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South Africa abstains from the United Nations (UN) General Assembly vote on a resolution to condemn Russia for its invasion of Ukraine. President Cyril Ramaphosa (2018-present) announces that the government has reached 95% of its R1.2 trillion (\$82.5 billion) investment target over five years at the Fourth South African Investment Conference and says he is confident that the government will exceed the target in 2023. The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) (central bank) raises the repo rate to 4.25% from 4.0% and warns that inflation risks are tilted to the upside, making further interest rate hikes likely. The SARB raises its growth rate forecast for 2022 to 2.0% from 1.7% forecast in January, and its forecast for the first quarter 2022 to 3.2% from 2.1%. Statistics South Africa reports that the economy grew by 5.0% in 2021 measured from the expenditure side, fueled by a 5.7% rise in household consumption expenditure. The Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture (Zondo Commission) releases the third part of its report, which tackles corruption by facilities management and catering services company Bosasa, and recommends prosecution of government beneficiaries including minerals and energy minister Gwede Mantashe. President Ramaphosa announces further relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions.

South Africa abstains on UN vote on Russia-Ukraine conflict

South Africa was one of 35 countries abstaining from the historic **United Nations (UN) General Assembly** vote on 2 March, which passed a resolution to condemn **Russia** for its invasion of **Ukraine** on 24 February.¹ South Africa's permanent representative to the UN, **Mathu Joyini**, noted that while South Africa is deeply concerned by the escalation in conflict in Ukraine, the UN statement did not meet South Africa's expectations, and that "*greater attention should have been paid to bringing the sides closer to dialogue*".² South Africa aims to be a mediator in the conflict and by abstaining showed its neutrality credentials.³ The UN Security Council's escalation of the matter to the General Assembly is the first time it has done so since 1982.⁴

South Africa's close relationship with Russia dates back to 1961 when the **Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)** provided military training to the armed members of South Africa's now ruling party, the **African National Congress (ANC)**, for 30 years. Significant business and military links remain, becoming closer since South Africa became part of the **BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa)** bloc in 2010, although direct trade is an insignificant percentage of each country's foreign trade. The **South African Revenue Service (SARS)** database shows higher exports from the Russian Federation to South Africa in the past few years, but in 2021, imports from Russia were only 0.67% of total imports, while South Africa's exports to Russia were 0.33% of total exports.⁵

¹ UN News, 2 Mar 2022

² TimesLive, 2 Mar 2022

³ Source, South Africa analyst

⁴ UN News, 28 Feb 2022

⁵ SARS Database, accessed 25 Mar 2022

Year	Exports to Russia	Imports from Russia	Balance ZAR/USD	Exports	Imports	Balance	
2021	R6 078 973 758	R9 205 454 143	-R3 126 480 385	14,82	\$410 187 163	\$621 150 752	-\$210 963 589
2020	R6 205 007 116	R8 602 971 750	-R2 397 964 634	16,46	\$418 691 438	\$580 497 419	-\$161 805 981
2019	R5 488 703 966	R7 661 401 874	-R2 172 697 908	14,45	\$370 357 892	\$516 963 689	-\$146 605 797

Source: SARS database

While South Africa may benefit from raised commodity prices and improved foreign exchange if the logistics chain can be improved, international sanctions on the Russian Federation will raise the prices of imported food and fertiliser in South Africa and fuel inflation.⁶ However, the **South African Reserve Bank (SARB)** (central bank) predicts that, on a net basis, South Africa will gain from the conflict, and as a result, increased its forecast for the growth rate in gross domestic product (GDP) to 2.0% for 2022 from the 1.7% it had forecast in January.⁷ This is also reflected in a sharp upward revision in the current account balance that was expected to ease to only 0.4% of GDP in 2022 from 3.7% in 2021. The SARB has now revised this to “about 3%”.

Government reaches 95% of five-year investment target ...

