

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## **GLOBAL**

UNITED NATIONS - Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today urged the world to must find ways to bring global resource consumption and the resulting environmental impact within safe limits and called for international cooperation in the effort to achieve sustainable development.

UNITED NATIONS - Investing in agriculture and expanding the industrial base of the world's least developed countries are crucial to achieving economic progress and the raising the living standards in those nations, the head of the United Nations agency tasked with promoting the integration of poorer States into the world economy said today.

## **AFRICA**

BENIN - Training of midwives in the active management of the third stage of labour targets one of the most common causes of maternal deaths: bleeding after delivery. "In Benin, the maternal mortality ratio is 397 deaths for every 100,000 live births, and bleeding after delivery alone is responsible for 25 percent of these deaths," says the director of maternal and child health at the Ministry of Health.

LIBYA - Fighting in Libya has paralyzed supply lines, resulting in shortages in food, fuel and other essentials that are likely to run out in about two months, said the UN humanitarian chief.

MOZAMBIQUE's government will again attempt to curtail subsidy expenditures for essential foods and services, but this time its approach will be more nuanced so as to avoid a repeat of the cost-of-living protests in 2010.

NIGERIA is on the verge of eradicating polio just two years after suffering one of the country's worst outbreaks in history.

TANZANIA - Hundreds of albinos are thought to have been killed for black magic purposes in Tanzania and albino girls are being raped because of a belief they offer a cure for AIDS, a Canadian rights group said. At least 63 albinos, including children, are known to have been killed, mostly in the remote northwest of the country.

## **ASIA & PACIFIC**

BANGLADESH - Farmers in parts of Bangladesh's southeastern Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) face a seed crisis that is undermining the food security of thousands, the UNWFP says.

## **MIDDLE EAST**

SYRIA - Continuing violence in Syria has affected the delivery of aid to Palestinian refugees, raising concerns about the impact on 30,000 people in Dera'a and surrounding areas, including 120 patients who receive insulin, a spokesman for the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) said.

## **LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN**

HAITI - Both Haiti's new president and the head of the majority party in parliament have vowed to fight an epidemic of sexual violence in the quake-shattered country, throwing their weight behind a TrustLaw initiative to strengthen anti-rape laws and tackle impunity.

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