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#### Africa

24 Jan 2012	Kenya	The ICC confirmed it would try Deputy Prime Minister Uhuru Kenyatta and former Minister William Ruto and two others over 2008 post-election violence.	<a href="#">More»</a>
23 Jan 2012	Mali	A government official said revisions to the mining law would reduce tax rates from 35% to 25% and increase state stakes in projects to 25% from 35%.	<a href="#">More»</a>
23 Jan 2012	Uganda	Media reported negotiations between Tullow Oil and the government over a farm-down deal were delayed due to disagreements over a stabilisation clause.	<a href="#">More»</a>
24 Jan 2012	Zambia	The government raised minimum capital requirements from \$2.3m to \$20.3m for local banks and to \$101.4m for foreign banks.	<a href="#">More»</a>

#### Americas

23 Jan 2012	Bolivia	Indigenous groups demanded \$72m in compensation from 13 hydrocarbon projects, including a Petrobras-owned project, located in their territories.	
23 Jan 2012	Bolivia	Planning Minister Rios said lawmakers had discussed most of the new mining draft bill, but had not begun deliberation on migration to new contracts.	
20 Jan 2012	Brazil	President Rousseff signed a law forcing firms to make overtime payments for employees that receive calls or emails after normal working hours.	
23 Jan 2012	Colombia	Congressman Wilson Arias proposed the drafting of a law that would increase requirements for land ownership by foreign individuals and investors.	

#### Asia

24 Jan 2012	China	In accordance with the five year plan, the NDRC is encouraging mergers and acquisitions of paper-product companies to reduce emissions.	<a href="#">More»</a>
23 Jan 2012	Japan	The government said it plans to increase the consumption tax to 10% as part of its efforts to cover social security costs.	<a href="#">More»</a>
23 Jan 2012	Myanmar	The EU foreign ministers decided to lift a visa ban on top officials of Myanmar's government due to recent political reforms.	<a href="#">More»</a>
23 Jan 2012	Pakistan	The customs department said that it had identified 97 auto parts importers involved in under-invoicing and wrongful declaration of goods.	<a href="#">More»</a>



## Eurasia

23 Jan 2012	Belarus	EU foreign ministers decided to expand the scope of sanctions imposed against Belarus, allowing for asset freezes and visa bans.	<a href="#">More»</a>
23 Jan 2012	Croatia	Preliminary referendum results showed that 67% of Croatian voters had backed the country's EU accession bid.	<a href="#">More»</a>
24 Jan 2012	Russia	Media reported that PM Putin had instructed the government to draft measures designed to support loss-making electricity supply companies.	
19 Jan 2012	Serbia	The IMF reportedly postponed a review of Serbia's precautionary programme as the country's 2012 budget deviated from agreed debt and deficit targets.	<a href="#">More»</a>

## Middle East and North Africa

23 Jan 2012	Egypt	The Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party MP Mohamed Saad al-Katatni was elected by MPs as Speaker of Parliament.	<a href="#">More»</a>
23 Jan 2012	Iran	The EU banned all new oil contracts with Iranian firms, as well as freezing the assets of Iran's Central Bank over its pursuit of a nuclear programme.	
23 Jan 2012	UAE	Media reported property sale prices in Abu Dhabi and Dubai had fallen by 17% and 12% respectively since January 2011 due to oversupply.	
23 Jan 2012	Yemen	The World Bank said it would resume funding to the Yemeni government; its Yemen office had been closed since March 2011 due to unrest.	

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