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GENERAL

**Across Regions**

**Meningitis vaccine a stunning success**

A new meningitis vaccine being rolled out in Chad has resulted in an astonishing 94 percent drop in the incidence of all types of the disease, according to a study being published this week in the Lancet. The study’s author, Brian Greenwood of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, described it as one of the most dramatic outcomes he had ever seen in a public health intervention. The new vaccine, known as MenAfriVac, is a conjugate polysaccharide-tetanus toxoid vaccine for type A meningitis, and it was developed specifically for use in the region.   
**IRIN -** [**http://www.irinnews.org/report/98733/meningitis-vaccine-a-stunning-success**](http://www.irinnews.org/report/98733/meningitis-vaccine-a-stunning-success)

**UN secretary-general to host a consultative forum on Sudan peace**

The United Nations secretary-general Ban Ki Moon has called for a consultative forum at the ministerial level to take place in New York to coincide with the one-year anniversary of the cooperation agreements signed between Sudan and South Sudan. Sudan’s official news agency SUNA said the gathering scheduled for September 27 will discuss boosting implementation of the cooperation agreements.  
**Sudan Tribune -** [**http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article48006**](http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article48006)

CEE/SIS

**Turkey  
New anti-government protests hit Turkey**

Police used water canon and tear gas overnight Wednesday in a bid to break up fresh anti-government protests across Turkey, media said. Thousands of people angry over the death of a 22-year-old demonstrator in southern Turkey on Monday clashed with police in Istanbul, the capital Ankara, the western city of Izmir as well as in the southern cities of Mersin and Atakya. In Istanbul, the Turkish commercial hub where an unprecedented wave of anti-government protests erupted in June, around a thousand protesters clashed with police who fired tear gas and water canon, the CNN-Turk television channel reported.  
**AFP -** [**http://www.skynews.com.au/world/article.aspx?id=905632**](http://www.skynews.com.au/world/article.aspx?id=905632)

EAPR

**Cambodia**

**Opposition sues senior official for falsifying document**

The opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP)has lodged a complaint with the Phnom Penh Municipal Court, accusing election council chief and two senior officials of "falsifying public document and using fake public document", according to its press statement on Thursday. The complaint was filed against Im Suosdey, president of the National Election Committee (NEC), Tep Nytha, NEC's secretary general, and Heu Rong, head of NEC's operations department, the statement said. In filing the complaint with the court on Wednesday, the CNRP accused the trio of falsifying names of voters in the voters' lists, public document and election results.  
**Xinhua -** [**http://english.sina.com/world/2013/0911/627805.html**](http://english.sina.com/world/2013/0911/627805.html)

**Papua New Guinea**

**Deadly ambush on tourists**

Bandits in Papua New Guinea have attacked a group of hikers from Australia and New Zealand, hacking two of their guides to death. Six men armed with guns, a spear and bush knives ambushed the group as they walked along a track through the Pacific island nation, leaving a number of the tourists with injuries. "The attack resulted in the deaths of two Papua New Guinea nationals who were porters for the group," a spokesman for Australia's foreign affairs department (DFAT) said. Some of the group walked for hours to seek help, and all the injured were later treated at a clinic in Wau, where they spent the night.  
**Sky -** [**http://news.sky.com/story/1140097/papua-new-guinea-deadly-ambush-on-tourists**](http://news.sky.com/story/1140097/papua-new-guinea-deadly-ambush-on-tourists)

**Philippines   
Rebels attack 2nd southern town**Philippine troops battled Muslim rebels on two fronts Thursday, after the insurgents attacked a second town near the southern port where they are holding scores of residents hostage in a standoff with government forces. The rebels attacked predominantly Christian outskirts of Lamitan town in Basilan province on Thursday morning, said Vice Mayor Roderick Furigay. Five people were missing and two wounded, he said. A regional governor, Mujiv Hataman, said that the assault was repulsed. Authorities said earlier they were monitoring the movement of rebel forces in that area and Hataman said that residents had already evacuated Wednesday.   
**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/filipino-rebels-call-international-mediation-20222595**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/filipino-rebels-call-international-mediation-20222595)

