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#### **The Obama Corollary**

Throughout American history, presidents have made major pronouncements or taken some action that make them stand out or be remembered for having set direction. Some pronouncements are derived from experience or clear analysis of existing situations and have long lasting impact and are considered so crucial to the setting of policy that they are nicknamed "doctrine". Those that are perceived to be derived from "doctrines" are occasionally labeled "corollary".

Corollaries are improvements to a given doctrine that are issued by a future president in responding to prevailing conditions. The latest of the "doctrines" appears to be the "Bush Doctrine" that is seemingly reinforced by what can be termed the "Obama Corollary." Not all important pronouncements that influence policy are termed "doctrine" or "corollary". For instance, Washington's "Farewell Address" which he gave on his way out of office after two terms was a reflection, and a warning, on the hazards facing a young country.

<http://www.businessdailyafrica.com/-/539552/681156/-/59vkso/-/index.html>

#### **Recovering US economy presents hope for Kenya**

A rebounding US economy presents an opportunity for Kenya's policy makers to craft new investment policies to reverse the decline that has come to characterize the country's textile and apparel industry and boost the country's Agoa exports, industry players say. Kenya, which adopted a niche market approach to the US market when the Agoa policy was enacted a decade ago, has mainly concentrated on promoting the production and sale of textile and apparel to the American market. Kenya's textile industry is the most advanced in the region and is considered the best among the 27 African countries that qualify to export apparel to the US under the Agoa facility. Early last year, the Export Processing Zones Authority became the first state agency to openly admit that Wall Street troubles, which started in 2007, had a direct impact on the country's economy as low orders for apparel products pushed most firms to cut jobs and migrate to Asia. "A prolonged recession in the US will be a very dangerous development to all textile EPZ firms," the Zones' former CEO John Akara told *Business Daily* in an interview.

<http://www.nation.co.ke/News/-/1056/680102/-/uokckl/-/index.html>

#### **Obama monument to cost Sh112 million**

The Kenyan Government plans to build a Sh112 million cultural centre in honor of US President Barack Obama at his ancestral home in Kogelo. The *Sunday Nation* has learnt that the proposal to construct the Obama Cultural and Leadership Centre, will be part of discussions by permanent secretaries during a meeting at Nairobi's Harambee House on Monday. The project is meant to attract a large number of tourists from across the world, who may be interested in visiting the ancestral home of the man who surmounted racial barriers, to become the president of the world's most powerful nation. Ironically, the government is seeking to cash in on Obama's ancestry, even as Washington steps up pressure on Nairobi to carry out judicial and security reforms, that are considered vital to save Kenya from another round of politically inspired violence. The meeting of PSs called for on Monday by Head of Public Service Francis Muthaura, will discuss the tourism project and compensation to the US President's family in Siaya for the land, among other agenda items. The letter summoning the top State executives is dated October 29, 2009, and is signed by Mr. Muthaura's deputy, Sam Mwale.

## **Conflict**

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJQE5A106Q20091102>

### **UN cuts back Congo army support after killings**

The United Nations will suspend support for Congolese army units that it believes deliberately killed over 60 civilians in joint operations this year, U.N. peacekeeping chief Alain Le Roy said in an interview aired Monday. The United Nations has backed President Joseph Kabila's forces in operations against Rwandan rebels, despite complaints from human rights groups and others about abuses by soldiers and the high number of civilians caught up in the offensives.

"According to our information, these civilians were clearly targeted in attacks by certain units of the (army)," Le Roy told U.N.-sponsored Radio Okapi. He was referring to the deaths of at least 62 civilians between May and September in eastern Congo, where army units are fighting Rwandan rebels.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/8338302.stm>

### **Liberia corruption fighter killed**

Gunmen have killed the Liberian official charged with tackling corruption in public contracts. Keith Jubah was shot repeatedly on Sunday night outside his house, 60km (37 miles) from the capital, Monrovia. Police have not yet said whether they believe the killing was related to Mr. Jubah's position as head of the Public Procurement and Concessions Commission. The commission ensures that contracts including major deals for mineral extraction rights are legitimate.

