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Political failings to impact Africa's growth?

Experts are warning that there may be limits to sub-Saharan Africa's growth story in the coming months as politics is becoming a central risk factor in several countries.

According to the latest RiskMap Report, released annually by global risk consultancy Control Risks, as economic growth outpaces political reform, politics is a key risk for investors.

At the same time, extremism in several countries is expected to continue to make headlines in Africa, raising concerns about regional powers' ability to deal with the threat.

"2015 is the year when we will see political failings impact Africa's growth story. Governments have so far failed to tackle key structural issues and growth usually occurs despite government rather than because of it," said George Nicholls, Control Risks managing director South Africa, at the launch of the report yesterday in Johannesburg.

Asked about South Africa in particular Nicholls said labour unrest and the power crisis remained the drags on economic growth.

"Divisions within the ruling party, and perceptions of corruption and lack of accountability by the executive continue to create unease among investors," he said.

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