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The local people target foreigners by looting, destroying their boutiques and shops. This is fuelled by hate and jealousy the locals have for the wellbeing of the foreigners, one foreigner in South Africa said.

As media reported, at least 91 people were arrested on Monday in the cities of Johannesburg and Durban in South Africa following incidents of looting and torching of buildings and vehicles. The attacks began in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The arrests come after three people in Jeppestown, Johannesburg were burnt to death on Sunday in a fresh wave of violence, linked to tensions between local and foreign truck drivers.

At least 50 cars were either damaged or set alight, while several foreign and local-owned shops were looted or damaged.

Police fired tear gas, rubber bullets and stun grenades in an attempt to quell the unrest on Monday. Many of the targeted shops are reported to be owned by foreign nationals, the BBC reported.

Julius Malema, the famous opposition member in South Africa has condemned these xenophobic attacks in foreigners and called for restraint.

Local media reported that Nigerians were so much targeted in these attacks.

"The mob also looted several shops that were around the vicinity suspected to be owned by foreign nationals. But the Police later dispersed the mob and made some arrest", one resident told Daily Post.

"Late in the evening of Sunday, Sept. 1, a group of violent locals suspected to be Zulu hostel dwellers besieged Jules Street in Malvern, Johannesburg looted and burned shops/businesses," he added.

'Social media users decry the excessive use of violence'

Social media users have reacted in disgust and horror following reports of fresh xenophobic attacks in South Africa.

"South African Shame on you guys. If you are hungry beg or ask for food instead of introducing #XenophobicAttacks in order to loot from our vigorous citizens. You will all pay for this dearly. Hunger will never depart your homes."

— NaijaVoice (@matty_blow) September 3, 2019

Several videos capturing harrowing scenes have emerged of South Africans subjecting other African nationals to beatings and other forms of torture.
Robert Mugabe, former president of Zimbabwe dies aged 95

“It is with the utmost sadness that I announce the passing on of Zimbabwe’s founding father and former President, Cde Robert Mugabe,” Mnangagwa posted on Twitter early on Friday 5 September 2019.

“Mugabe was an icon of liberation, a pan-Africanist who dedicated his life to the emancipation and empowerment of his people. His contribution to the history of our nation and continent will never be forgotten.  “May his soul rest in eternal peace,” he added.

Mugabe was hospitalized in Singapore since April for an undisclosed ailment, Mnangagwa had confirmed earlier this year. No further details were immediately available about the circumstances of his death or where he died.

Mugabe who led Zimbabwe for 37 years was ousted in a military coup in November 2017 following nationwide mass protests.

The former political prisoner-turned-guerrilla leader swept to power in the 1980 elections after a growing rebellion and economic sanctions forced the white minority colonial government to the negotiating table.

Born on February 21, 1924, into a Catholic family at Kutama Mission northwest of Harare, Mugabe was described as a loner and a studious child, known to carry a book even while tending cattle in the bush.

After his carpenter father left the family when he was 10, the young Mugabe concentrated on his studies, qualifying as a schoolteacher at the age of 17.

Zimbabwe former president and the country’s first post-independent leader Robert Mugabe dies at the age of 95, President Emmerson Mnangagwa announced the news.
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Burundi ‘no longer interested in responding to UN warnings of violence’

This was said yesterday by the United Nations Commission on Burundi calling for stepped up efforts to curb the ‘impending calamity’.

The COI report went further by portraying Burundi president as a “divine” ruler. “There is no better early warning than this,” the U.N. panel’s chairman Doudou Diene said in a statement.

"The 2020 elections pose a major risk,” the report said, adding that the government was increasing control over non-governmental organizations and there was no real multiparty system since most parties had been “infiltrated and divided”.

'Burundi no longer interested in responding to the UN warnings of violence’

However, Willy Nyamitwe said that Burundi is ‘no longer interested in responding to the UN warning of violence’.

"Response to journalists who request my reaction to the Commission of Inquiry’s politically motivated report on Burundi: ‘We are no longer interested in responding to the lies and Fake News by some Westerners who obviously seek the destabilization of Burundi”, Willy Nyamitwe said.

The COI on Burundi says that there are warning signs that the atrocities have been committed in Burundi, by the Imbonerakure.

