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08/24/2020

➤ Uganda 'not interested' in another virus lockdown

Uganda has announced it is "not interested" in a new lockdown despite a recent spike in coronavirus infections. "As government, we are not interested in another lockdown because people's lives are obviously affected," NTV-Uganda quoted information minister Judith

Nabakooba as saying in a video report on Sunday. The remarks came two days after Minister for Kampala Betty Amongi issued an ultimatum to Kampala residents to comply with the SOPs else recommendations proposing a lockdown will be forwarded to President Yoweri Museveni.

Source : aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

➤ Madagascar closes 3 coronavirus treatment centers

The Malagasy president has announced the closure of three coronavirus treatment centers in the capital Antananarivo amid a slowdown in virus infections, local media reported on Monday. The Ivato, Vontovorona and Alarobia treatment centers were opened in June as other hospitals were overwhelmed with patients with severe COVID-19

symptoms. Most of the centers were designed to treat people who suffered from respiratory depression. President Andry Rajoelina said late Sunday that only the Mahamasina treatment center in the capital will continue to receive coronavirus patients, according to l'Express De Madagascar.

Source: aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

08/25/2020

➤ Africa eradicates wild poliovirus

The independent Africa Regional Certification Commission (ARCC) for Polio Eradication officially declared on Tuesday that the World Health Organization (WHO) African Region is free of wild poliovirus. This marks the eradication of the

second virus from the face of the continent since smallpox 40 years ago. "Today is a historic day for Africa.

Source: afro.who.int ([Article link](#))

➤ COVID-19 shows importance of investing in health: WHO

The coronavirus pandemic has shown the importance of investing in health systems that will improve readiness to prevent and control outbreaks, World Health Organization's regional director for Africa said Tuesday. Matshidiso Moeti made the comments at a virtual session of the

70th WHO Regional Committee for Africa. At the virtual session, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, African health ministers and stakeholders addressed Africa's pertinent health issues, including the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

➤ Amref Health Africa to Support COVID-19 Response in East Africa through American Tower Foundation Grant

Amref Health Africa has received a grant from American Tower Corporation (ATC) to support COVID-19 response in Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda. The grant amounts to US\$250,000, with US\$50,000 supporting interventions in Ethiopia, and US\$100,000 in Kenya and Uganda each.

“This pandemic has presented many challenges in the communities where we work, and your support enables us to take quick action to address the most urgent and important needs,” noted Dr. Githinji Gitahi, Group CEO, Amref Health Africa during the cheque handover ceremony at Amref headquarters.

Source: newsroom.amref.org ([Article link](#))

08/26/2020

➤ Africa: Push for Stronger Health Systems as Africa Battles Covid-19

Health Ministers and representatives from African countries gathered this week for the annual World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Committee for Africa voiced concern over the impact of COVID-19 and stressed that the pandemic was a poignant reminder for countries to bolster health systems.

The Seventieth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa – the Organization’s decision-making body – which was held virtually for the first time due to COVID-19 also celebrated Africa’s historic milestone in eradicating wild poliovirus.

Source: allafrica.com ([Article link](#))

➤ Ethiopians fight pandemic by early morning exercises

As the world observers social distancing to keep the COVID-19 pandemic away, people in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa are beating the virus by performing exercises in groups on the streets. In spite of the partial COVID-19 related restrictions, people of all walks of life in the

capital wake up early and flex their muscles. An early dawn exercise has become a fad in the rugged, landlocked African country as a remedy to the virus. The people are sighted doing jogging, sit-ups, and all kinds of movements in groups.

Source: aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

08/27/2020

➤ Togo is first African country to end sleeping sickness as a public health problem

Despite poor health infrastructure, the African continent baring few countries has so far fared well in combating the COVID-19 or coronavirus pandemic compared to other continents. The 54 countries in the continent with a total population

of 1.2 billion have so far recorded 1.07 million cases with 24,256 deaths and 769,023 recoveries. In comparison, India with almost the same population (1.3 billion) has recorded 2.4 million infections with 48,040 deaths.

