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### Somalia: Engage or Disengage?
Friday 23-Apr-2010: With continuing conflict in Mogadishu, and reports of a forthcoming Transitional Federal Government offensive to gain control of areas of the city now controlled by Al-Shabaab rebels, debate about the (By News Poster)...

### Africa: Staying the Course on Aids?
Friday 23-Apr-2010: We must end the false dichotomy between prevention and treatment. If we choose one over the other we will fail. We know from our experiences in the 1990s, that if treatment isnt there, people will not (By News Poster)...

### Africa: Obama and U.S. Military Engagement in Continent
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Daniel VolmanWhen Barack Obama took office as president of the United States in January 2009, it was widely expected that he would dramatically change, or even reverse, the militarised and unilater! (By News Poster)...

### USA: President Obama is a threat to US National Security - Almost 2 out of 3 Americans Believe That The U.S. Is More Likely To Be Attacked Because Of Obama's Policies
Friday 23-Apr-2010: [President Obama is one scary guy. I hear now that an American Admiral will not answer this question: Will the USAF shoot down Israeli jets when they attack Iran? Obama wants to disarm America com (By Jan)...

### Africa: China Fund Expands Africa Network
Friday 23-Apr-2010: The China-Africa Development Fund's expansion plans moved a step forward with the opening of a new branch in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 30 March. The office will pursue greater cooperation with the Afr (By News Poster)...

### Biti Raises Spectre of Price Controls
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Chris MuronziWHEN inflation soared out of control in 2007, President Robert Mugabe had a quick solution to the problem cut prices of goods by half and impose a freeze. Almost overnight goods disapp (By News Poster)...

### Nigeria: Reforming Shell?
Friday 23-Apr-2010: At last month's Oil Gas Conference in Nigeria, outgoing Regional Executive Vice President, Shell Exploration and Production, Africa, Ann Pickard, forecast declining willingness to invest in Nigeria (By News Poster)...

### Zimbabwe: Petroleum Gas Worthy Panacea to Power Cuts
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Tichaona Zindoga and Roselyne SachitiHarare - "ZESA Holdings wishes to ad! vise all its valued customers countrywide that the Zimbabwe Power Company will be conducting its mandatory annual maintenanc (By News Poster)...

### 'Danger Pay' for TB Staff
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Kerry CullinanDurban healthworkers who treat patients with drug-resistant TB should be given special incentives such as "danger pay".This is according to Dr Iqbal Master, head of clinical services (By News Poster)...

### Zimbabwe: Ahmadinejad Slams West
Friday 23-Apr-2010: Harare - Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad arrived in Zimbabwe yesterday afternoon to a rapturous welcome from the Islamic and Christian communities. President Ahmadinejad who will today officially (By News Poster)...

### Zimbabwe: Govt Revises Indigenisation
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Dumisani MuleyaGOVERNMENT is working on a raft of amendments to the punitive indigenisation regulations, which were suspended by cabinet last week following a storm of protest from the business and (By News

### Somalia: Situation Reports
Friday 23-Apr-2010: "The current military stalemate in southern Somalia is less a reflection of opposition strength than of the weakness of the Transitional Federal Government. Since the nomination of Sheikh Sharif to th (By News Poster)...

### In the Line of Duty
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Sasha Wales SmithIn 2006, the outbreak of an almost untreatable form of TB in Kwa-Zulu Natal struck fear in the public health community. TB is an airborne disease which is spread by coughing, sneez (By News Poster)...

### Songs Used As Buoys to Keep ANC Myth Afloat
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Meshack MabogoaneJohannesburg - IT IS now customary that whenever something controversial or unacceptable happens "culture" or "tradition" are brought in to explain away the mess and make the rest (By News Poster)...

### Nigeria: Stakeholders Divided Over Suspension of Universal Banking
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Babajide Komolafe, Peter Egwuatu, Yinka Kolawole And Michael EbohStakeholders in the financial service sector are divided over the plan of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to replace universal ban (By News Poster)...

### Somalia: Somali-Led Peace Processes
Friday 23-Apr-2010:! "How do Somali communities deal with their need for security and governance in the absence of a state? The reality is that since 1991 numerous Somali-led reconciliation processes have taken place at l (By News Poster)...

### Nigeria: Jonathan Orders Police to Bring Former Governor 'Dead or Alive'
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Harris-Okon Emmanuel and Austin Oboh in LagosWarri - Acting President Goodluck Jonathan has reportedly told Inspector General of Police, Ogbonna Onovo, to produce former Delta State Governo! r, Jame (By News Poster)...