**Philippine battles rage as hostages trapped**

Battles are continuing between government forces and Muslim fighters in the southern Philippines as scores of people remain hostage or trapped by the fighting. The rebels, angered by a broken peace deal with the government, are using a dozen of the civilian hostages as human shields near the port city of Zamboanga. Troops surrounded the fighters and their hostages in four coastal villages on Wednesday. Al Jazeera's Jamela Alindogan, reporting from the city, said mortar barrages and gunfire were still being traded and it was not clear whether negotiations had begun between rebels and the state to end the stand-off.   
**Al Jazeera & Agencies** - [**http://www.aljazeera.com/news/asia-pacific/2013/09/201391221531251298.html**](http://www.aljazeera.com/news/asia-pacific/2013/09/201391221531251298.html)

**Thailand  
3 soldiers killed in violent south**Police say three soldiers were killed and one was wounded in an attack by gunmen in Thailand's insurgency-plagued south. Police Col. Wasant Phuangnoi says about eight suspected insurgents in a pickup truck opened fire Thursday on the four soldiers, who were traveling on motorcycles on a road in Yarang district in Yala province. He says the officers exchanged gunfire with the militants. Wasant says the gunmen took away three M16 rifles from the soldiers and fled the scene. The incident occurred one day after five plainclothes policemen were killed in a similar attack in neighboring Pattani province.   
**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/soldiers-killed-thailands-violent-south-20231842**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/soldiers-killed-thailands-violent-south-20231842)

**Rohingya boat people detained in southern Thailand**

More than 200 members of the Rohingya minority fleeing Myanmar have been detained in southern Thailand after their boat ran aground. Thai district chief Watcharasak Chulayanon says the 219 men aboard swam ashore after their boat got stuck off Wednesday off the coast of Satun province. The men told Thai authorities they left Myanmar in late August wanting to go to Malaysia but rough seas put them off course. Muslim Rohingyas face discrimination in Buddhist Myanmar, where sectarian violence over the past year left hundreds killed and more than 100,000 displaced from their homes.   
**AP -** [**http://www.straitstimes.com/breaking-news/se-asia/story/rohingya-boat-people-detained-southern-thailand-20130912**](http://www.straitstimes.com/breaking-news/se-asia/story/rohingya-boat-people-detained-southern-thailand-20130912)

ESAR

**Kenya**

**Water discovery brings hope to arid region**

The United Nations and Kenyan officials on Wednesday announced the discovery of a potentially enormous underground supply of water, a find they said could improve the lives of generations of people in impoverished northern Kenya, if not the entire nation. With water security a growing concern around the world, the discovery of five aquifers in drought-plagued Turkana County could help secure Kenya’s access to the most critical of natural resources, particularly in the arid north.   
**NYT -** [**http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/12/world/africa/aquifers-discovered-in-drought-ridden-kenya.html?\_r=0**](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/12/world/africa/aquifers-discovered-in-drought-ridden-kenya.html?_r=0)

**Mozambique**

**Mozambique government, ex-rebels talks in deadlock**

Mozambique's bid to end a conflict with former rebels that has unnerved investors hit an impasse on Wednesday after the group's leader refused to leave his bush camp for talks. Former rebel leader Afonso Dhlakama has refused to leave his base in the Gorongosa Mountains to meet President Armando Guebuza, unless armed forces withdraw from the area. "The soldiers surrounding my base are not here to party with me. They want to eliminate me physically. To stop this happening, I will not abandon my base," Dhlakama was quoted as saying by independent daily O Pais.

**AFP-**

[**http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jM8KuTvLHrQokEN8mpWK5bdv-6FQ?docId=CNG.ea9bd868f9d10fbe3483277b9183d045.431**](http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jM8KuTvLHrQokEN8mpWK5bdv-6FQ?docId=CNG.ea9bd868f9d10fbe3483277b9183d045.431)

**Somalia**

**American and British Islamic militant killed in Somalia**

Two top Islamist militants, from the US and UK, have been killed in Somalia after falling out with al-Shabab, witnesses have told the BBC. Omar Hammami, known as al-Amriki, and Osama al-Britani, a British citizen of Pakistani origin, are said to have died in an early-morning attack in a village south-west of the capital, Mogadishu.

