassess another vital aspect of U.S. policy toward the (By News Poster)...

**"Zimbabwe Today" by Robb WJ Ellis (24-02-2011)**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: Howzit The "Print on Demand" publisher Lulu has made a serious change in their printing prices, and have been able to reduce the price to the author, which means that I am in the fortunate position (By The BeardedMan)...

**Zimbabwe: SA Mediation Team Meets Political Parties..... Again**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Tererai KarimakwendaRepresentatives from the three main political parties briefed the mediation team of South Africa's President Jacob Zuma in Harare on Wednesday, about the continuing violence and (By! News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Robbers Kill Policeman, Injures Another in Lagos**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Abdullahi Dare AkogunLagos - Suspected armed robbers on Tuesday, killed a police officer and injured another, who is currently receiving treatment in the hospital, the Lagos State Police Command ha (By News Poster)...

**Côte d'Ivoire: Rights Group Calls on African Union to Stop Gbagbo Abuses**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: Dakar - The African Union delegation tasked with resolving the political crisis in Côte d'Ivoire should work to end gross violations of human rights by forces under the control of Laurent Gbagbo (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: Activists Charged for Viewing Mideast Video**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: Johannesburg - Authorities controlled by the Zimbabwe African National Union- Patriotic Front (ZANU-PF), the dominant party in Zimbabwe's power-sharing government, should drop politically motivated ch (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Gaddafi Threatens to Blow Up Oil Pipelines**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Gabriel Ewepu With Agency ReportsEmbattled Libyan strongman, Muammar Gaddafi has threatened to blow up oil pipelines. If the threat is carried out it could trigger off global economic crisis of dir (By News Poster)...

**Libya: Obama Says U.S. Preparing Response to Violence**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Stephen KaufmanPresident Obama says it is imperative that the world speak "with one voice" to condemn the suppression of peaceful demonstrators in Libya and to support their universal rights, and a (By News Poster)...

**Uganda: Why Museveni Won And Besigye Lost**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Andrew M. Mwenda"Where Besigye projected himself as a nati! onal statesman, Museveni positioned himself as a local politic! ian. Whe re Besigye articulated a grand, national vision, Museveni focused on (By News Poster)...

**Libya: Italy - Press Gaddafi to Halt Violence Against Protesters**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: Brussels - Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy should use his longstanding relationship with the Libyan leader, Muammar Gaddafi, to help protect protesters from unlawful attacks by Libyan securi (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Police Recover Rocket Launchers in Damaturu**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Hamza IdrisMaiduguri - Six suspected gunmen were killed in Damaturu in the early hours of Sunday by men of the Borno State police's special Operation Black Scorpion as well as men of the Mopol 41 S (By News Poster)...

**Libya: Zimbabwean Army Helping Gaddafi?**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Lance GumaSpeculation that members of the Zimbabwe National Army are in Libya to help prop up cornered dictator Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, has gained momentum.This follows Zimbabwe's Defence Minister (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: Hundreds Flee to Mozambique After Violence**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Tichaona SibandaHundreds of villagers from Nyakomba in Nyanga North are fleeing violence orchestrated by ZANU PF, and on Wednesday crossed the border into Mozambique.The MDC spokesman for Manicalan (By News Poster)...

**Egypt: But Who Now Speaks for Citizens**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Adam Morrow A! nd Khaled Moussa Al-OmraniCairo - In the aftermath of Egypt's ! recent u prising, which led to the ouster earlier this month of longstanding president Hosni Mubarak, a number of groups ha (By News Poster)...

**Sudan: Security Authorities Used Sexual Violence Against Female Activists, Right Group Says**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: Nairobi - Sudanese security authorities have employed several forms of gender-based violence, including rape, against female activists who took part in recent anti-government campaigns, a local right (By News Poster)...

**! Somalia: Alert On Border Terror Cell Clashes With Ethiopia Troops**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Fred MukindaNairobi - Kenya's security was on Wednesday put on alert after heavy fighting broke out near the border with Somalia and Ethiopia.It pitted groups allied to the al Qaeda terror network (By News Poster)...

**Gordhan's 2011 Budget Draws Praise All Round (news)**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By S! tuart GrahamJohannesburg - Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan app! eared to please nearly everyone in his 2011/2012 Budget Wednesday, with economists, estate agents, vehicle makers and even heavily-tax (By News Poster)...

**South Africa: Political Parties Welcome Gordhan's Budget**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: Pretoria - Political parties have broadly supported Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan's Budget Speech, especially the focus on economic growth, job creation and poverty alleviation.They commended the bu (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Corporate Governance According to Sanusi Lamido Sanusi**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: NEWS FLASH! EXTRA! EXTRA! Governor Sanusi Lamido of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) is coming with yet another one. He has spoken extensively, through one of his Deputy Governors, on quite a number (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Putting More People On ARV, Our Priority - Idoko**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Kemi YesufuEffective control of HIV/AIDS for many experts is key to Africa's development. This is due to ravaging effects of the disease on the continent. Nigeria ranks second to South Africa as on (By News Poster)...