As the COI’s report says, ‘the findings of the Commission are based on more than 1,200 statements of victims witnesses and alleged perpetrators of human rights violations, and other sources collected over the course of three years of investigation’.

Burundi rejects these UN Commission of Inquiry’s claims, saying that they aim at destabilizing Burundi’s institutions since 2015 uprisings. Burundi did not want to cooperate with this UN Commission of Inquiry on Burundi even though the international observers and UN experts have urged Gitega to cooperate fully in investing the alleged war crimes committed since 2015.
Newly assigned Burundi Ambassador to Kenya, Jean Bosco Barege, kicks off his tenure

The newly assigned Burundi Ambassador to Kenya, Jean Bosco Barege, has been welcomed to the State House of Kenya. This happened yesterday in Nairobi on September 3, 2019.

THE BIG PICTURE: On Tuesday, September 03, 2019, Jean Bosco BAREGE and ten other Heads of Mission presented their credentials to Kenya Head of State, Uhuru Kenyatta, nominating him as Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya.

“I had the immense privilege of presenting my Letters of Credence as Burundi’s New Ambassador to H.E Uhuru Kenyatta – President of the Republic of Kenya. I am optimistic my new Tour of Duty will further strengthen the already Great Bilateral Relations between our Sister States”, Jean Bosco Barege wrote on Twitter.

Related: Former Burundi Ambassador to Uganda, Jean Bosco Barege, re-assigned to Kenya.

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Uganda Administration through its Ministry of Foreign Affairs awarded Jean Bosco Barege a medal of merit (seen by RegionWeek) called “Token of Appreciation of Services As Ambassador of Burundi to Uganda” for his good deeds during his tenure as Burundi ambassador to Uganda.

Jean Bosco Barege had served in Uganda as an Ambassador for seven years from September 2012 through August 2019.
‘Japan to strengthen its cooperation with Africa’, Burundi 2nd Vice President

The 2nd Vice President of the Republic of Burundi, Mr. Joseph Butore returned on Monday after his stay in Japan where he participated in the 7th Tokyo International Conference on Development in Africa (TICAD 7) held August 28th to 30th.

Upon arriving at Bujumbura’s “Melchior Ndadaye” international airport, Butore told reporters that the debates and exchanges of this 7th edition of TICAD were geared towards strengthening investment in Africa.

He said the central theme of the conference was to advance Africa’s development through people, technology and innovation. The sessions were organized around six themes, such as information and communication technologies, improving the business climate and dialogue with the private sector, agriculture, education, and peace and stability and the blue economy. During an inventory, a map of the development of the African continent was drawn up. The first general observation is that today, Africa knows what it needs and is aware of the already reached step.

Africa knows where it needs to go and sees the goal it wants to achieve. And this can be read in particular on agenda 20-63 which is the compass of Africa.

In addition, each country has a strategic orientation document. In the case of Burundi,

it is the 10-year National Development Plan (NDP).

The second observation was made from concrete examples that show that today, the African continent is capable and is ready to welcome big investors, among others the company Ethiopian Air Lines which makes its flights practically in all African countries and flies in any part of the world.

In the banking sector, the example of ECOBANK, which began in Togo and which today opened its offices in 23 African countries, was cited.

The third observation is that the times are out of reach so that we do not continue to say that Africa is a high risk area and that it cannot accommodate large investments.

It has been realized that some large projects are more profitable when they are executed in Africa than when they are executed elsewhere.

In addition, there is no country in the world where there is no risk, said Dr. Butore. According to him, the question of risk is a taboo to put aside so as not to block the development of Africa.

In terms of what should be done, how to do it, and where to do it first, the TICAD 7 participants were unanimous in daring to do what the African citizen is capable of doing.

As a way of doing this, we need to integrate business ideas, innovations in business and Japan is ready to accompany African states.
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‘Africa’s three richest men possess more wealth than 650 million Africans’, Oxfam says

Three African billionaires today have more wealth than the poorest 50% – or 650 million people across the continent, reveals a new Oxfam report. The report shows how rising and extreme inequality across Africa is undermining efforts to fight poverty.

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The continent is rapidly becoming the epicenter of global extreme poverty. While the number of people living on less than $1.90 a day has plummeted in Asia, this number is rising in Africa. The World Bank estimates that 87% of the world’s extreme poor will be in Africa by 2030 if current trends continue, the report added.

