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AFRICA

SAHEL HUNGER - Drought-stricken families counting on a better harvest in Africa's Sahel region this year could see their hopes devastated by an invasion of locusts, an official of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (UNFAO) warns. Meanwhile, Niger's president says he is determined to eradicate hunger in his drought-prone country and hopes to achieve this by emulating the success of Brazil's former president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in slashing malnutrition

SOUTH SUDAN-SUDAN - Thousands of South Sudanese remain stranded in Sudan or internally displaced en route to their homes or relatives in South Sudan, following the final International Organization of Migration airlift of people from Sudan to South Sudan on 6 June.

ASIA & PACIFIC

AFGHANISTAN - Recent violence allegedly sparked by the behaviour of local police and militia groups in northern Afghanistan has raised fears that the planned withdrawal of international forces could lead to renewed violence even in the generally more peaceful north.

INDONESIA - Millions of hectares of mangrove forests in Indonesia are being lost to agriculture, oil palm plantations and even fish farms, making coastal communities more vulnerable to the force of tropical storms and the loss of livelihoods and products.

NEPAL - Thousands of Nepali girls leave school every year to get married, missing out on their education, the government says. Parents are often unaware of the impact that trying to save the money spent on education can have on the future of their daughter.

MIDDLE EAST

EGYPT - On 30 April the Egyptian government launched a nationwide campaign to raise awareness of cervical cancer and offer free immunization to 15,000 unmarried women on the assumption that they would not have had any sexual contact.

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