They have been hiding from al-Shabab since leaving the group this year. There have been several previous reports of al-Amriki's death. One of al-Amriki's fighters told the BBC that they had been overpowered by the al-Shabab attack in a village near the town of Dinsor.

**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-24060558**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-24060558)

**Somali Islamic scholars denounce al-Shabab in fatwa**

Some 160 Somali religious scholars have issued a fatwa denouncing al-Shabab, saying the group had no place in Islam. Correspondents say it is the first time Somali religious leaders have come up with a fatwa against the group, which controls much of the country. At a conference on the phenomenon of extremism in Mogadishu, the scholars said it condemned al-Shabab's use of violence. Al-Shabab, or "The Youth", is fighting to create an Islamic state in Somalia. Despite being pushed out of key cities in the past two years, it still remains in control of smaller towns and large   
**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-24057725**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-24057725)

**South Sudan   
Floods displace tens of thousands**

More than 100,000 people have been displaced by flooding in six of South Sudan's 10 states, and with the rain still coming down, the numbers are expected to rise, relief officials said Wednesday. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said flooding has displaced people in Warrap, Unity, Upper Nile, Northern and Western Bahr el Ghazal, and Jonglei states. Warrap state is the worst hit with more than 43,000 people impacted by the flooding, nearly half of them in Twic county, National Relief and Rehabilitation Commission Chairman Peter Lam Both said.

**VoA -** [**http://www.voanews.com/content/flooding-south-sudan/1748143.html**](http://www.voanews.com/content/flooding-south-sudan/1748143.html)

**Zimbabwe**

**Mugabe swears in loyalist cabinet**   
Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe on Wednesday swore in a 62-member Cabinet of ministers and their deputies that critics say rewards veteran hardliners for his party's commanding victory in disputed elections in July. The Crisis Coalition, an alliance of 72 independent civic, rights and church groups, said Mugabe chose "to go back to the trenches" using loyalists who have resisted reform after years of alleged vote rigging and political and economic turmoil.  
**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/zimbabwe-mugabe-swears-loyalist-cabinet-20224614**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/zimbabwe-mugabe-swears-loyalist-cabinet-20224614)

MENA

**Across MENA**

**Kuwait to transfer $2 bln aid to Egypt**The Gulf Arab state of Kuwait will deposit $2 billion in aid in Egypt's central bank next week, the Egyptian central bank governor said on Wednesday. Hisham Ramez told the Al Arabiya television network the money would stay in the central bank for five years. A political crisis that began when the army overthrew Islamist President Mohamed Mursi on July 3 has hammered Egypt's economy. In July, Kuwait pledged to provide $4 billion in aid to Egypt, matching pledges by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates that showed Gulf Arab approval of the Egyptian army's ousting of Mursi.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20130911194459-jhp6k/?source=hpbreaking**](http://www.trust.org/item/20130911194459-jhp6k/?source=hpbreaking)

**Hamas asks clerics to mute criticism of Egypt**

Hamas sought to ease tensions with Cairo on Wednesday by ordering Muslim preachers to mute their criticism of the Egyptian government over what some of the clerics have called its war on Islam. "Preachers should avoid speaking of the internal affairs of Egypt and focus on our Palestinian national issues and our struggle for the liberation of our land and the freedom of our prisoners (held by Israel)," said Ismail Rudwan, the Hamas-appointed religious affairs minister in Gaza. He told Reuters he delivered that message in meetings he had held with scores of preachers in mosques in the southern Gaza Strip, and planned to see more clerics in other parts of the Palestinian territory.

