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- **Corruption Trial Marks Major Test for South Africa**
By Alex Perry, Time, October 12, 2009
<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1929838,00.html>
Even in a country where corruption and crime are as endemic as in South Africa, the tales of murder, bribery and betrayal emerging from the trial of the nation's former police chief this month have made for riveting drama.
- **Africa Wants Polluters to Pay for Climate Change**
By Christophe Parayre, AFP, October 12, 2009
http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20091011/wl_africa_afp/africacclimateenvironmentwarmingunau_20091011204511
Africa will demand billions of dollars in compensation from rich polluting nations at a UN climate summit for the harm caused by global warming on the continent, African officials said Sunday.
- **World reaction to Obama's win**
<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/82fb8fc0-b50f-11de-8b17-00144feab49a.html>
Financial Times, October 9 2009 [The Nelson Mandela Foundation praised the decision saying: "We trust that this award will strengthen his commitment, as the leader of the most powerful nation in the world, to continue promoting peace and the eradication of poverty."
- **Award speaks to promise of making world safer**
By Anna Fifield in Washington, and Harvey Morris at the United Nations, Financial Times, October 9, 2009
<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/d60066de-b4ef-11de-8b17-00144feab49a.html>
From South Africa to Israel to France, world leaders congratulated Mr Obama on becoming only the third sitting US president to win the coveted prize. ... In Cape Town, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, himself a recipient of the prize in 1984, said the award "anticipated an even greater contribution towards making our world a safer place for all".
- **SOUTH AFRICA: Saving the planet, and money**
IRIN NEWS, October 9, 2009

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=86525>

As South Africans grapple with huge hikes in their electricity bills, the residents of an informal settlement on the outskirts of Cape Town have turned to the sun to provide for their heating needs in Africa's first project registered under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM).

- **Sale of Gandhi's South African home upsets India**

By David Smith, The Guardian, October 10, 2009

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/oct/09/mahatma-gandhi-south-africa-house>

The Indian government expressed disappointment and said it was not giving up on the house. Sriprakash Jaiswal, the coal minister, was quoted as saying: "The matter concerns national sentiment and I will leave no stone unturned to acquire the historic property and declare it a national monument."

- **International: Lake and river creatures are in deep trouble, scientists say**

By Alister Doyle, Oslo, The Guardian (London) - Final Edition, October 12, 2009

Diversitas will hold talks with 600 experts in Cape Town from 13-16 October to discuss ways to protect life on the planet.

- **Call to legalise World Cup sex trade: Fear of spread of HIV infection among football fans sparks demand for registration and screening of South African prostitutes**

By Tracy McVeigh and Savious Kwinika, The Observer (England), October 11, 2009

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/oct/11/legalise-world-cup-sex-trade>

A leading health specialist told the Observer that the World Cup presented a huge risk and said there was an urgent need to start registering prostitutes and screening them for the virus. It is estimated that 50% of the country's sex workers are infected.

- **Zimbabwe: Report Shows Health Care System Declining Over Years of Authoritarian Rule**

By Donald G. McNeil Jr., New York Times, October 13, 2009

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/13/health/13glob.html?ref=world>

An article in the British medical journal Lancet paints a devastating portrait of the collapse of Zimbabwe's health care system, once one of Africa's best. Although the article never mentions President Robert Mugabe by name, it suggests that his authoritarian rule, stretching back nearly three decades, is largely to blame.

- **Zimbabwe Finance Minister Issues Currency Ultimatum**

AFP, October 13, 2009

http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20091012/wl_africa_afp/zimbabwecurrency

Zimbabwe's finance minister Tendai Biti vowed on Monday that he would quit if he is asked to return the local dollar which was abandoned as the country fought a losing battle with hyperinflation.

- **Dialogue with EU 'Key' to Progress in Zimbabwe: Tsvangirai**

By Denholm Barnetson, AFP, October 10, 2009

http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20091009/wl_africa_afp/zimbabwecurrency

Zimbabwean Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai said Friday that talks with the European Union on normalising relations would help restore international confidence in his country.

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