[http://www.garoweonline.com/artman2/publish/Somalia\\_27/Somalia\\_Roadside\\_bomb\\_kills\\_top\\_Somaliland\\_military\\_official.shtml](http://www.garoweonline.com/artman2/publish/Somalia_27/Somalia_Roadside_bomb_kills_top_Somaliland_military_official.shtml)

### **Somalia: Roadside bomb kills top Somaliland military official**

A roadside bomb has killed a senior Somaliland military commander and wounded two others in disputed northwestern Somali town of Las Anod in the breakaway region of Somaliland. A Somaliland official said Colonel Osman Yussuf Nur, the regional's infantry division commander was killed, when together with other officials, went to the scene of an earlier explosion to investigate but a remote-controlled bomb went off shortly, killing Yussuf on the spot while injuring two others. Reports said Somaliland's security forces opened fire on the crowd that gathered to witness the explosion, injuring innocent civilians. Subsequently, operations carried out by the security forces nabbed at least 25 people in connection with the explosion. No group has claimed responsibility of the explosion.

## **Governance**

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJQE5A10CL20091102>

### **Regional heads to tackle Zimbabwe crisis this week**

Three southern African leaders will meet on Thursday to tackle a crisis threatening Zimbabwe's unity government, a Zimbabwean official said on Monday.

Swaziland's King Mswati III, Mozambican President Armando Guebuza and Zambian President Rupiah Banda will hold talks in Mozambique, hoping to help narrow differences between Zimbabwe's leaders. Zimbabwe's unity government, which was formed in February, plunged into a new crisis last month after Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai's MDC party boycotted President Robert Mugabe's ZANU-PF over implementation of their power-sharing agreement.

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2009-11-03-zimbabwe-leaders-prepare-for-regional-summit>

Zimbabwe's neighbors will hold a summit this week to try to break an impasse that threatens the Southern African nation's unity government, a spokesperson for Zimbabwe's prime minister said Monday. President Robert Mugabe, accused by the premier of undermining the coalition, indicated he would be at the summit to give his side. Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai has said a summit is necessary because of the gravity of the situation. Tsvangirai announced his boycott of the unity government on October 16, citing a surge in political violence and accusing longtime ruler Mugabe of treating him like a junior partner, or worse. Tsvangirai's spokesperson James Maridadi said Tsvangirai learned on Monday that the leaders of Mozambique, Swaziland and Zambia will meet on Thursday in Maputo to discuss the crisis.

<http://www.zimeye.org/?p=10180>

### **Mugabe 'instructs' Kabila to embarrass Tsvangirai**

President Robert Mugabe has instructed the chairman of SADC (Southern African Development Community) to dress down Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai it has been revealed. A source close to the Harare held talks between Mugabe and Kabila on Monday revealed that Mugabe instructed Kabila to tell Tsvangirai to 'face the problems and not run away.' Joseph Kabila who met Mugabe for a full four hours Monday is now expected to meet Tsvangirai on Tuesday.

<http://www.nation.co.ke/News/-/1056/681256/-/uol2sr/-/index.html>

#### **Detectives launch probe as Ocampo date nears**

Foreign investigators are camping in Eldoret ahead of the arrival of International Criminal Court prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo on Thursday. The investigators have been in Eldoret for the last four months. They have been taking pictures and seeking information about Eldoret and its environs. Of special interest to them has been the burnt down Kenya Assemblies of God Church in Kiambaa Village about six kilometres from the town where 35 people were burnt alive during last year's post-election violence. Each group of detectives leaves the town after completing its tasks with others taking over after a few days.

Five detectives are currently renting six rooms at a hotel in the centre of the town. In the group are three men and two women.

<http://www.nation.co.ke/News/africa/-/1066/681098/-/1355muiz/-/index.html>

#### **Southern Sudan steps up independence campaign**

The Government of Southern Sudan yesterday intensified calls for cessation warning that the unity achieved through the signing of Comprehensive Peace Agreement with the North, had failed. Speaking in Nairobi, GOSS principal liaison officer, Mr. John Andruga Duku supported President Salvar Kiir's call for independence but added a lethal rider to it that "forcing unity is only pushing us to the precipice of war." Mr. Duku said: "We lost millions of our people looking for separation and thought unity if CPA was fully implemented would be attractive but this has flopped." President Kiir spoke for independence on Sunday in Juba during a special church service to mark the start of registration set for multi-party elections in April next year. He was quoted as saying: "When you reach the ballot boxes the choice is yours. You want to vote for unity so that you become second class citizen in your country that is your choice and if you vote for independence to become a free man, we will respect your choice."

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article32993>

#### **South Sudan refutes Salva Kiir's statement on separation**

The minister of Information and Broadcasting and official spokesperson in the Government of Southern Sudan, Paul Mayom Akech has refuted media reports that the semi-autonomous region's President Salva Kiir Mayardit had called on the people of Southern Sudan to vote for separation in the 2011 referendum.