The most unequal country in the region, Swaziland, is home to one billionaire, Nathan Kirsh, who is estimated to have $4.9bn. If he worked in one of the restaurants that his wholesale company supplies on a worker’s minimum wage, it would take him 5.7 million years to earn his current level of wealth.

A Tale of Two Continents reveals that while the richest Africans fortunes are increasing, extreme poverty is rising in the continent. The report also looks at how unsustainable levels of debt and a rigged international tax system are depriving African governments of billions of dollars in lost revenue each year – money that could otherwise be invested in education, healthcare, and social protection.

African political and business leaders face a clear choice. They can stay on the path of increasingly extreme inequality, where poverty continues to rise while wealth in the hands of a tiny elite and foreign companies’ spirals. Or they can choose another way: towards a more prosperous and equal Africa that invests in and respects the dignity of all its people”, Ms. Byanyima said.

THE BIG PICTURE: According to a tale of Two continents’ report, the wealth of the bottom 50% of the African population is 22.98 billion US dollars, while the wealth for the three richest billionaires in Africa is 28.8 billion dollars (Aliko Dangote 14.1 billion, Nicky Oppenheimer 7.7 billion and Johann Rupert 7 billion dollars, according to Forbes 2019 billionaires list). African population estimated at 1.3 billion people in 2019.

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President Kagame inaugurated Adventist School of Medicine of East-Central Africa (ASOME) in Rwanda

Rwanda head of state Paul Kagame alongside First Lady Jeannette Kagame inaugurated Adventist School of Medicine of East-Central Africa (ASOME) owned by the existing Adventist university of East Central Africa (AUCA) located in Gasabo district, Kigali.

President Kagame promised to give full support to the church’s investments to promote Rwanda’s education and health. The new Adventist School of Medicine of East-Central Africa (ASOME) consists of classrooms, laboratories, staff rooms, hostels, laboratories, and dining halls.

According to the university officials, more than $16 million were previously invested in the structure, first phase but much more were meant to be injected. President Kagame together with Rwanda First Lady Jeannette Kagame and Ted N.C. Wilson, president of the Adventist church worldwide, commended the church for a valuable addition to Rwanda’s education and health system. “By fulfilling your pledge to establish a medical school serving East and Central Africa, you have reaffirmed your commitment to a productive partnership that benefits not only Rwanda but the entire region. This is very much appreciated,” said Rwanda head of state, Paul Kagame.

“The achievement we are celebrating today is in tune with Rwanda’s goals. Educations, particularly in science and technology, as well as good affordable healthcare, are the foundation of the well-being and prosperity of our citizens,” He added.

He said that the way to go is by having “professionals, trained in high-quality universities such as this one, which is equipped with the latest technology.” President Kagame believes that ASOME will have all the best to achieve its goals since the students will benefit from the extensive network of Adventist institutions around the world, as well as association with a brand that stands for excellence.

According to the president, AUCA’s faculty of medicine is only a start and the government will play its part for the school to go on greater heights. ASOME is one of several achievements of the Adventist church. It came as the church celebrates its centenary in Rwanda.

“Let me take this opportunity to salute the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Rwanda, for marking one hundred years of serving the spiritual and social needs of Rwandans,” Kagame said in reference to several achievements.

“During this time, the Church has been a valued partner of Government in the provision of healthcare and education.”

“A century of Adventist activity in Rwanda has demonstrated the positive impact of shared vision and a good collaboration,” added President Kagame.

The first intake of Adventist School of Medicine of East-Central Africa (ASOME) will kick off in January with 55 students issued to participate.
Paramedic schools to be suspended to comply with EAC standards

The paramedical schools will be abolished in Burundi to comply with the standards of the East African Community (EAC), said the Minister of Public Health and the fight against AIDS, Dr. Thaddée Ndikumana, during an oral question debate before the deputies of Burundi Parliament.

Dr. Ndikumana reported that the number of holders of A3 and A2 degrees who are unemployed is 13,000. He added that according to EAC standards, a nurse must have a bachelor's degree, such as the one awarded to the laureates of the National Institute of Public Health (INSP).

