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Quotes

'That looks to us to be an overwhelmingly strong case, it's like a fingerprint or the marks on a bullet fired from a gun. You're certainly talking about (a settlement) of several hundred million rand.'

 Attorney Richard Spoor who confirmed that his firm would file a class action suit against Tiger Brands whose facility was last weekend officially revealed to be the origin of the listeriosis epidemic that has claimed at least 183 lives

'I am proud of Mauritius' image as a model of living democracy in the world.'

- Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth confirming that President Ameenah Gurib-Fakim is set to resign after being snared in a graft scandal

'Is this the country of Nelson Mandela?'

- Hillel Neuer, executive director of the UN Watch NGO after South Africa voted against an urgent debate on the Syrian crisis in the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva

'I believe there's a silver lining to the dark cloud over Africa's politics. African autocrats are slowly being eased out. Incumbents might tinker with the rules of the game, and shift goal posts but they cannot escape the inevitable: Change will come. It's only a matter of when and how.'

- Analyst David Kiwuwa

'In South Africa, we see all or most of our great global challenges as if under a magnifying glass – from the challenge of living together as one in cultural, linguistic and ethnic diversity to preserving democracy and the rule of law, from good governance to the fight against corruption, the challenge of migration, climate change and environmental protection. This is the moment to revive the partnership and friendship between Europe and South Africa. Europeans and Germans have a lot to offer for the path of transformation and change that South Africa has chosen and now reaffirmed.'

- Martin Schaefer, German Ambassador to South Africa