Despite prevailing global economic uncertainty flowing from the Russia-Ukraine conflict, South Africa appears to be enjoying a rebound in investor confidence. Addressing the fourth **South Africa Investment Conference** held in **Johannesburg (Gauteng)** on 24 March, President **Cyril Ramaphosa** (2018-present) said the government had reached 95% of its five-year investment target of R1.2 trillion (\$82.5 billion).⁸ The country raised a total of R774 billion (\$53.23 billion) in investment commitments amid improved business confidence. Ramaphosa noted that 45 projects had been completed, while 57 were under construction and 15 on hold:

“With the 80 new pledges made at the 2022 edition of the conference, the value of the investment commitments made since the first gathering had climbed to R1.14-trillion (\$78.4 billion), after project cancellations.”

Trade, industry and competition minister **Ebrahim Patel** said he expected the investment announcements to result in economists raising their forecast for fixed capital formation.⁹ The Treasury currently expects gross fixed capital formation to rise by 3.2% this year. Patel noted that the government is making steady progress in implementing economic reforms in the areas of electricity, digital communications, freight logistics and in opening the country to skilled professionals to work and do business.

The investment commitments include a pledge from the **African Development Bank (AfDB)** for a \$2.8 billion package over the next five years, with some \$400m over the next three years going to state-owned power utility **Eskom**. AfDB president **Akinwumi Adesina** said the bank was working with international partners, especially the **G7** countries, to establish a just energy transition facility that will support South Africa in raising at least \$27 billion.¹⁰

... as mining companies increase their capital expenditure ...

The mining and mineral beneficiation sector also saw significant pledges at the South Africa Investment Conference. These came from **African Rainbow Minerals (ARM), United Kingdom**

⁶ Source, economist, South Africa

⁷ SARB MPC Statement, 24 Mar 2022

⁸ Business Day, 24 Mar 2022

⁹ South African Government Press Release, 28 Feb 2022

¹⁰ The Africa Report, 25 Mar 2022

(UK)-headquartered **Anglo American, Impala Platinum, Isondo Precious Metals, Canada-** headquartered **Ivanhoe Mines, Sedibelo Platinum Mines, and Renegen & Kropz.**¹¹

Anglo American pledged to invest R100 billion (\$6.9 billion) in its local business over a five-year period.¹² The company has made significant progress towards converting its open cast **Venetia** diamond mine in **Limpopo Province** to underground mining. Easing of regulations in the energy sector will also enable Anglo American to build renewable energy solar farms at its operations, which will help decarbonise its operations and make it less reliant on erratic electricity supply from Eskom.

Multinational precious metals mining company **Sibanye-Stillwater** says it will invest R4.75 billion (\$327m) in its South African gold operations and a further R5.2 billion (\$357m) in its South African platinum mines. Sibanye-Stillwater produced 1.84 million four-element (4E) ounces of platinum group metals (PGMs) and 1.1 million ounces of gold from its South African operations in its 2021 financial year ended 31 December.¹³ The company, whose primary listing is on the **Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE)**, is currently embroiled in wage negotiations with unions.¹⁴

The **Bokoni** platinum group metals mine, which ARM is acquiring for R3.5-billion (\$241m), hosts South Africa's second largest PGM resource, with ready-built mining and processing plant infrastructure on site. Bokoni provides greater exposure to palladium and is close to ARM's **Modikwa** and **Two Rivers** PGM mines.¹⁵ It lifts the JSE-listed company's combined PGMs resource base by 135% to 266-million ounces of 4E PGMs. CEO **Mike Schmidt** said the short-term focus will be exclusively on Bokoni's high-grade upper group two (UG2) reef.¹⁶ The mineral resource is 64% UG2 and 36% Merensky, with the UG2 prill split being 49% palladium and 8% rhodium. A definitive feasibility study (DFS) is expected to be completed in 12 months, with R5.3 billion (\$364m) of development capital in real 2021 terms being spent over three years.

In addition to the acquisitive Bokoni growth project, organic growth projects include the Two Rivers Plant Expansion for an additional 40,000 oz to 60,000 oz of 6E PGMs a year.¹⁷ Plant commissioning is scheduled for the third quarter of ARM's current financial year. Another PGMs growth project is the Two Rivers Merensky project for an additional 182,000 6E PGM ounces, 1,600 t of nickel and 1,300 t of copper a year. Plant commissioning for this project is in the second quarter of ARM's 2024 financial year.