**Business, ! Economists Welcome 2011 Budget**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: Pretoria - Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan's 2011 budget has been well received, given the little room there was for flexibility."There was little room for maneuver, considering that the economy is st (By News Poster)...

**Somalia: Many Refugees Drown in Gulf of Aden Tragedy**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: Over 50 Somali refugees, including women and children, apparently drowned when their boat capsized in the Gulf of Aden on Sunday, the hig! hest toll in more than three years in the perilous exodus of ! (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Police Nab Three Over Kidnap Threat**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Ogechi OhaleePolice detectives from the FCT Police Command Monday arrested three persons for alleged kidnap threats.Steven Paul, Titus Dominic and Dauda Isiaku of Prince and Princess Estate were ac (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: Cabinet Approves Bippa**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Golden SibandaCABINET has approved the signing of the Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (Bippa) with Botswana, set to unlock US$76 million in lines of credit for Zimbabwe.Econ (By News Poster)...

**Egyp t: Net Tightens Around Mubarak Cronies**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Cam McgrathCairo - Toppled Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak's cronies and political allies could not be touched for years, but his departure has stripped them of protection. Now they are under inve (By News Poster)...

**Congo-Kinshasa: Small is Beautiful - And Electrifying**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Badylon K. BakimanKikwit, DR Congo - While discussion of hydroelectric power on the Congo River is dominated by the! massive Grand Inga project and the dream of power for the entire continent, const (By News Poster)...

**Congo-Kinshasa: Soldiers Guilty of Crimes Against Humanity and Rape for Attack on Fizi**

**Libya: Obama Speaks Out Against Country's Bloodshed**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: Pretoria - US President Barack Obama has strongly condemned the violence in Libya, labeling the bloodshed in that country as outrageous."The suffering and bloodshed is outrageous and it is unacceptabl (By News Poster)...

**Malawi: Energy-Malawi - Rise in Paraffin Prices Leaves Traders in the Dark**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Claire NgozoLake Malawi, Malawi - Increasing energy prices have caused anxiety for many small-scale Malawian traders, especially those in rural areas and peri-urban areas who rely on paraffin for l (By News Poster)...

**Aid Workers Worry About Food Insecurity (news)**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: Bujumbura - High food prices, increasing malnutrition and the impact of La Niña are Burundi's major humanitarian concerns as the country moves from post-conflict to a development phase, say aid (By News Poster)...

**Liberia: Charles Taylor's Lawyer Now Needs a Lawyer Himself**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Alpha SesayFor more than three years, the charismatic defense lawyer Courtenay Griffiths has stood in front of international judges, arguing that former Liberian president Charles Taylor is not res (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Phones Seized From Abuja Bomb Suspect's Cell**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Jean-Jacques CornishPolice have seized eight mobile t! elephones and maps and documents from the Johannesburg prison ! cell of Nigerian rebel leader and suspected terrorist Henry Okah. Okah is due for (By News Poster)...

**Libya: Thousands of Foreigners And Refugees Flee**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: Foreigners and refugees have been fleeing the violence spurned by the uprising in Libya by the thousands, overwhelming border controls and airports.About 15,000 of Egyptians poured over the border for (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: Newborns Missing the Safty Net**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: Harare - The high cost of maternity and health care, the lack of a proper follow-up system, and a limited ability to diagnose HIV infection early in babies means many Zimbabwean children are not being (By News Poster)...

**Tanzania: Banks to Share ATMs in Easing Service Provision**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Al-Amani MutarubukwaThe Bank of Tanzania (BoT) is working on processes to start a national payment switch to facilitate the sharing of automated teller machine (ATM) services by customers of commer (By News Poster)...

**Namibia: Policeman Charged With Attempted Murder**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Absalom Shigwedha! The Ohangwena Police are investigating a case of attempted murder after a man was allegedly shot and wounded by a Police officer at Oshikango on Friday.The alleged victim, Sakaria (By News Poster)...

**Mozambique: Banks Remain Highly Profitable**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: Maputo - Mozambican banks are continuing to grow, and remain highly profitable, despite the international financial crisis.The latest research on the Mozambican banking sector, published by the consul (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: SA Extends Passport Deadline to End of July**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Sydney KawadzaThe South African government has extended the deadline for Zimbabweans staying in the country without passports to regularise their stay to July 31 this year.This was announced by tha (By News Poster)...

**Egypt: BP Support for Mubarak Dictatorship Revealed**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Mika Minio-PaluelloEgyptian protestors were furious at Mubarak for upholding his own interests and those of Western powers and foreign companies at the expense of the country's people. Mika Minio-P (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: Gwisai Charged With Treason, D! enied Ba il**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Innocent RuwendeFORMER

Thursday 24-Feb-2011: Baraka - A military court in Baraka has found Lt. Colonel Kibibi Mutwara and one of his officers guilty of crimes against humanity and rape following an attack on the town of Fizi in eastern DRC on Ne (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: One Killed, Others Injured As Police Crack Down On Students in Kano**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Hisham Habib and Rukayya Yusuf Aliyu KanoA secondary school student was killed yesterday and several others injured in Kano as armed policemen tried to disperse protesting students of the state's p (By News Poster)...