The ministry wants the A3 level owners to strengthen their level of training. Dr. Ndikumana noted that the upcoming school year is the last promotion for paramedic level A2 training, and the paramedical directors are aware of the ministry's decision to recommend that they add the next higher level to allow the owners to be competitive in the subregion.

He also said that public and private paramedical schools that will not be able to implement this recommendation will be transformed into professional health schools to train support staff such as emergency medical doctors, paramedics, caregivers, etc. Medical departments that are not going to be transformed into universities or health institutes, will train the personnel that the ministry needs like radiologists. He also pointed out that in vocational schools, the traditional medicine sector could exist to train traditional health personnel.
2022 World Cup qualifiers: Rwanda and Belgium-based midfielder Djihad Bizimana joins Amavubi

According to Federation of Rwanda Football Associations (FERWAF), Bizimana now joins other seven professional players who play their league abroad such as Rwatubyaye Abdul (Colorado Rapids, USA), Yannick Mukunzi (Sandvikens IF, Sweden), Kevin Muhire (Misr El Makasa, Egypt), Bayisenge Emery (Saif Sporting Club, Bangladesh), Meddie Kagere (SC Simba, Tanzania) and Muhadjiri Hakizimana (Emirates Club, UAE).

Meanwhile, the Amavubi technical team has decided to rule out defender Nirisarike Salomon giving him ample time to finalize commitments related to his new club, 10-time Armenian league champions Pyunik Football Club, which he officially joined today, signing a one-year contract.

"We won't be with Nirsarike as he has been excused to finalize all pending engagements related to his new club. We are sad that he won't be with us but we have good players who will fill his gap and I strongly believe they will stand out strong," said Amavubi head coach, Mashami Vincent.

"On behalf of the team, I congratulate him on joining a new club and looking forward to seeing him soon in the next fixtures," he added.

Forward Tuyisenge Jacques who plays for Petro Atletico in Angola will link up with the team in Seychelles with expected arrival due on September 2, 2019, at 14:20. The Amavubi hold their final training session on Monday, 2 September in the morning before taking their flight to Seychelles later in the evening.

The final squad is set to be named by the head coach in a press briefing which is due at 11:30.

Seychelles will host Rwanda in the first leg which will be staged on September 5 at Stade Linite at 16:00 (14:00 local time) while Rwanda takes the return leg set to be played on September 10 at Stade de Kigali at 18:00.

The aggregate winner between Rwanda and Seychelles will then qualify for a place in the group stage of the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers.
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Olympics Qualifier: Kenya Harambee Starlets beat Malawi to go through to the third round

Mwanahalima scored twice in the second half to add onto a first-half goal netted by Cynthia Shilwatso 19th minute, the match ending 3-0 in favor of the hosts.

Kenya had lost 3-2 in the first leg played in Blantyre.

Starlets showed attacking intent and defensive will from the onset with Cynthia Shilwatso getting them in the lead in the 19th minute with a low left-footed drive. They would hold onto it till halftime.

Malawi started off with greater attacking in the second half with the intention to search for an equalizer, but their efforts were stunned down in the 77th minute when Mwanahalima Adam outpaced the Malawian defense before lobbing lightly over the onrushing keeper.

Mwanahalima was at it again with two minutes left on the clock, rounding up his markers inside the box before sending a left-footed effort into the top right corner.

“I am really thrilled with the result today. We had told ourselves that we had a chance to win and we would give our all and the results were evident for us,” said Mwanahalima after the match.

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“My players showed they are a strong team, they followed instructions and it was not easy for Malawi to win here. We are ready for next round and we hope for the best,” Harambee Starlets head coach, David Ouma said after the match.

His Malawi counterpart Abel Mkandawire was gracious in the defeat, acknowledging that Kenya had been the stronger side on the day.

“Kenya has a strong team and they utilized their home advantage that’s why they scored those three goals,” Mkandawire said.

Kenya will face either Ghana or Gabon in the third round.

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FUFA Awards 2019: Categories and nominees revealed

According to FUFA, the nomination process is limited to fans and technical experts that will include Club head coaches, team captains and Member Associations of FUFA.

“All nominations will be signed and submitted to the FUFA Awards Technical Committee,” said a statement on FUFA’s official website.

“In a system based on positional nomination, each technical expert has been given five slots, worth five, four, three, two and one in points to be allotted to each person nominated,” the statement added.

