

Senegalese president criticizes sanctions on Russia for worsening food crisis

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During an address in Dakar, Sall also criticized Western sanctions on Russia, saying they are making it harder for African nations to buy food. The African Development Bank says the price of wheat has already jumped 45% on the continent.

Rania Dagash of UNICEF said the food crisis is coming as Africa is also confronting the climate crisis. Dagash said: "The fundamental issue in Somalia and in the Horn at the moment is a climate-induced crisis, right? It's drought. But where the effects of the Ukraine crisis come in is that the food prices and fuel prices and others are hiked up to a point where we need more resources to secure what we would have secured before. We need a lot more."

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