

## **October 29<sup>th</sup> news:**

### **International:**

#### **Burundi becomes first nation to leave international criminal court**

African country Burundi has withdrawn from International Criminal Court (ICC) on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 thus becoming the first nation to leave the ICC.

Set up in 2002, the ICC based at Hague has often come under fire from some countries who claim it is unfairly targeting African nations.

The ICC now has 123 member states who have ratified the 1998 Rome Statute, the guidelines which underpin the work of the tribunal.

But Burundi's snub triggered a wave of copy-cat moves from other African countries. South Africa and Gambia said they would both follow suit, but later reversed their decisions. Kenya and Uganda have also threatened to leave, but not acted on it yet.

Zambia meanwhile has held public consultations, with an overwhelming 93% of those who participated opting to stay within the court.

### **National:**

### **Economy:**

#### **India Overtakes US to Become Second Largest Smartphone Market: Report**

India overtook the US to become the world's second-largest smart phone market, trailing only behind China, according to a new report by analyst firm Canalys. In the second quarter of 2017, India's smart phone market recovered quickly with shipments growing 23% year-on-year in the third quarter to reach just over 40 million units. Low smart phone penetration and the explosion of LTE (long-term evolution, or 4G) are the main drivers behind this.

### **Sports:**

#### **England's victory in FIFA Under-17 World Cup**

England won Under-17 FIFA World cup, in the final held in Kolkata on 28<sup>th</sup> October. England defeated Spain. The tourney was held in India between the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2017. This is the first time that India has hosted a FIFA tournament and the first Asian country that hosted U-17 World Cup since 2013. In total 24 teams participated.

### **Persons in news:**

**Aacinda Arden:** Acinda Ardern was officially sworn in as the Prime Minister of New Zealand. At the age of 37, Ardern is the youngest New Zealand PM in 150 years.

She is also the country's third woman leader. This was the first time New Zealand adopted proportional voting since 1996.