**The Daily Star -** [**http://www.albawaba.com/news/hamas-clerics-egypt-519844**](http://www.albawaba.com/news/hamas-clerics-egypt-519844)

**Iraq   
33 killed in blast at Iraq mosque**  
A coordinated car bomb and suicide bomb attack on a Shiite mosque in Baghdad killed at least 33 people and wounded 55 on Wednesday, the police and medical officials said. Worshipers were leaving the mosque after evening prayers when the car bomb exploded, and as onlookers rushed to help the wounded, a suicide bomber blew himself up in their midst. Policemen saw a second man fumbling to detonate an explosive belt and managed to stop him, but an angry mob overcame them and stabbed the would-be suicide bomber to death.   
**Reuters -** [**http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/12/world/middleeast/iraq-bomb-attacks-on-shiite-mosque-kill-33.html**](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/12/world/middleeast/iraq-bomb-attacks-on-shiite-mosque-kill-33.html)

**Libya**

**Libya PM: arrest warrants issued for oil strike leaders**

Libya's attorney general has issued arrest warrants for the leaders of oil strikers, Prime Minister Ali Zeidan said on Wednesday, adding he would act soon against the protesters. Zeidan hinted at military action which many Libyans have warned could spark wider unrest in a country riven by tribal and regional divisions, if the crippling oil output stoppages do not end soon. Industry executives say the disruptions and stoppages in the west of the country are instigated mainly by the powerful Zintan tribe, a major rebel group that has become very influential within government-financed army units and could be flexing its muscles for a bigger political role.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20130911175039-jf1bp/?source=hpbreaking**](http://www.trust.org/item/20130911175039-jf1bp/?source=hpbreaking)

**Syria**

**U.N. leader admits failure to halt Syrian atrocities**Ban Ki-moon, the secretary general of the United Nations, said Wednesday that the organization was responsible for a “collective failure” to halt more than two years of atrocious violence in Syria, and he expressed hope that the crisis over that country’s chemical weapons stockpile would be a catalyst toward a diplomatic solution. Mr. Ban’s remarks, in a speech at a United Nations conference, came as diplomatic energy was intensifying over a Russian proposal to secure Syria’s chemical munitions, which has averted, for the time being, an American military strike threatened by President Obama, who said in a speech on Tuesday night that he would give diplomacy more time.  
**NYT -** [**http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/12/world/middleeast/un-guilty-of-collective-failure-in-syria-leader-says.html**](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/12/world/middleeast/un-guilty-of-collective-failure-in-syria-leader-says.html)

**Syria shells hit Israeli-occupied Golan**

Two seemingly stray mortar shells fired in the Syrian conflict struck the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights Thursday, the military said. "They were apparently fired in error," an army spokesman told AFP, adding that they hit open ground and caused no injuries. Israel did not immediately respond. The Golan has been tense since the beginning of the conflict in Syria more than two years ago. So far, there have only been minor flare-ups as Syrian small arms fire or mortar rounds hit the Israeli side, prompting an occasional Israeli response.  
**AFP -** [**http://www.france24.com/en/20130912-syria-shells-hit-israeli-occupied-golan-army**](http://www.france24.com/en/20130912-syria-shells-hit-israeli-occupied-golan-army)

**Russia says there is still a chance for peace in Syria**There is a still a chance for peace in Syria and the world must not let it pass, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov was quoted as saying on Thursday. Speaking to students in Kazakhstan, Lavrov welcomed the Syrian government's acceptance of Russia's proposal that Damascus place its chemical weapons under international control. "I am certain that there's a chance for peace in Syria," he said, adding a warning that military intervention would further destabilize Syria and the region, Interfax news agency reported.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/09/12/us-syria-crisis-russia-idUSBRE98B09920130912**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/09/12/us-syria-crisis-russia-idUSBRE98B09920130912)

**Red Cross urges US and Russia to help unblock aid delivery in Syria**

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) called on the US and Russia to also address the obstacles to delivering aid in Syria at talks on Thursday focusing on the use of chemical weapons. Syrian government forces and opposition rebels are both preventing medical assistance in particular from reaching the sick and wounded, viewing it as "military support for the other side", ICRC President Peter Maurer said on Wednesday. ICRC aid workers are seeking to reach more besieged civilians with food, water and medical care, Maurer said.   
**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20130911153252-167nt**](http://www.trust.org/item/20130911153252-167nt)

**Syrian forces responsible for Banias massacres**

UN rights investigators have established that Syrian government forces were almost certainly responsible for two massacres last May in which up to 450 civilians were killed, a report published on Wednesday said. The report documents nine mass killings in all, attributing all but one to government forces, but said both government and rebel fighters had committed war crimes including murder, hostage-taking and shelling of civilians.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20130911130631-x82m4/?source=hpagehead**](http://www.trust.org/item/20130911130631-x82m4/?source=hpagehead)

