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GLOBAL

UNITED NATIONS - Farming systems that combine crops that can be used for food and fuel can help reduce poverty and boost food and energy security, says a new report published by the UNFAO.

AFRICA

NIGERIA - Inflation rate in Nigeria increased for the first time in five months in January to 12.1 per cent, from the 11.8 per cent achieved a month earlier due to higher food prices and increased government spending towards the April elections.

SOUTH AFRICA - A study has found that about 55 percent of HIV patients in South Africa who are not eligible for treatment at the time of diagnosis will disappear from clinics within a year of initial monitoring, leaving a serious gap in HIV care and prevention, say researchers.

SUDAN - With independence only months away, Southern Sudan will need to invest in infrastructure to feed and employ its people, while seeking alternatives to its economic dependency on oil, say analysts.

UGANDA - Disputes over land in northern Uganda have escalated, affecting the resettlement plans of former internally displaced people, say locals.

ASIA & PACIFIC

CHINA - Ignorance and poor policy coordination are hampering China's efforts to significantly slow the spread of AIDS/HIV in its country by 2020, according to a central government statement posted Wednesday online. "Some localities don't know much about AIDS prevention work and policies are not put into effect properly," the statement added.

PAKISTAN - The floods that swept across vast tracts of land from July to September 2010 covered many fields, houses and roads in a sea of swirling water - but they also played a part in exposing the depth of existing poverty and deprivation in Pakistan.

UZBEKISTAN - The EU is facing accusations of tacitly supporting child labour after its main decision-making body approved a trade agreement with Uzbekistan on textiles – an industry known to involve at least one million child labourers a year.

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