JSE-listed **Harmony Gold** is in the process of spending R7.7 billion (\$529m) on capital projects. The largest of these is the high-grade **Zaaiplaats** gold project, at a capital cost of R4.5 billion (\$309m).

... and central bank tightens monetary policy

The SARB **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** increased the repo rate to 4.25% from 4.0% on 24 March, with two of the five members voting for a larger 50 basis points increase.¹⁸ The MPC cited upside risks to the inflation outlook as a factor in its decision as inflation moved to the upper limit of the SARB's target zone of 3%-6%. Consumer inflation in December rose to 5.9% year-on-year (y/y) from 5.5% y/y in November, bringing the annual average to 4.5% in 2021 from 3.3% in 2020.¹⁹

In its statement, the MPC noted that higher global inflation is likely to accelerate normalisation of interest rates and balance sheet reductions by major banks. The SARB revised its forecast of headline inflation for this year to 5.8% (from 4.9%), primarily due to the higher food and fuel prices arising from the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on global prices:

¹¹ Business Report, 25 Mar 2022

¹² Business Day, 24 Mar 2022

¹³ MiningMX, 17 Mar 2022

¹⁴ MiningMX, 17 Mar 2022

¹⁵ Mining Weekly, 25 Mar 2022

¹⁶ Mining Weekly, 25 Mar 2022

¹⁷ Mining Weekly, 25 Mar 2022

¹⁸ SARB MPC Statement, 24 Mar 2022

¹⁹ Statistics South Africa, 19 Jan 2022

“Oil prices increased strongly through 2021 and are up again sharply year to date, propelled higher also by the war and economic sanctions. Electricity and other administered prices continue to present short- and medium-term risks. Higher diesel and coal prices may result in upward revisions to our electricity price forecast for 2023.”²⁰

However, the SARB went against the consensus forecast that it would lower its economic growth forecast and instead raised its 2022 growth forecast to 2.0% from 1.7% forecast in January.²¹ It also raised its forecast for Q1 2022 to 3.2% from 2.1%:

“This (high growth forecast) is due to a combination of factors, including stronger growth in 2021 and higher commodity export prices. Growth in output in the first quarter of this year is likely to be significantly stronger than expected the time of the January meeting.”²²

Statistics South Africa reported on 8 March that the South African economy grew by 5.0% in 2021 if measured from the expenditure side.²³ This was due to household consumption expenditure growing by 5.7%, while government consumption expenditure was flat. Gross fixed capital formation rose by 2.0%. Exports of goods and services increased by 9.9%, while imports of goods and services rose by 9.4%. The compensation of employees grew by 6.0%, and the gross operating surplus of companies soared by 16.2%.

First quarter GDP data is due on 7 June.

Zondo delivers third part of State Capture report to Ramaphosa

Acting chief justice **Raymond Zondo** handed in the third part of his report arising from the **Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture** to President Ramaphosa on 28 February. Zondo handed in the first part of the report on 4 January (see *ARC Briefing South Africa Jan 2022*) and the second part on 1 February (see *ARC Briefing South Africa Feb 2022*). Ramaphosa said in January that he would not make any pronouncements on the findings or recommendations of the State Capture Report until he had received all three parts of the report.²⁴

The report focused on the operations of facilities management and catering services company **Bosasa**, stating that it used corruption as its business model, and had compromised many ANC deployees in government departments. The report noted evidence of widespread corruption in the awarding of contracts and tenders to Bosasa and its associated business entities or organisations, by government departments, SOEs, agencies and entities:

“Members of the national executive, public officials and functionaries of various organs of state influenced the awarding of tenders to benefit themselves, their families or entities in which they held a personal interest.”

