

Somalia

Hopes high under new chief

Confab aims for stable Somalia

LONDON, May 11, (AFP): International leaders gather in London on Thursday to thrash out agreements with Somalia aimed at stabilising the country under its new political leadership.

The one-day conference look to strike a new compact that will accelerate progress on security, development and the troubled east African country's economy by 2020.



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Britain's Foreign Office said it was aiming for "a new partnership for Somalia".

The meeting was being co-chaired by Somalia's new President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and British Prime Minister Theresa May.

EU foreign affairs chief Federica Mogherini attend, along with US Defence Secretary James Mattis and Under Secretary of State Thomas Shannon.

Somalia is under a new president,

prime minister and parliament this year and the conference is focused on underpinning stability in this electoral cycle.

Around 40 delegations from countries and international institutions such as the World Bank (WB), the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the League of Arab States (LAS) also participated.

The gathering focused on stimulating growth in one of the world's poorest countries and securing a path towards debt relief, hence the large turnout from international financial institutions.

Relief of its \$5.3 billion long-standing debts will be dependent on Somalia reforming its economy and tackling corruption.

The international community is also looking for commitment to deliver a one person, one vote democracy by 2020-21.

Diplomatic sources said the meeting was timely as drought, piracy and militant Islamist group Shebab were all re-appearing on the radar.

The UN said last week that Somalia, hit by drought and on the verge of famine, will count 1.4 million acutely malnourished children by the end of the year, up 50 percent from late 2016.



British Defence Secretary Michael Fallon (second left), President of Somalia, Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed (center), and British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson (second right), attend a national security session at the London Somalia Conference at Lancaster House in London on May 11. (AFP)

Africa

Opp member 'assassinated': A member of a banned Rwandan opposition party has been assassinated, party officials alleged Thursday, less than three months before national elections are due to be held.

The body of Jean Damascene Habarugira, a member of the United Democratic Forces party (known by its French acronym, FDU), was found on Monday, police spokesman Theos Bagege said, 60 kilometres (40 miles) from where he had disappeared three days earlier.

FDU vice president Boniface Twagirimana, claimed 52-year-old Habarugira had been murdered because of his opposition to the government's agricultural planning policy in his home area of Ngoma, in the east of the country.

"We denounce this as an assassination,"

Twagirimana said on Thursday.

He said the party member disappeared after meeting a former soldier responsible for village security.

Bagege confirmed the man in question, Bizama Theophile, had been detained on Sunday while investigations into Habarugira's disappearance were underway.

Another party member who claimed to have seen Habarugira's corpse said the eyes had been gouged out and the head almost severed. (AFP)

Museveni critic gets bail: A Ugandan court ordered the release on bail Wednesday of a prominent academic charged after she called President Yoweri Museveni a "pair of buttocks" in a Facebook post.

Outspoken university lecturer Stella Nyanzi, 42, who had been detained for more than a month, collapsed as she entered the court in Kampala for the hearing.

Nyanzi was initially arrested a month ago for posting critical comments about the president's wife Janet Museveni, who is also education minister, after the government reneged on plans to supply free sanitary pads to poor schoolgirls.

She was subsequently charged with cyber harassment for calling Museveni "a pair of buttocks" on social media.

Chief magistrate James Mwanda granted Nyanzi bail until May 25 when she is due to reappear in court to respond to prosecution claims she is mentally unwell. (AFP)

China VP visits Burundi: Chinese Vice-President Li Yuanchao has arrived in Burundi for a two-day state visit.

Yuanchao was welcomed to the capital, Bujumbura, by his Burundian counterpart, Vice-President Gaston Sindimwo, on Wednesday.

Yuanchao is expected to meet Thursday with Burundian President Pierre Nkurunziza, whose government receives foreign aid from China.

He will also visit projects that are supported by China, including technical schools and a new presidential palace that is still under construction.

Burundi is trying to recover from a violent conflict that followed Nkurunziza's decision in April 2015 to seek a disputed third term which he ultimately won. (AP)

Nazi posters spark fury: A South African university on Wednesday condemned Nazi-inspired posters advertising a "Anglo-Afrikaner" meeting and said three students were being questioned over the furore.

The posters — which copy Nazi propaganda images — sparked immediate complaints when they appeared on noticeboards at Stellenbosch University, outside Cape Town, on Tuesday.

"The posters and advertised event promoting racial polarisation (and) superiority combined with highly offensive references to Nazi propaganda and Neo-Nazism are totally unacceptable," the university said. (AFP)

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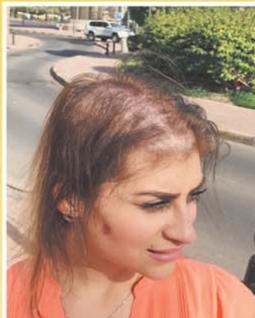
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