**Schooling Disrupted in Ermelo**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Sydney Masinga Mandla KhozaErmelo - No schooling has taken place in the troubled township of Wesselton outside Ermelo since Monday.Mpumalanga police spokesperson, Captain Leonard Hlathi, confirme (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: Biti's Reluctance Threatens! Inclusive Govt - Politburo**
Thursday 24-Feb-201! 1: By Fa rirai MachivenyikaFinance Minister Tendai Biti's reluctance to release funds to complete the constitution-making process and cater for civil servants' salary increments threatens the inclusive Go (By News Poster)...

**Tanzania: Govt Heeds Plea on Suspect**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Andrew Bagala and Martin SsebuyiraTanzania has finally extradited its national for having allegedly transported the July 11 bomb equipment to Kampala after Uganda bowed to the country's demands to (By News Poster! )...

**Nigeria: Leader Okigwe South Needs**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Joseph C. EbegbulemIn his discussion on leadership, Lee Kuan Yew, the celebrated father of modern Singapore wrote in his book - "From Third World to First: The Singapore Story, 1965 - 2000" "we nee (By News Poster)...

**South Africa: Crime, Justice Problems Reflected in Budget**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: Pretoria - The amount of money allocated for safety and security in this year's budget, while lower than previous years, reflects an awareness of the problems in these sectors, says the Institute for (By News Poster)...

**Libya: Botswana Severs Libya Ties**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Wene OwinoGaborone - Botswana has cut diplomatic ties with strife-torn Libya.A statement from the Botswana Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Wednesday said that the southern African country is breakin (By News Poster)...

**Kenya: HIV-Positive Mothers Should Breastfeed Babies - Experts**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: Nyando - Nutrition experts recommend that HIV-positive mothers exclusively breastfeed their b! abies for the first six months to reduce the risk of HIV trans! mission, but food-insecure Kenyan mothers wor (By News Poster)...

**[Graph] US: Economic Meltdown Double Dip! - The Housing crisis that started it all - IS BACK!**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: [Here is a scary chart that shows you that the problems of 2008 are back. Look at the effect of the vast, unbelievable amounts of money that was pumped into the economy. It partly caused things to rec (By Jan)...

**[Humor] Joke: How to impress a beautiful girl at the gym...**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: [A friend sent me this on my Blackberry. I thought it was hilarious. Jan] A man asks a trainer in the gym: I want to impress that beautiful girl, which machine can I use? The Trainer replies: Us (By Jan)...

Highfield legislator Munyaradzi Gwisai and his 45 alleged accomplices, accused of plotting an Egypt and Tunisia-style uprising to oust a constitutionally-elected Government i (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: How Nation is Beating HIV**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Anso ThomZimbabwe's remarkable HIV decline in 10 years can mainly be ascribed to behaviour change, an analysis has revealed.Researchers have been ! baffled by the HIV prevalence among Zimbabwean adul (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Evacuate Citizens From Libya Now, Dabiri-Erewa, Ribadu Tell FG**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Tunde OpeseitanLagos - Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Diaspora, Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa, has called on the Federal Government to evacuate Nigerians from Libya in the face of (By News Poster)...

**Mozambique: Former Renamo Fighters Refuse to Register**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: Maputo - In the northern province of Nampula, men who once fought for the Mozambican rebel movement Renamo are refusing to register in the government's census of demobilized soldiers, reports Wednesda (By News Poster)...

**Kenya: Michael Joseph Appointed World Bank Advisor**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Peter KiraguIMMEDIATE former Safaricom chief executive officer Michael Joseph has been appointed the first World Bank global advisor on mobile phone banking.Joseph was yesterday named a World Bank (By News Poster)...

**Kenya: Settle Chaos Victims Fast, Demand Groups**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Ashley LimeNairobi - Resettling the displ! aced is taking too long, civil society groups complained on We! dnesday. They urged a speedy implementation of the National Land Policy since the Constitution (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Tanker Drivers, Kirikiri Residents Clash**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Victor Ahiuma-Young and Ifeanyi OkolieThere was pandemonium Tuesday at Kirikri area of Lagos State, when members of the Petroleum Tanker Drivers, PTD, branch of the Nigeria Union of Petroleum Nat (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: NAICOM Suspends Management of Investment And Allied Assurance**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Sola AlabadanLagos - National Insurance Commission (NAICOM) has suspended the management of Investment and Allied Assurance Plc (IAA) from office with immediate effect. This is the second insurance (By News Poster)...

**South Africa: Eskom Workers Join HIV Testing Campaign**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: By Sydney MasingaLephalale - Two thousand workers at the Eskom Medupi power station in Limpopo will be tested for HIV as part of a campaign to test 15 million South Africans before June.National healt (By News Poster)...

**ATTENTION ZANU PF INTE! NDS TO CHARGE STUDENTS AND ACTVISTS WITH TREASON**
Thursday 24-Feb-2011: ATTENTION: ZANU PF intends to charge with treason former MDC MP Munyaradzi Gwisai and other 68 arrested activists for watching a video of Egypt Uprising. We demand that Gwisai be released from tha (By Collen Makumbirofa)...

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