Sudan's First Vice President reportedly told a church congregation in Juba, that to vote for a united Sudan would be like voting for "second class" citizenship.

"When you reach your ballot boxes the choice is yours: you want to vote for unity so that you become a second class in your own country, that is your choice," Kiir said addressing worshippers Saturday at Juba cathedral. "If you want to vote for independence so that you are a free person in your independent state, that will be your own choice and we will respect the choice of the people," he stressed.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJJOE5A200420091103>

#### **Ethiopia opposition says nearly 450 members jailed**

Ethiopian opposition parties say nearly 450 of their members have been jailed to stop them running as candidates in national elections in May next year.

Documents given to Reuters by four opposition parties listed the prisoners' names, the dates on which they were arrested and the jails in which they were being held. One party, the All Ethiopia Unity Organization (AEUO), has recorded seven murders of members over the last 12 months that it says were politically motivated.

<http://www.afrol.com/articles/34589>

#### **Africa discusses cooperation with ICC**

The African Union (AU) has decided that member states should not cooperate with the International Criminal Court (ICC) in the arrest of Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir. Was this right? The discussion

is going on all over Africa. Tomorrow, the AU opens another session in Addis Ababa. There, the focus of discussions will be the Union's relationship with the ICC. The relation is complicated, as a disproportional number of indicted are Africans. Also, African nations are divided on joining or not joining the ICC. All AU members, however, are invited to discuss the AU's views on the ICC tomorrow.

<http://www.afrol.com/articles/34593>

#### **Sierra Leone judge takes over Taylor case**

Jon Kamanda, a Sierra Leonean judge, has taken over as the new President of the UN-backed war crimes court that also presides over the case against Liberian ex-Dictator Charles Taylor. Mr. Kamanda is the first local to lead the special court. For the first time, a Sierra Leonean is to be in charge of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL), the United Nations-backed tribunal looking into war crimes during the brutal Sierra Leonean civil war. The war was supposedly co-financed and fuelled by Liberia under Mr. Taylor's rule. Justice Jon Kamanda was elected to a one-year term as the Presiding Judge of the appeals chamber, a post which automatically makes him the SCSL's President as well, according to a press release issued today by the court from Freetown, the capital.

[http://www.garoweonline.com/artman2/publish/Somalia\\_27/Somali\\_lawmakers\\_call\\_on\\_speaker\\_to\\_reopen\\_parliament.shtml](http://www.garoweonline.com/artman2/publish/Somalia_27/Somali_lawmakers_call_on_speaker_to_reopen_parliament.shtml)

#### **Somali lawmakers call on speaker to reopen parliament**

More than 60 Somali lawmakers have on Monday called on Somali parliament speaker Sheikh Adan Madobe to reopen the parliament, which has been in recess for more than four months. In a press conference held in the restive capital Mogadishu, the Members of Parliament accused the speaker of taking the unilateral decision to postpone the parliamentary sittings. "We call on Sheikh Adan Madobe (the speaker) to reopen the parliament session because there are a lot of works to do," said Ismail Ahmed Nur, one of the lawmakers who spoke with reporters in Mogadishu.

#### **Corruption**

<http://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/artikel.php?ID=171273>

#### **Kufuor's modus operandi exposed**

Shocking and legendary legacy of cronyism, money and paper trail. The chickens are coming home to roost and the shape of their eggs isn't pretty. It is a story of deals and a modus operandi embedded in cronyism, paper and money trails as well as a series of puzzles that has dogged the shape of how several deals were sealed under Ex-President John Agyekum Kufuor's government. Don't follow the paper and money trail alone. Just follow his cronies, who are everywhere, involved in deals, which required Presidential backing in the Oil, Aviation and Telecom sectors. One day, two aficionados of the New Patriotic Party (NPP) walked to President Kufuor with a business plan. They were namely, George Owusu, an average Ghanaian, who lived in the United States of America and Bewuah Edusei, one of President Kufuor's confidants, who was appointed by the President as Ghana's Ambassador to Switzerland and later to the USA, a position which was hitherto held by another Kufuor confidant, Alan Kyeremanteng.