The report recommended that former president **Jacob Zuma** (2009-2018), minerals and energy minister **Gwede Mantashe** and former Gauteng premier **Nomvula Mokonyane** be investigated for possible corruption. Mantashe has taken the conclusion on judicial review. It is likely to be many months before anyone implicated is successfully prosecuted. The ANC will aim to stall the judicial process until after its December 2022 Elective Conference.²⁵

South Africa prepares to drop national state of disaster

South Africa is getting ready to drop the national **State of Disaster** introduced in March 2020 to curb the spread of Covid-19. The State of Disaster has been extended monthly since then, most recently on 15 March, until 15 April, by cooperative governance and traditional affairs minister **Nkosazana**

²⁰ SARB MPC Statement, 24 Mar 2022

²¹ SARB MPC Statement, 24 Mar 2022

²² SARB MPC Statement, 24 Mar 2022

²³ Statistics South Africa, 8 Mar 2022

²⁴ Presidency, 4 Jan 2022

²⁵ Source, political analyst, South Africa

Dlamini-Zuma.²⁶ The extension came despite repeated calls by the opposition **Democratic Alliance** and civil society organisations to lift the state of disaster. Trade union **Solidarity** and civil rights group **AfriForum** announced a legal challenge to the State of Disaster on 18 January (see *ARC Briefing South Africa Jan 2022*).²⁷ AfriForum CEO **Kallie Kriel** said the state of disaster poses a threat to freedom, as it gives the government extraordinary power to dramatically restrict civil liberties without subjecting such power to parliamentary oversight and decision-making in any way.²⁸ Solidarity CEO **Dirk Hermann** said the current state of disaster creates major uncertainty for workers, companies and the economy in general, and must therefore be terminated.²⁹

However, experts warn that South Africa cannot rush to lift its state of disaster, as it risks creating a legal vacuum around ongoing Covid-19 restrictions and regulations. Legislation is needed to allow government departments to keep managing Covid rules. **University of KwaZulu-Natal** professor and deputy vice-chancellor of research and innovation **Mosa Moshabela** said without the state of disaster, the regulations would not stand up in court:

*“Our regulations are linked to the **Disaster Management Act**. If we end it then we don’t really have the legislation that is going to anchor those regulations. If anyone were to challenge the regulations in court, they would win.”³⁰*

The number of active cases of Covid-19 in South Africa eased from a record 37,875 on 12 December to 1,560 cases on 25 March.³¹ According to a statement by the **National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD)**, as of 25 March the country had recorded 3,710,766 laboratory-confirmed cases of Covid-19 in South Africa’s population of 60 million, with 99,939 Covid-19-related deaths and 3,596,991 recoveries.

The government lifted the restriction of wearing face masks outdoors on 22 March.³² However, social distancing and mask wearing are still required indoors. Travellers to South Africa must present a negative PCR test taken fewer than 72 hours before arrival in South Africa or proof that they are fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

The **Department of Health** reports that as of 27 March, health professionals have administered 33,405,701 doses of Covid-19 vaccine. To date, 19,335,152 adults are fully vaccinated or 48.58% of the adult population of 39.8 million. Among children aged 12 and older, 1,909,475 vaccine doses have been administered. The daily number of vaccines administered eased to only 4,759 on 27 March from 88,698 on 23 February and the peak of 241,230 on 29 August 2021.

²⁶ Government Gazette, 15 Mar 2022

²⁷ Pretoria News, 19 Jan 2022

²⁸ Pretoria News, 19 Jan 2022

²⁹ Times Live, 2 Feb 2022

³⁰ Sunday Times, 23 Jan 2022

³¹ NICD, 25 Mar 2022

³² The Presidency, 22 Mar 2022

Planner

30 Mar 2022 **Cape Town (South Africa)** No Confidence motion in Parliament;

9-12 May 2022 **Cape Town (South Africa)** **Investing in African Mining Indaba**;

17-19 May 2022 **Pretoria (South Africa)** **South Africa Reserve Bank (SARB)** MPC meeting;

7 Jun 2022 **Pretoria (South Africa)** Q1 2022 GDP data;

19-21 Jul 2022 **Pretoria (South Africa)** **SARB** MPC meeting;

6 Sep 2022 **Pretoria (South Africa)** Q2 2022 GDP data;

20-22 Sep 2022 **Pretoria (South Africa)** **SARB** MPC meeting;