### Southern Africa: Mugabe Supporters Warn of Violence After World Cup
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Tichaona SibandaVillagers in districts of Mashonaland East provinces have been told to brace themselves for more political violence, following 'promises' from ZANU PF officials they would be dealt (By News Poster)...

### Zimbabwe: Country Will Miss Out On World Cup Benefits
Friday 23-Apr-2010: SOUTH Africa regularly hosts major international sporting events which have boosted its economy through direct and indirect benefits.Zimbabwe should have taken advantage of its location and tourist re (By News Poster)...

### Namibia: Cops Guilty in Death Case
Friday 23-A! pr-2010: By Werner MengesWindhoek - SEVEN of the nine Police officers accused of killing a theft suspect during an extended interrogation session at the Keetmanshoop Police Station in early 2006 were found gui (By News Poster)...

### Africa: World Must Retain Focus on Anti-Malaria Fight, Says Expert
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Cindy ShinerDespite recent achievements in fighting malaria, the international community must not become complacent or distracted, says Dr. Steven Phillips, medical director of global issues and pr (By ! News Poster)...

### Should Africa Welcome Ahmadinejad?
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Bernard TabaireNice things first. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is a tough guy. President Museveni, another fairly tough guy, is hosting him this weekend. Possibly more than any Iranian lea (By News Poster)...

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**South Africa: Selebi Denies Falsifying Document**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Ernest MabuzaJohannesburg - FORMER polic! e commissioner Jackie Selebi yesterday tried to defend himself! against an accusation by the prosecution that he had fabricated a document he presented to the (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: Government Could Lose More Assets in SADC**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Nyasha NyaungwaWindhoek - The Zimbabwean government could lose more of its assets registered in SADC countries following a landmark ruling by the North Gauteng High Court in February. The august co (By News Poster)...

**Congo-Kinshasa: UN Refugee Agency Dismayed By Impunity for Endemic Rape**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) today spoke out against the large number of rapes in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), voicing concern at the impunity with which th (By News Poster)...

**Wintess Says, He Never Saw Taylor Or NPFL Commanders At Camp Nama (NEWS)**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Alpha SesayNeither Charles Taylor, nor any member of his Liberian rebel group, ever visited the base where Sierra Leonean rebel forces underwent training in Liberia, a defense witness for Mr. Taylo (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Delta Amnesty At Risk of Unravelling**
Friday 23! -Apr-2010: Warri - The government's amnesty programme whereby militants in the Niger delta are to be disarmed and rehabilitated with a stipend, job training and a micro-credit loan, has been linked to reduced vi (By News Poster)...

**Empowerment Not for Fat Cats**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: Harare - FULL text of the statement delivered by Honourable Saviour Kasukuwere, Minister of Youth Development, Indigenisation and Empowerment, updating the media on implementation of the National Econ (By News Poster)...!

**S.Africa: A Race War with the ANC might be inevitable... A Note I sent a reader...**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: I sent a reader of Government by Deception the following note:- "I hope the book makes you think. Deep down the original communist principles still drive the ANC. They will be at their most dangero (By Jan)...

**More Travellers Stranded At Beitbridge**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: SOUTH AFRICAN immigration authorities yesterday continued to refuse Zimbabweans using Temporary Travel Documents entry into that country, insisting the position will only change upon receiving officia (By News Poster)...

**Southern Africa: SACU At 100 Eyes Transformation**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Brigitte WeidlichWindhoek - THE Southern African Customs Union (Sacu) will be transformed from a customs union into a body to deepen regional integration in southern Africa beyond the existing five (By News Poster)...

**South Africa: Call for Compulsory African Language**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: Pretoria - Higher Education and Training Minister Dr Blade Nzimande has challenged universities and professional bodies to consider making an official African language other than English and Afrikaans (By News Poster)...

**Iranian Leader Ahmadinejad Jets in Today**
F! riday 23-Apr-2010: Harare - IRANIAN President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad jets into the country this afternoon to officially open the 51st edition of the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair in Bulawayo tomorrow.Presidents Mugabe (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: Energy Crisis Set to Worsen**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Chris MuronziENERGY problems besetting the country are set to worsen for the rest of this month as it emerged yesterday that only one unit at Hwange Thermal Power Station is operational! .According t (By News Poster)...

**Gambia: Urban Centres Under Strain as Farmers Flee**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: Banjul - Cash-strapped farmers in Gambia are flocking to towns and cities because of erratic rains in 2009

**Zimbabwe: Banks Closing Their Lending Taps**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Paul NyakazeyaTHE average loan-to-deposit ratio for Zimbabwe's commercial banks last year was 48,7% from about 72% in 2008 as banks slowed down on lending due to the liquidity crisis which followed (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: Prime Minist! er Snubs Iran's President**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Valentine MapongaIRANIAN President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's visit has exposed differences between the country's three main political parties after the Morgan Tsvangirai-led MDC snubbed his arrival cer (By News Poster)...