**Yemen**

**Yemen parties agree on federalism**

Participants in Yemen's national reconciliation talks have agreed on the principle of changing the Arab republic into a federal state, Foreign Minister Abu Bakr al-Kurbi said on Wednesday. “There is an agreement on the principle of federalism,” Kurbi told AFP on the sidelines of a conference in Dubai. But differences remain on the number of regions proposed by each party, he said. Southern delegates to the national dialogue are demanding a federal state consisting of north and south Yemen, while northerners are proposing more than two entities, according to sources close to the talks..

**AFP -** [**http://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/middle-east/2013/09/11/Yemen-parties-agree-on-federalism-minister-.html**](http://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/middle-east/2013/09/11/Yemen-parties-agree-on-federalism-minister-.html)

ROSA

**India**

**Curfew in Kashmir after deadly clash with police**

Authorities imposed a curfew in parts of Indian-controlled Kashmir on Thursday to try to quell violent protests over an alleged fatal paramilitary shooting in the disputed territory. Separatists also called for people to stay indoors Thursday, but for a general strike to protest the killing. Shopian District Deputy Commissioner Bashir Ahmed Bhat said the man was killed Wednesday when paramilitary forces fired pellets at protesters. Residents insist the troops were firing bullets at the crowd protesting near a police camp in Shopian district, about 50 kilometers (30 miles) south of the territory's main city of Srinagar. The paramilitary denied any role in the shooting.  
**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/curfew-kashmir-deadly-clash-police-20231933**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/curfew-kashmir-deadly-clash-police-20231933)

**Prosecutors seek death penalty in India rape case**

Prosecutors requested the death penalty on Wednesday for four men convicted of participating in the rape and murder of a 23-year-old student in December, calling the crime “a case of extreme depravity” and arguing that the public would be outraged if the men were not hanged. “The common man will lose faith in the judiciary if the harshest punishment is not given,” Dayan Krishnan, a special prosecutor, told the judge in the case, who is expected to deliver the sentences — either the death penalty or life in prison — for each man on Friday.   
**NYT -** [**http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/12/world/asia/prosecutors-seek-death-penalty-in-india-rape-case.html**](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/12/world/asia/prosecutors-seek-death-penalty-in-india-rape-case.html)

**Nepal**

**Opposition's strike in Nepal halts normal life**

Normal life remained at standstill in Nepal's capital and eastern part on Thursday due to the strike imposed by 33-party alliance led by CPN-Maoist, demanding to cancel November 19 election, police said. The protest is launched against the government and parties preparations for holding election. The alliance is creating pressure on government to cancel the election date, saying that only holding Constituent Assembly (CA) election will not guarantee constitution. Those parties have called strike at a time when the government and political parties are making preparations in full swing to accomplish the election.

**Xinhua -** [**http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/810720.shtml**](http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/810720.shtml)

**Pakistan**

**Pakistani Taliban, army exchange prisoners**

The Pakistani Taliban and the army have exchanged prisoners as a confidence building measure ahead of possible peace talks. Two Pakistani intelligence officials and a Taliban commander say the exchange Wednesday included six militants and two paramilitary Frontier Corps soldiers. They say the exchange occurred in the Shawal area of the South Waziristan tribal region. The militants were subsequently taken to neighboring North Waziristan, the country's main Taliban sanctuary. The intelligence officials say militants fired in the air with joy when their colleagues were released. The Taliban commander says the exchange was aimed at building confidence ahead of formal peace talks.

**AP-** [**http://www.foxnews.com/world/2013/09/11/pakistani-taliban-army-exchange-prisoners-as-confidence-building-measure-**](http://www.foxnews.com/world/2013/09/11/pakistani-taliban-army-exchange-prisoners-as-confidence-building-measure-)

TACR

**Mexico**

**Teachers protest against new law**

Thousands of teachers are back on the streets of Mexico City a day after the president signed a controversial education reform bill into law. Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto signed the final part the education reform bill into law on Tuesday, in a move that infuriated teaching unions who have fought the bill from the outset. The reform, finalised on Tuesday, introduces mandatory teacher evaluations for the first time, which unions considers a violation of workers' rights. The demonstrations have paralysed various parts of Mexico City for nearly a month, including temporary blockades to Mexico's International Airport, Congress and Reforma Avenue in an attempt to put pressure on the Mexican government to not implement the bill.