#### **Economic**

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E5A10EH20091102>

#### **China seeks to redress trade imbalance with Kenya**

China wants to address the imbalance in its trade with Kenya by encouraging Chinese firms to import more from east Africa's largest economy, its envoy to Nairobi said on Monday. Ambassador Deng Hongbo told Reuters in an interview that trade between the two nations was valued at \$1.25 billion in 2008, an increase of 30.4 percent on the previous year. He said China imported cotton, scrap metal, sisal and leather among other products from Kenya, which bought Chinese electrical equipment, textiles, chemicals and fertilizer.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E5A200K20091103>

#### **Market rise revives China-Africa resource deals**

Recovering commodity prices are reviving Chinese investors' interest in African resource deals, after nearly a year in which infrastructure projects dominated Chinese investment in the continent, the head of Standard Bank's China operations told Reuters. When Industrial and Commercial Bank of China took a 20 percent stake in Standard Bank in 2007, Standard Bank executives like Craig Bond expected its Chinese clientele to use the new banking channels into Africa to snap up resource projects.

<http://www.businessdailyafrica.com/-/539552/681084/-/59vk3t/-/index.html>

### **Deals with China will hurt Kenya, warn researchers**

The increasing investment, foreign aid and diplomatic ties with China will hurt Kenya in the long run because of limited joint ownership or local capital in Chinese investments, researchers have said in a survey to be released on Tuesday ahead of next week's major meeting between Chinese government officials and African leaders in Egypt. Kenya's ministry of Foreign Affairs has confirmed that a strong delegation comprising of yet to be named government officials will represent Kenya at the second ministerial conference on Forum on China Africa Co-operation in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, from November 5-8 which comes as China directs its appetite for raw materials to Kenya. Kenya is hoping the conference will build on its trade with China which is still skewed in China's favor.

In 2007, China exported goods and services worth \$980 million while Kenya exported to China goods and services worth \$38 million.

### **Health**

<http://www.afrol.com/articles/34590>

### **First Dengue fever outbreak in Cape Verde**

An outbreak of a Dengue fever epidemic has been confirmed by health authorities in Cape Verde and the World Health Organization (WHO). This is the first reported epidemic of Dengue fever in the tourist destination Cape Verde. As of the end of October, the Cape Verdean Ministry of Health had reported 3,367 suspected cases of viral diseases of unknown source on four islands: Brava, Fogo, Maio, and Santiago. The first samples have now been laboratory tested. They were confirmed as the mosquito-borne dengue virus by the Institute Pasteur in Dakar (Senegal).

<http://www.panapress.com/freenews.asp?code=eng028633&dte=02/11/2009>

### **Scientists aim high as Nairobi malaria confab opens**

The world's largest malaria conference opened here Mon day, with a call for substantial and sustained support for research to guide evidence-based policies and the development of new malaria tools, which together could save countless lives. The 5th Multilateral Initiative on Malaria (MIM) Pan-African Conference brings together 2,000 researchers, health workers, public health officials, policymakers and activists from across Africa and around the world. Kenya's Vice President Kalonzo Musyoka opened the conference, the first to be held in four years. It will highlight the latest research in malaria prevention and treatment.

The theme of this year's conference is Building Knowledge for Action; but the key question for malaria is which knowledge for which action? said Dr. Adrian JF Luty, Senior Researcher at Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre, the Netherlands, and Chair of the MIM conference Scientific Committee.

### **Unrest**

<http://www.afrol.com/articles/34594>

### **Panic as Nigeria govt demolishes houses**

Human rights groups warn that hundreds of families in Nigeria's River State may be left homeless tomorrow morning if plans to demolish their homes to make way for a commercial development go ahead. "Panic" has spread in the community. According to information received by Amnesty International, houses along the Njemanze Road in Port Harcourt are due to be demolished tomorrow morning. Tenants of the houses were only given seven days notice to vacate their homes and businesses. "Panic has now set into the community, with residents desperately trying to salvage what they can," the human rights group reports this evening.

### **Of Interest**

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/8338838.stm>

### **Albino killers get death penalty**

Four Tanzanians have been sentenced to death by hanging for killing an albino man last year - one of a spate of such murders in the country. The court, in the northern town of Shinyanga, convicted them of murdering the man and removing his head and legs. In September three men were sentenced to death for murdering an albino boy - the first such ruling in Tanzania. Witchdoctors sell good-luck potions made from the body parts of albino people for thousands of dollars.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/8337735.stm>

### **Sahara Sun 'to help power Europe'**

A sustainable energy initiative that will start with a huge solar project in the Sahara desert has been announced by a consortium of 12 European businesses. The Desertec Industrial Initiative aims to supply Europe with 15% of its energy needs by 2050. Companies who signed up to the \$400bn (£240bn) venture include Deutsche Bank, Siemens and the energy provider E.On. The consortium, which will be based in Munich, hopes to start supplying Europe with electricity by 2015.