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Unilever and McCormick edge closer to multibillion dollar deal reshaping global food industry

Unilever is reportedly advancing a major \$44.8 billion deal to spin off a significant portion of its food business and align it with McCormick & Company. The proposed transaction would combine Unilever's established food brands with McCormick's global spices and seasoning operations, creating a stronger, more diversified player across retail, food service, and international supply chains.

The move reflects Unilever's broader strategy to streamline its portfolio and focus on faster-growing segments such as beauty, personal care, and health-oriented products, while restructuring its traditional food division. For McCormick, the deal presents an opportunity to significantly expand its global footprint, product range, and influence within the food manufacturing ecosystem. Overall, the transaction highlights a wider shift in the global consumer goods industry, where companies are simplifying operations, divesting slower-growth assets, and repositioning to meet evolving consumer demand for healthier, premium, and more innovative food offerings.

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Tensions rise in South Africa after disputed installation of Nigerian community leader sparks backlash



A controversial ceremony in East London has sparked widespread backlash after Solomon Ogbonna Eziko was declared “Igwe Ndigbo,” a traditional Igbo leadership title. Local authorities and representatives of the amaRharhabe Kingdom have condemned the move, stating it was conducted without approval and undermines South Africa’s recognised customary governance structures.

Officials, including Zolile Williams, described the installation as unlawful and warned it could heighten social tensions and challenge national sovereignty. The incident has intensified debates around immigration, cultural identity, and leadership legitimacy, particularly as South Africa navigates existing economic pressures and community sensitivities.

While supporters present Eziko as a cultural leader for the Igbo diaspora, critics argue that adopting traditional royal titles within a foreign jurisdiction risks creating parallel authority systems. The situation has also triggered protests and renewed concerns over xenophobia, with experts urging dialogue and restraint. Authorities continue to monitor developments as the issue fuels broader national discussions on governance, migration, and social cohesion.

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CAF launches sweeping reforms after AFCON controversy

The Confederation of African Football has announced reforms following controversy over the AFCON 2025 final, aiming to restore credibility, strengthen governance, and improve officiating standards across African football. Adopted on March 29, 2026, the measures address concerns about transparency, consistency in decision-making, and administrative efficiency, while updating statutes, competition regulations, and operational frameworks.

Key aspects include enhanced referee training, expanded use of officiating technology, stricter evaluation systems, and strengthened governance structures to improve accountability and communication with member associations. The reforms are intended to rebuild trust among teams, federations, and fans while aligning CAF more closely with global football standards, though implementation challenges remain across the continent.

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Senegal enacts stricter homosexuality penalties amid global human rights backlash



Senegal has reportedly strengthened its legal stance on same-sex relations after President Bassirou Diomaye Faye signed a controversial bill increasing criminal penalties for homosexuality. The legislation raises the maximum prison sentence to 10 years, imposes additional fines, and extends liability to those accused of supporting or promoting LGBTQ activities, marking a significant escalation from previous laws.

The law, which received strong parliamentary backing, aligns with President Faye and Prime Minister Ousmane Sonko's campaign promises to uphold traditional social values. Supporters argue it preserves cultural identity and social cohesion, while critics warn it risks deepening stigma, discrimination, and violations of fundamental human rights.

International human rights organisations, including the UN, have expressed concern, noting that vague provisions could lead to arbitrary enforcement. The move also positions Senegal within a wider continental debate on LGBTQ rights, sovereignty, and the tension between domestic policy and international human rights expectations. Implementation and enforcement remain key factors in determining the law's impact on affected communities and Senegal's international relations.

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**GOVERNANCE****Slide 5**

GH¢21 million Black Star Square renovation sparks scrutiny as Independence Day celebration

The Office of Government Machinery disclosed that GH¢21 million was paid to contractors for renovations at Black Star Square in preparation for Ghana's 67th Independence Day, despite the celebration being held in the Eastern Region. The expenditure has raised questions about planning, public procurement, and value for money, as funds were allocated to upgrade a ceremonial venue that was not used for the national event.

While government officials justify the spending as part of ongoing maintenance for a national landmark used in various state functions, critics argue the timing and allocation reveal coordination gaps. The situation underscores broader governance challenges in aligning infrastructure investment with evolving policy decisions, such as decentralising national events, and highlights the need for transparency to maintain public trust in expenditure on iconic public spaces.

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Ghana to host Zimbabwe President Mnangagwa in major 3-day state visit to deepen bilateral ties



John Dramani Mahama is set to host Emerson Mnangagwa on a three-day state visit to Accra from April 1–3, 2026, aimed at strengthening bilateral relations between Ghana and Zimbabwe. The visit will include ceremonial honours, a state banquet, and high-level bilateral talks focusing on cooperation in trade, tourism, agriculture, healthcare, sanitation, and governance.

Both leaders are expected to sign Memoranda of Understanding to formalise partnerships and boost economic and institutional collaboration.

President Mnangagwa will also visit key sites such as the Sweden Ghana Medical Centre, the Accra Compost and Recycling Plant, and the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park, highlighting Ghana's progress in healthcare, sustainability, and heritage.

The visit underscores longstanding historical ties rooted in Africa's liberation struggles and reflects a broader push for intra-African cooperation, trade, and development under frameworks like the African Continental Free Trade Area.

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**SPORTS****Slide 7**

NFL, IFAF collaborate on Flag Football clinics in Ghana, advancing global growth of the game

The National Football League, in collaboration with the International Federation of American Football, hosted a four-day flag football development program in Ghana, bringing together local teachers, international coaches, and Olympic talent to support grassroots growth across Africa. The initiative included a teachers clinic in Ghana to equip educators with resources for school-based programs, followed by an Africa Coaching Clinic with participants from countries including Cameroon, Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, and Uganda.

The programming emphasized both grassroots access and high-performance development, with on-field instruction, collaborative coaching, and knowledge-sharing sessions designed to strengthen national federations and build sustainable pathways for the sport. The event also highlighted flag football's growing international presence, including its upcoming Olympic debut in Los Angeles 2028, and underscored the NFL and IFAF's commitment to expanding accessibility, inclusion, and long-term

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