**South Africa: Less Sex, More Violence for Teens**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: Johannesburg - Schoolchildren in South Africa are having less sex, and those that are, are doing it more safely, the second ! National Youth Risk Behaviour Survey by the Medical Research C! ouncil ( MRC) h (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: Gold Battles to Regain Lost Glitter**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Leonard MakombeAROUND seven tonnes of gold are expected this year as the sector's anticipated revival is likely to be slow and painful. At its peak, Zimbabwe produced 24 tonnes of the precious meta (By News Poster)...

**Uganda: Kagame's Opponent Held Over Genocide**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Josh KronKigali - A vocal opposition leader who is seeking to challenge President Paul Kagame in Rwanda's presidential election in August has been arrested and charged with crimes linked to genocid (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: EFCC And Banks' Debt Recovery**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: Lagos - On the surface of it the recent news that the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has recovered, so far, a whopping sum of N450 billion ($3bn) from bank debtors is commendable.To t (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Local Firms Given Priority in Oil Sector**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Kunle AkogunAbuja - As the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Bill finally got presidential assent, there are positive indications that Nigerian indigenous service companies that dem (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Acting President an Emerging Dictator - COSEG**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Harris-Okon Emmanuel, Felix Igbekoyi And Akinwumi KingWarri/Asaba/Lagos - The Coalition of Oodua Self Determination Groups (COSEG) says Acting President Goodluck Jonathan may turn the country into (By News Poster)...

**South Africa: No Change in Rates 'For Some Time', Says Marcus**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Mariam IsaJohannesburg - RESERVE Bank governor Gill Marcus said yesterday interest rates we! re likely to stay steady "for some time", dampening speculatio! n of ano ther cut next month.Marcus warned an (By News Poster)...

**South Africa: 'Overvalued' Rand Constrains Economy**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Mariam IsaJohannesburg - THE Bureau for Economic Research (BER) has revised its growth forecast for SA this year up to 3,4%, saying that if the global recovery continues, the outlook "is fairly pro (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Police Arrest Fake Solar Energy Sales-Man in Lagos**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Ifeanyi OkolieWhen he walks into Corporate offices, neatly dressed in expensive suite with an identity card conspicuously swinging freely on his neck, one would pass Abubakar Tiza for a Super Sales (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: Municipal Cops Must Be Disciplined**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: Harare - THE behaviour of some municipal police officers has gotten out of hand and something has to be done by Harare City Council to remind them that they are there to protect the people, not to end (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: MDC-T Boycotts Iranian Leader**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: Harare - MDC-T members of the inclusive Government were conspicuous by their absence at the! Harare International Airport yesterday, where their Zanu-PF

and the fact that a recently reformed system of extending loans to farmers is still not worki (By News Poster)...

**South Africa: How Eskom Has Generated an Ethical Dilemma**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Eusebius MckaiserJohannesburg - MORAL philosophers indulge in intellectual masturbation when ethical dilemmas are thrown their way. Courtesy of an enthusiastic whistle-blower at Eskom who found a s (By News Poster)...

**Kenya: New Maize Probe on After ! Shake-Up**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: Nairobi - A fresh investigation has been ordered into the scandal through which a scheme to subsidise maize for the drought-hit poor ended up enriching the political and business elite.The orders to r (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: Banks 'Ll Be Forced to Resume Lending - Afrinvest**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Peter EgwuatuThe current tight credit squeeze in the Nigerian banking sector occasioned by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)'s reforms will soon become a thing ! of the past as pressures by customers (By News Poster)...

**Sudan: Urgent Food Assistance Needed As Southern Region Stands On the Brink of Serious Famine**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By MediaglobalAn extremely serious food crisis currently threatens southern Sudan, and the area around Akobo has been described by UN officials as "the hungriest place in earth."There is serious conce (By News Poster)...

**South Africa: Shabangu Puts Safety At the Core of Mines**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: Pretoria - Mineral Resources Minister Susan Shabangu has raised concerns over the safety of miners, saying her department will focus strongly on enforcing safety measures to curb mining deaths.Tabling (By News Poster)...

**Mozambique: Send Troops to Somalia, Say Parliamentarians**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: Maputo - The Mozambican parliamentarians who are members of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) will propose that the Mozambican government sends troops to join the African Union's peace keeping mission (By News Poster)...