“The five finalists are ranked based on points gathered during the nomination process.

“The technical experts are provided with a simple one-page form on which they will fill in their five (5) nominees they deem to have performed best in the calendar year 2019,” concluded the statement.

The nomination process which is underway will end on Monday, 30 September, 2019 at 11:59 p.m.

Here are FUFA 2019 Awards categories:

Category 1: Airtel – FUFA Male Player of the Year 2019:
This category is voted for by the Head Coaches and Captains of the 16 clubs playing in the StarTimes Uganda Premier League (SUPL). The coaches and Captains are required to nominate a list of five (5) players (in order of priority) based on their performance. Each coach and captain will fill in separate forms during the nomination process.

Category 2: Airtel – FUFA Female Player of the Year 2019:
This category is voted for by the Head Coaches and Captains of the 16 clubs playing in the Uganda women’s Beach Soccer League. A Coach is required to nominate a list of five (5) players (in order of priority) based on their performance.

Category 3: Airtel – FUFA Male Coach of the Year 2019:
This category is voted for by the members of the Uganda Football Coaches Association (UFCA). UFCA Executive is required to appoint ten (10) senior coaches that shall nominate a list of five (5) Coaches (in order of priority) from both SUPL and FBL based on their performance. UFCA generates a list of the appointed ten (10) senior Coaches and submits it to the FUFA Awards Technical Committee.

Category 4: Airtel – FUFA Women Football Coach of the Year 2019:
This category is voted for by the members of the Uganda Football Coaches Association (UFCA).
UFCA Executive is required to appoint five (5) senior coaches in women football that shall nominate a list of five (5) Coaches (in order of priority) based on their performance in FUFA sanctioned competitions. UFCA generates a list of the appointed five (5) senior Coaches and submits it to the FUFA Awards Technical Committee.

Category 5: Airtel – FUFA Upcoming Talent Award 2019:
This category is voted for by the Head Coaches of the 16 clubs playing in the FUFA Juniors League (FJL). A Coach is required to nominate a list of five (5) players (in order of priority) based on their performance.

Category 6: Airtel – FUFA Beach Soccer Player of the Year 2019:
This category is voted for by the Head Coaches of the 16 clubs playing in the Uganda men’s Beach Soccer League. A coach is required to nominate a list of five (5) players (in order of priority) based on their performance.

Category 7: Airtel – FUFA Best XI 2019 (Male Category):
This category is voted for by the Uganda Football Players Association (UFPA). UFPA is required to nominate a list of eleven (11) players based on their performance. Players eligible for this category are those featuring in the StarTimes Uganda Premier League and the FUFA Big League.

Category 8: Airtel – FUFA Female Best XI 2019:
This category is voted for by the Head Coaches of the 16 clubs playing in the FUFA Women Elite League (FWEL). A coach is required to nominate a list of eleven (11) players based on their performance.
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Ebola simulation drills in Tanzania at border entry points with DR Congo

The Ebola simulation drills have kicked off in Tanzania on the Kigoma Province bordering the Democratic Republic of Congo in order to step up the preparedness against the possible Ebola spill-over from DRC to Tanzania.

As APO Group reported, the drills indicated an urgent need for a review and reclassification of the standards for each facility at entry points at the borders between Tanzania and DR Congo.

“Local traders export to DRC, and we also have arrivals from the DRC,” says Asina Malinde, a Village Executive in Ilagala. From the DRC, boats come loaded with cargo. Malinde now worries that these boats can import the Ebola virus disease because of the ongoing outbreak in their departure vicinity.

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“What the drills revealed

“This exercise has been useful to point out the gaps we had. The feedback informed us of the areas for improvement. We are going to work on these gaps to make sure our response framework at all levels can properly manage an Ebola case,” says Peter Nsanya, Kigoma District Medical Officer.

What the drills revealed

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The current Ebola outbreak in the DRC remains precarious, with infection transmissions continuing to occur in communities and health facilities. As of 30 August, a total of 3004 cases and 2006 deaths had been recorded. The simulation exercises are expected to enhance operational readiness and capacity of subnational response teams to respond optimally in a health emergency.