Source: afro.who.int ([Article link](#))

➤ **South Sudan: Ebola lurks, COVID-19 rages**

South Sudan is on alert as Ebola is lurking in the neighborhood and the COVID-19 pandemic rages on, overshadowing the threat of Ebola in neighboring Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) spilling over. The new Ebola outbreak in the western part of the DRC is of grave concern as cases reached 100 in less than 100 days, the regional director of the World Health

Organization (WHO) for Africa said last Friday. The DRC shares its borders with nine countries, including Angola, Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Republic of Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, and there is regular cross-border movement of people, goods and services in the region.

Source: aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

➤ **Coronavirus infections in Africa top 1.2M**

Coronavirus cases in Africa are now over 1.21 million and the death toll on the continent has passed 28,500, the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) said in an update on Thursday. The total number of COVID-19 infections stands at 1,212,012, including 28,596 fatalities and 942,249 recoveries.

Southern Africa is the continent's worst-hit region with 658,100 cases and 14,400 deaths. The state of South Africa accounts for a majority of these infections and fatalities -- 615,700 cases and 13,500 deaths.

Source : aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

➤ **French startup makes items with recycled face masks**

Plaxtil, a French start-up company recycles used face masks to make plastic objects. The masks are first put on quarantine, then cut into small pieces, grinded, disinfected by X-rays and mixed to a substance that binds the fabric to allow the production of plastic items. An employee detailed Plaxtil-based parts:

"We produce Personal Protective Equipment against Covid, we make visors, visor holders, where you can still see the little fiber of the masks that's there, we've made mask attachments to prevent the elastic from falling on the ear, we've made visors that are a little more industrial, door openers...".

Source : africanews.com ([Article link](#))

08/28/2020

➤ **Uganda: How Previous Ebola Virus Disease Outbreaks Helped Uganda Respond to Covid-19 Outbreak**

For many public health workers in Uganda, responding to disease outbreaks of epidemic potential is not new. This is because the country has been in preparedness and response modes for quite some time and its disease outbreak system has regularly been tested over the years. Uganda has had four Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)

outbreaks in 2000, 2014, 2017 and 2018. The biggest and most deadly was in 2000 that registered 425 cases and 224 deaths. In between, the country has also had outbreaks of Marburg, Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic fever, Yellow Fever, Rift Valley Fever, Avian Influenza and measles among others.

Source: allafrika.com ([Article link](#))



08/29/2020

➤ **COVID-19 infections exceed 620K in South Africa**

South Africa registered 1,846 new cases of the novel coronavirus Friday, bringing the number of infections to 620,132, the health ministry announced. It said 115 people died from the

virus, pushing the number of fatalities to 13,743. Health care professionals conducted 3.63 million tests and the number of recoveries reached 533,935.

Source: aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

➤ **Sleeping sickness no longer a public health problem in Togo**

Togo has received validation from the World Health Organization (WHO) for having eliminated human African trypanosomiasis or “sleeping sickness” as a public health problem, becoming the first country in Africa to reach this milestone. Sleeping sickness is caused by parasites which are transmitted by infected tsetse flies and is only found in 36 countries in sub-Saharan Africa. If left

untreated sleeping sickness is almost always fatal. In 1995, about 25 000 cases were detected, about 300 000 cases were estimated to have gone undetected, with 60 million people estimated to be at risk of infection. In 2019, fewer than 1000 cases were found. Togo has not reported any cases in the past 10 years.

Source: healthnews.africa ([Article link](#))

08/30/2020

➤ **Coronavirus: African Union Member States reporting COVID-19 cases as of 30 August 2020, 6 pm EAT**

African Union Member States (55) reporting COVID-19 cases (1,238,348), deaths (29,447), and recoveries (969,965) by region: Central (53,660 cases; 1,039 deaths; 43,434 recoveries): Burundi (445; 1; 357), Cameroon (19,142; 411; 17,651), CAR (4,700; 61; 1,784), Chad (1,008; 77; 878), Congo (3,979; 78;

1,742), DRC (10,045; 260; 9,103), Equatorial Guinea (4,941; 83; 3,884), Gabon (8,505; 53; 7,187), Sao Tome & Principe (895; 15; 848) Eastern (131,459; 2,647; 71,925): Comoros (423; 7; 399), Djibouti (5,385; 60; 5,319), Eritrea (317; 0; 284), Ethiopia (49,654; 770; 18,116), Kenya (34,057; 574; 19,688),

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