**South Africa: Banks 'Need to Adopt Customer-Centric Approach'**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Edward WestJohannesburg - BANKS were being tardy in implementing the Competition Commission's 2008 recommendations on bank charges, the chairman of the board of the Ombudsman for Banking Services, (By News Poster)...

**Lack of Staff Hampers Mpumalanga TB Progress**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Khopotso BodibeMpumalanga's cure rate of 60% for Tuberculosis! falls far below the national target of 70% and is a sign that! the pro vince's TB Control Programme is failing. Many patients are default (By News Poster)...

**Mali: Rush for Land Along the Niger**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Soumaila T. DiarraBamako - Domestic and international investors are taking over increasing amounts of arable land in Mali.In the Macina commune of south-central Mali, a giant irrigation canal is in (By News Poster)...

**Somalia: Ethiopia Troops Expel Al Shabaab From Border Town**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: Heavily-armed Ethiopian troops accompanied by Somali troops have reportedly crossed the border into south central Somali town of El Barde in a bid to oust insurgent Al-Shabaab, Radio Garowe reports.Al (By News Poster)...

**Iran/Venezuela: If Osama Bin Laden Were Iran's Supreme Leader...**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: [...I'm sure Hugo Chavez wouldn't mind paling around with him as he is doing with Ahmadinejad. Osama bin Laden's 1998 fatwa speech sounds a whole lot what Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is repe (By Lone Wolf)...

counterparts and hundreds of jubilant Zimbabwean (By News Poster)...

**Zimbabwe: Farmers Loose Thousands Due to Improper Grading**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: Harare - SOME dealers are taking advantage of farmers bringing improperly graded tobacco to the auction floors by offering to buy the crop at low prices before reselling after grading it.Farmers are l (By News Poster)...

**South Africa: Absa to Grow Nonretail Operations**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Simon MundyJohannesburg - ABSA wanted its nonretail banking operations to contribute half of group revenue by 2012 as it sought to diversify revenue streams after the financial crisis, deputy CEO L (By News Poster)...

**Liberia: Global Witness welcomes Dutch court decision to retry timber baron Guus Kouwenhoven for crimes committed during Liberian war**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: The Dutch Supreme Court has overturned a 2008 ruling by the Court of Appeal which cleared businessman Guus Kouwenhoven of charges of involvement in illegal arms deals and war crimes during the civil w (By News Poster)...

**! South Af rica: Black Share of Mine Ownership 'Remains Small'**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Bheki MpofuJohannesburg - THE mining industry is still largely white-owned, eight years after the signing of the mining charter aimed at transferring significant ownership to black people, accordin (By News Poster)...

**"Zimbabwe Today" by Robb WJ Ellis (23-04-2010)**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: Howzit Foreign currency mid-rates updated... -o00o- For a couple of months I have been telling the world that Mugabe is treading water until the World Cup in South Africa is over, and then in (By The BeardedMan)...

**Liberia: Applause Over Gus New Trial**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: The environmental rights group, Global Witness, has applauded the Dutch Supreme Court's decision ordering a new trial for Mr. Gus Kouwenhoven, one of former President Charles Taylor's key business and (By News Poster)...

**South Africa: HIV, Aids Plan to Inject Hope in North West**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: Pretoria - Over 80 health facilities in the North West will in the next three months implement the new and up-scaled HIV and AIDS prevention and treatment plan.The provincial department of Health and (By News Poster)...

**Nigeria: ACBS Secures U.S.$400 Million for Microfinance Banks**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: By Sola OsipejuA Nigerian finance mediation firm, Africa Capital and Business Support Limited, has secured funding totaling $400million for microfinance banks in the country. The funds were provided b (By News Poster)...

**Mozambique: Lebanese Arrested for Money ! Laundering**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: Maputo - A joint operation by the Mozambican police and customs authorities led to the detention, on Wednesday morning, in the central city of Chimoio, of a man of Lebanese nationality in possession o (By News Poster)...

**South Africa: â€˜Drug cops phone calls acceptableâ€™**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: The transcript of a telephone conversation between West Rand senior officers and drug dealers will be used as evidence in the trial, the Johannesbu! rg high court ruled yesterday. Judge Nico Coetzee (By Peter the News Guy (TRP))...

**Saturday on AfricanCrisis: I will discuss shock you with my new views on the very radical Afrikaners like the Suidlanders - the ones who want a war NOW...**
Friday 23-Apr-2010: Today I was running around taking care of private things and did not get around to posting on AC. But I must address the issue of the Suidlanders. I think they are the most radical Afrikaners arou (By Jan)...

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