

Zimbabwe's gold-backed ZiG is the world's newest currency

Zimbabwe's new gold-backed currency starts circulating in a bid to help stabilise the country's economy. The so-called ZiG replaced the Zimbabwean dollar, whose value against the US dollar had collapsed. Out with the Zimbabwe dollar, in with the ZiG. Zimbabwe on Tuesday started circulating a new currency to replace one that has been battered by depreciation and often outright rejection by the people. The ZiG was introduced electronically in early April, but people are now able to use banknotes and coins. SCMP.

Chinese peacekeeping contingent makes donation to DR Congo

The Chinese contingent to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) on Monday donated engineering tools and machines as well as medical equipment to the government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). An asset transfer ceremony was held on the outskirts of Bukavu, capital of the DRC's eastern South Kivu province. Since 2003, the Chinese contingent's engineering company has supported the strengthening of the province's road infrastructure. The donation is expected to help the local government consolidate peace and social development. In a written message, the head of MONUSCO, Bintou Keita, praised the Chinese peacekeepers' dedication and professionalism, and the generosity of the Chinese side. "Over the years, we have seen the crucial importance of infrastructure in maintaining and consolidating peace and security. This asset transfer demonstrates the commitment of China to supporting peace consolidation and development efforts in the DRC," she said. "I reiterate my gratitude to the Chinese peacekeepers for their dedication and professionalism over the two decades of their deployment in South Kivu." China Military Online.

Chinese genomics firm, Rwanda launch cervical cancer screening activities

The Genomics Institute-BGI Genomics, the world's leading integrated solutions provider of precision medicine, in cooperation with the Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC), launched a cervical cancer screening program on Tuesday at Remera Health Center in the Remera sector, Ngoma District, Eastern Province. The cancer screening activities will provide 20,000 human papillomavirus (HPV) DNA tests for local women, aiming to enhance cervical cancer screening and prevention efforts and improve local precision medical testing capabilities. Speaking at the event, Pudence Rubingisa, governor of Eastern Province, commended the Chinese-based company for initiating a significant program that aims to boost cervical cancer screening and prevention efforts, particularly in Eastern Province. "I thank the Chinese government for supporting Rwanda's efforts in various health activities, including healthcare infrastructure, medical support, and training," he said. Xinhua.

UK begins detaining migrants set to be deported to Rwanda

Images released by British authorities showed a man being put in a van and another being led out of his house in handcuffs. The move lays the groundwork for Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's controversial scheme to send asylum

seekers away if they arrive in the UK without permission. British authorities have started to detain migrants in preparation for them to be sent to Rwanda in the next nine to 11 weeks, the government said on Wednesday, laying the groundwork for Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's flagship immigration policy. Parliament last month approved a law that paves the way for sending asylum seekers to Rwanda if they arrive in Britain without permission. Sunak, who is expected to call an election later this year in which illegal migration is likely to feature prominently, wants the first flights to take off in July. SCMP.

Rwanda: Ambassador Wang Xuekun attended the Donation Ceremony of medical supplies and equipment by Beijing Genomics Institution (BGI)

On April 30th, Ambassador Wang Xuekun attended the Donation Ceremony of medical supplies and equipment to Rwanda by Beijing Genomics Institution (BGI). Other attendees includes Hon. Mr. Pudence Rubingisa, the Governor of Rwanda Eastern Province, Ms. Nathalie Niyonagira, the Mayor of Ngoma District, Dr. Albert Tuyishime, the Director of the Institute of HIV, Disease Prevention and Control of Rwanda Biological Center (RBC), Dr. Theoneste Maniragaba, the Director of Cancer Diseases Unit of RBC, Ms. Du Yutao, the COO of BGI, Mr.Gao Zhiqiang, the Economic Counselor of the Embassy. Ambassador Wang said, since China and Rwanda established diplomatic relations in 1971, Our friendship has blossomed and born fruits in areas ranging from high-level exchanges, trade and investment, infrastructure, education to people-people exchange. The cooperation in health sector epitomes our friendship. Africa.com.

China's Xinxing to invest \$400mln in Egypt within 5 years

On April 30th, the General Authority for the Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCZONE) laid the foundation stone of the Xinxing Ductile Iron Pipes Corporation's factory. China's Xinxing Ductile Iron Pipes Corporation is planning to invest \$400 million in Egypt within five years as part of its expansion plan, the firm's CEO Ye Maolin told Asharq Business. Maolin stated that the company's first plant in Egypt will be operated by the end of this year via three production lines with investments of around \$150 million. He added that the company aims to export 80% of this plant's annual production within the five years at a value of \$200 million for each year to the Middle East and Africa (MEA) region, while the remaining 20% will be dedicated to the Egyptian market. On April 30th, the General Authority for the Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCZONE) laid the foundation stone of the Xinxing Ductile Iron Pipes Corporation's factory. Zawya.

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