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17 Jan 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *International Press Institute*. Global journalist network **International Press Institute (IPI)** calls for authorities in Burundi to release **Rwanda**-based journalist **Floriane Irangabiye**, whom Bujumbura-based court **Tribunal de Grande Instance de Mukaza** sentenced to 10 years in prison on 3 January and fined BF' 1 million (\$480) for “undermining national territorial integrity”;

17 Jan 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. During a meeting with the **Chapter 15** commissions and independent offices at **State House**, President **William Ruto** claims there was a plot to abduct and kill outgoing **Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC)** chairperson **Wafula Chebukati**;

17 Jan 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *The New Times*. **Indonesia**-headquartered **Center for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry (CIFOR-ICRAF)** board of trustees announces the appointment of **Eliane Ubalijoro** as its new chief executive officer;

17 Jan 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Bank of Tanzania (BoT)** (central bank) reports in its **Monthly Economic Review (MER)** that Tanzania's coal exports reached record levels in 2022, as Tanzania benefitted from the global energy crisis that led to an increased reliance on coal;

16 Jan 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Region Week*. Ombudsman **Aimée Laurentine Kanyana** receives the **European Union (EU)** head of cooperation in Burundi, **Antonio Capone**, to discuss areas of possible collaboration;

16 Jan 2023 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *The Globe and Mail*. Following the end of the two-year conflict in northern **Ethiopia**, Eritrea's President **Isaias Afwerki** has extended his military influence across the region, allowing him to play a kingmaker role in Ethiopia;

16 Jan 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **United States (US)**-headquartered **American Ethiopian Public Affairs Committee (AEPAC)** launches a new platform to engage the one million-strong diaspora community in the US with national dialogue underway in Ethiopia by addressing constitutional reform;

15 Jan 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *All Africa*. Rwanda's ambassador to the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**, **Emmanuel Hategeka**, attends the launch of a partnership between Rwanda and **Dubai (UAE)**-based **DP World's** B2B e-commerce platform, **Dubuy**, which is expected to increase Rwanda's exports of coffee to the UAE and the **Gulf** region, together with leaders from **Dubuy** and **Dubai Multi Commodities Centre**, as well as Rwandan coffee exporters and UAE-based importers;

11 Jan 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **France**-headquartered non-governmental organisation (NGO) **Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders** seeks urgent action to release four officers of NGO **Ethiopian Human Rights Council (EHRCO)** whom Ethiopian police arrested on 5 January while they were investigating the demolition of homes on the outskirts of Addis Ababa;

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11 Jan 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Eyewitness News*. **World Health Organization (WHO)** regional director for **Africa** Dr. **Matshidiso Moeti** says Uganda was faced with one of the most challenging **Ebola** outbreaks in the past five years due to the lack of vaccines and therapeutics;

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