**Al Jazeera & Agencies -** [**http://www.aljazeera.com/news/americas/2013/09/201391118245645280.html**](http://www.aljazeera.com/news/americas/2013/09/201391118245645280.html)

WCAR

**CAR**

**Aid Group reports series of attacks, children wounded**

An international aid organization says it has treated more than 24 people for machete and gunshot wounds in the latest in a series of attacks in Central African Republic. MSF, or Doctors Without Borders, said Wednesday that the fighting happened Monday in the village of Bouca. It said that among the wounded were six children. It said residents fled into the countryside after their homes were set ablaze. Bouca is about 62 miles (100 kilometers) from the town of Bossangoa, where the government said 60 people were recently killed in fighting.

**AP-** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/aid-group-reports-attack-african-republic-20224717**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/aid-group-reports-attack-african-republic-20224717)

**Mali**

**Mali army, rebels clash for first time since peace deal**

Three Malian soldiers were wounded in clashes with separatist Tuareg rebels on Wednesday, the army said, the first clashes since the two sides signed a ceasefire deal in June. The fighting took place near the western town of Lere and comes a week after President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita was sworn in, highlighting simmering tensions as he seeks to secure an end cycles of uprisings by northern rebels. Last year's rebellion triggered a coup and was then hijacked by better-armed al Qaeda-linked Islamists, who seized northern Mali.   
**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20130911195631-50l5v/?source=hpbreaking**](http://www.trust.org/item/20130911195631-50l5v/?source=hpbreaking)

**UN condemns killing of two aid workers**

The United Nations has condemned the killing of two aid workers in the Central African Republic (CAR), and urged all parties to ensure the protection of civilians and respect for humanitarian law. “I express my deepest condolences to the family and friends of the victims, and to all our humanitarian colleagues tirelessly providing assistance and protection to people in need in CAR,” said Kaarina Immonen, UN Humanitarian Coordinator in the country. “It is shocking that aid workers have been targeted and these killings must be condemned in the strongest terms.”  
**UN -** [**http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=45823&Cr=central+african+republic&Cr1**](http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=45823&Cr=central+african+republic&Cr1)**=**

**Congo  
UN says more than 550 child soldiers freed in past five months** – **UNICEF mention**

More than 550 children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) have left armed groups in the past five months, the United Nations humanitarian relief arm today announced. “The awareness campaign calling for children to leave armed groups succeeded in demobilising 557 children between March and August,” the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said in a statement. The children had been relocated from the territories of Malemba Nkulu, Manono, Mitwaba and Pweto, in Katanga province. Some 444 children are in temporary centres in Kalemie, Lubumbashi, and Manono, while 113 others have been reunited with their families, OCHA said.  
**UN -** [**http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=45824&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo**](http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=45824&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo)

**Nigeria**

**President Goodluck Jonathan sacks 9 ministers**

Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan has sacked nine ministers. The leader's administration has removed the ministers of foreign affairs, education, science and technology, housing and urban development, national planning, and environment among others. The controversial move is said to be part of a major cabinet reshuffle. It will be the government's first since the Goodluck administration won the general election two years ago.

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**Despite bans, child labor prevalent in Nigeria**

Ten years after Nigeria adopted international prohibitions on child labor into law, millions of children in the country are still engaged in child labor activities. The International Labor Organization estimates that about 25 percent of Nigeria’s 80 million children under the age of 14 are now in the work force. Most of the children are involved in domestic work such as cooking, gardening, collecting water, caring for other children and household cleaning.  
**VoA -** [**http://www.voanews.com/content/child-labor-still-common-in-parts-of-nigeria/1747147.html**](http://www.voanews.com/content/child-labor-still-common-in-parts-of-nigeria/1747147.html)

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