19 Oct 2022 **Cape Town (South Africa)** Medium Term Budget Policy Statement;

22-24 Nov 2022 **Pretoria (South Africa)** **SARB** MPC meeting;

6 Dec 2022 **Pretoria (South Africa)** Q3 2022 GDP data;

Dec 2022 **(South Africa)** **African National Congress** elective congress;

2024 **(South Africa)** General election

Chronology

25 Mar 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *News24*. **Ministerial Advisory Committee (MAC)** members are on the lookout for a potential resurgence of **Covid-19** cases involving the Delta variant of the coronavirus, as the fifth wave is expected by the end of May;

25 Mar 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Mining Weekly*. **Bokoni PGM Mine** expects to complete a definitive feasibility study (DFS) within 12 months, spending R5.3 billion (\$360m) in development capital in real 2021 terms over three years;

25 Mar 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *The Presidency*. President **Cyril Ramaphosa** tells the fourth **South Africa Investment Conference** that the government is making steady progress in implementing economic reforms in the areas of electricity, digital communications, freight logistics and in opening the country to skilled professionals to work and do business;

24 Mar 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Business Day*. President **Cyril Ramaphosa** says after the **South African Investment Conference** the country raised a total of R774 billion (\$53.23 billion) in investment commitments, almost reaching his goal of raising R1.2 trillion (\$82.52 billion) in new investment over five years;

24 Mar 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *South African Reserve Bank*. **South African Reserve Bank's Monetary Policy Committee** raises repo rate by 25 basis points to 4.25% per annum;

24 Mar 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *News24*. The **World Bank** issues a five-year \$150m sustainable development **Wildlife Conservation Bond (WCB)** in support of South Africa's efforts to conserve endangered species;

22 Mar 2022 **Pretoria (South Africa)** *The Presidency*. President **Cyril Ramaphosa** announces a relaxation in **Covid-19** restrictions, including dropping the requirement to wear face masks outdoors in public spaces;

22 Mar 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Bloomberg*. Drivers working for **Uber**, **Bolt** and other ride-hailing services in **South Africa** embark on a strike to protest record-high gasoline prices and put pressure on the government to pass industry regulations to protect their rights;

20 Mar 2022 **Cape Town (South Africa)** *News24*. **High Court** temporarily halts construction of **Amazon's** planned new **Africa** headquarters in **Cape Town** and orders the company to consult with indigenous people who say the site is sacred land;

15 Mar 2022 **Pretoria (South Africa)** *Government Gazette*. Cooperative governance and traditional affairs minister **Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma** extends the **National State of Disaster on Covid-19** until 15 April;

14 Mar 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Moneyweb*. **Zimbabwe Anti-Sanctions Movement** files papers in the **Gauteng High Court** asking it to declare **United States** sanctions against **Zimbabwe** unlawful, unconstitutional and invalid;

14 Mar 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Business Day*. **Competition Commission** refers social media giant **Meta Platforms** (previously known as **Facebook**), and its subsidiaries, **WhatsApp** and **Facebook South Africa**, to the **Competition Tribunal** for prosecution over alleged abuse of dominance;

13 Mar 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Business Day*. **Civil Aviation Authority** indefinitely suspends **Comair** flights, including Comair-operated **Kulula** and **British Airways** flights, in **South Africa** due to safety concerns;

10 Mar 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Business Tech*. President **Cyril Ramaphosa** says after a telephone conversation with **Russia's** President **Vladimir Putin** that he has been "approached to play a mediation role" in the conflict between **Russia** and **Ukraine**;

10 Mar 2022 **Pretoria (South Africa)** *News24*. President **Cyril Ramaphosa** appoints deputy **Chief Justice Raymond Zondo** as Chief Justice;

10 Mar 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Mail&Guardian*. New **World Bank** report on inequality in **Southern Africa** finds **South Africa** the most unequal country in the world, having seen a widening gap between the haves and have-nots since the end of apartheid in 1994;