Source: APO Group

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Other strong points included the multisector collaboration at the border points of entry, community engagement, staff trained in Ebola case management and access to courier services to transport samples.

“We also found areas that needed improvements at the [Ebola treatment centers], temporary holding facilities and the overall emergency response framework at the district level and the facility level. We have worked with facilities, district and regional level to rectify or escalate preparedness where necessary,” says Dr. Faraja Msemwa, Public Health, and Disaster Management Specialist in the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly, and Children.

Similar simulation exercises are planned for the remaining high-risk regions of Mwanza, Dodoma, Dar es Salaam, Mbeya, Songwe, Katavi and Rukwa.

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Source: APO Group
YouTube fined $170 million over children’s privacy violation

YouTube has been fined $170 million by the Federal Trade Commission and the New York attorney general after allegations that it earned millions by illegally collecting personal information from children without their parents’ consent.

The settlement, announced Wednesday 4 September 2019 by the Federal Trade Commission and the New York attorney general, was passed in a 3-2 vote by the commissioners along party lines. The two Democrats voted against it, saying it did not go far enough to punish YouTube.

Google, which owns YouTube, agreed to pay the sum in a settlement with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). As CNBC reported, the settlement requires Google and YouTube to pay $136 million to the FTC and $34 million to New York for allegedly violating the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act.

The $136 million penalties are stated to be the largest amount the FTC has ever obtained in a COPPA case since Congress enacted the law in 1998, according to the agency.

**Data Collection**
The video-streaming site had been accused of collecting data on children under 13, without parental consent.

“YouTube touted its popularity with children to prospective corporate clients,” said FTC Chairman Joe Simons, who voted in favor of the settlement.

The FTC said the data was used to target ads to the children, which contravened the 1998 Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (Coppa). “Yet when it came to complying with COPPA, the company refused to acknowledge that portions of its platform were clearly directed to kids. There’s no excuse for YouTube’s violations of the law,” added Joe Simons.

However, in presentations to business clients, the company is accused of painting a different picture.

The FTC said the tech firm had told Mattel: “YouTube is today’s leader in reaching children age 6-11 against top TV channels.”

YouTube also regularly reviewed content for inclusion in its separate YouTube Kids app.

However, one of the five FTC commissioners, Rohit Chopra, said in a statement that he thought the settlement did not go far enough.

He argued that Google had “baited” children on YouTube with videos featuring nursery rhymes and cartoons.

According to the settlement, Google and YouTube will get “verifiable” consent from parents before they collect or use personal information from children. The company also agreed not to use data collected from children before.

The FTC added that YouTubers who make content for children must also be notified that their videos may be subject to rules under Coppa.

In addition, Google and YouTube are now required to be more open about their data-gathering practices.
Kenya rated as the most carefree internet user globally

Kenyans are stated to be less troubled about the internet security of personal data as indicates a global survey conducted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

UNCTAD’s conclusion is based on findings of the 2019 Global Survey on Internet Security and Trust on 25,229 internet users in select 25 countries in the world between December 21, 2018, and February 10, 2019.

**Facebook and Twitter as sources of distrust**
Social media platforms such Facebook and Twitter were cited as the second biggest sources of distrust of the internet, only second to cybercriminals.

“Many of these services (internet searches, social media and online reservations) are offered by various platforms free of charge or on a take-it-or-leave-it basis,” UNCTAD says.

“This situation has been described as someone who is not paying for a product, becomes the product. Therefore, paradoxically, privacy becomes part of the economy.”

**Cyber attacks**
Communications Authority of Kenya (CA), the telecoms sector regulator, said in July Kenyan firms were hit by about 11.2 million cyber threats between January and March this year, a 10.1 percent rise compared with a year earlier. CA’s cyber intelligence team consequently issued 14,078 cyber threat advisories to the affected organisations, an increase from the 12,138 alerts during the previous period.

Cyber security attacks are estimated to have cost Kenya’s economy about Ksh29.5 billion ($295 million) in 2018, a 39.15 percent jump from Ksh21.2 billion ($212 million) in 2017, tech consultancy firm, Serianu, said in May.

Kenya, South Africa, Nigeria and Egypt were the only countries in Africa selected for the survey conducted by Paris-headquartered global research firm, Ipsos, on behalf of the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) in partnership with UNCTAD and the Internet Society.