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AFRICA

KENYA - Parts of northeastern Kenya, which are experiencing an early drought after poor March-May long rains, have seen deadly clashes over water and pasture, say officials.

NAMIBIA - The Namibian High Court has ruled that the human rights of three HIV-positive women were violated when they were coerced into being sterilized while they gave birth, but the judge dismissed claims that the sterilization amounted to discrimination based on their HIV status.

ZIMBABWE - More than 100 people in the Zimbabwean capital Harare and Chitungwiza, a dormitory town 35km southeast of the city, have contracted typhoid this month, and the dilapidated water and sanitation systems are again being blamed for another round of water-borne diseases.

ASIA

INDIA - The unexpected dropoff in monsoon rainfall for India could send global food prices upward amid the drought affecting much of the U.S., particularly corn and soybean crops. Poor rains in India, where much of the farmland is not irrigated, could affect yields of both crops, rice and sugar cane.

INDONESIA - Poor knowledge of basic healthcare and lack of sanitation are contributing to the high number of deaths among children under the age of five in Indonesia. Among poorer households child deaths are more than three times higher than in richer ones.

THAILAND - Needle exchanges for injecting drug users and the decriminalization of people who use drugs are the most effective ways of preventing HIV and hepatitis C infections in Thailand, say experts.

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