9 Mar 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Nasdaq*. **South Africa's** rand strengthens, boosted by higher commodity prices, and in line with a bounce in most emerging markets stocks and currencies, spurred by hopes of a negotiated end to **Russia's** conflict with **Ukraine**;

9 Mar 2022 **Pretoria (South Africa)** *News24*. **African National Congress (ANC) Womens' League** president **Bathabile Dlamini** is found guilty of perjury after lying under oath during a 2017 inquiry into the social grants debacle that risked grants to millions of beneficiaries;

9 Mar 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Eskom*. State-owned power utility **Eskom** announces that it will implement Stage 4 load-shedding from 09:00 on 9 March until 05:00 on 11 March;

9 Mar 2022 **Pretoria (South Africa)** *News24*. **Special Investigating Unit Tribunal** orders contractors who were paid millions of rands before doing any work on the **Beitbridge** border fence to pay back profits they made from the controversial project;

7 Mar 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Business Tech*. **Bureau for Economic Research** forecasts consumer price inflation to average 5.5% in 2022, up from its initial 5% forecast in January due to the rising oil price;

7 Mar 2022 **Harare (Zimbabwe)** *Times Live*. **South African** opposition party **One SA Movement** leader **Mmusi Maimane** says **Zimbabwe** "will be free" in 2023 after the national elections, saying the "quarter Mugabe will not make it", referring to President **Emmerson Mnangagwa**;

3 Mar 2022 **Maputo (Mozambique)** *Bloomberg*. **South African** energy company **Gigajoule** says it is confident of reaching financial closure by year-end ahead of construction of its

\$550m **Matola LNG** import terminal in **Mozambique** with joint development partner **TotalEnergies**;

3 Mar 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Business Tech*. **National Treasury** director-general **Dondo Mogajane** says **South Africa** is starting to show signs of a failing state, caused by a culture of self-enrichment among some South African politicians and public servants;

2 Mar 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Mail&Guardian*. Western governments struggle to grasp **South Africa's** reasoning for not condemning **Russia's** invasion in **Ukraine**, as opposition party **Democratic Alliance** shines colours of the Ukrainian flag on the **Cape Town City Hall**;

2 Mar 2022 **The Hague (Netherlands)** *Mail&Guardian*. Seventeen **African** countries – including **Burundi, Mali, Mozambique, Senegal, South Africa, South Sudan** and **Uganda** – abstain from voting as the **United Nations General Assembly** overwhelmingly votes to condemn **Russia's** invasion of **Ukraine**;

2 Mar 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Daily Maverick*. Opposition party **Democratic Alliance** says appointment of **Thembisile Majola** as **State Security Agency** chief is a “political ploy from the **Zuma** era”;

2 Mar 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Mail&Guardian*. **United States** sanctions four **South Africa**-based alleged **Isis** and **Isis-Mozambique** financial facilitators, who allegedly play key roles in funnelling funds from the elite of the **Isis** hierarchy to branches across the **African** continent;

1 Mar 2022 **Pretoria (South Africa)** *NICD*. For the first time since May 2020, South Africa has recorded zero Covid-19-related deaths in a 24-hour cycle;

28 Feb 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Times Live*. Former President **Jacob Zuma's** daughter, **Duduzile Zuma-Sambudla**, praises **Russian** President **Vladimir Putin** on **Twitter** amid **Russia's** invasion in **Ukraine**, and says **Western** government sanctions against **Russia** are futile and will backfire, describing the **United Nations** as a “a spineless organisation”;

28 Feb 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Business Tech*. Government publishes its new **National Labour Migration Policy**, in which it details several measures to attract skilled workers to the country while keeping unskilled workers out;

24 Feb 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *News24*. **South African** government calls on **Russia** to immediately withdraw its forces from **Ukraine** in line with the **United Nations Charter**;

24 Feb 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Reuters*. Energy regulator **Nersa** grants struggling state power utility **Eskom** an overall average tariff increase for the 2022/23 financial year of 9.61%, versus the 20.50% increase **Eskom** had applied for;

24 Feb 2022 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Mail&Guardian*. Internal crime intelligence document highlights the increasing prevalence of kidnapping syndicates in **South Africa**;

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