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23 Mar 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Local media reports that **Sudan** has been unable to keep up its payment to **Ethiopia Electric Power (EEP)**, prompting government intervention;

22 Mar 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Parliament passes a decision to lift the May 2021 designation of the **Tigray People’s Liberation Force (TPLF)** as a terrorist force as the peace agreement between the TPLF and government progresses;

21 Mar 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Government refutes the allegations by **United States** secretary of state **Antony Blinken** concerning the war crimes and crimes against humanity in the northern part of Ethiopia;

28 Mar 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Monitor*. **African Union Commission** chairperson **Moussa Faki Mahamat** expresses concern at violence that led to deaths and what he calls interruption of certain economic activities in Nairobi and other Kenyan cities where supporters of opposition **Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition**, led by their leader **Raila Odinga**, were protesting;

21 Mar 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Africanews*. A group of 43 **Facebook** moderators fired in January announce they are filing a lawsuit in Kenya against the social network's parent company **Meta** for, among other things, unlawful dismissal;

28 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. A delegation of at least 30 businesspeople from **South Africa** are in Tanzania to explore the potential of the mining sector for prospective investment with growth of Tanzania's mining sector having increased to 7.3% in 2022 from 4.8% recorded in 2018;

28 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority** data show that cargo handled in 2022 surpassed pre-pandemic levels by 32% to reach 35,130.83 tonnes;

27 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzanian stakeholders, commenting on the **2022 Africa: The Big Deal** report noting that startup funding in Tanzania amounted to \$80m in 2022 compared to \$1.1 billion in neighbouring **Kenya**, say indifference to the benefits of a digital economy, lack of appropriate policies and poor branding are among factors affecting the financing of startups in Tanzania;

26 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** has invested nearly TSh20 trillion (\$8.5 billion) in the implementation of development projects in the infrastructure and energy sectors during her two years in power;

22 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Government issues a **travel advisory** following the outbreak of **Marburg Viral Disease (MVD)** that has claimed five lives in **Kagera** region;

21 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** addresses the public and promises that her administration will review laws and regulations governing investment to make Tanzania more attractive to investors;

28 Mar 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. A study titled “*How Sustainable Is the Public Debt for Uganda*”, presented during the annual debt and development policy dialogue by **Makerere School of Economics** economist **Fred Muhumuza** and **MUBS Economics Forum** economist **Paul Wabiga**, shows that Uganda’s increasing rate of debt is higher than the rate of increment in the GDP levels;

22 Mar 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *BBC*. Uganda’s parliament passes a controversial bill that cracks down on homosexual activities and means that those who identify as gay could risk life in prison;

22 Mar 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. Prime minister **Jean-Michel Sama Lukonde Kyenge** addresses a delegation from the **Conference of Parties on Biodiversity (COP 15)** on the **Congo Basin’s** environment in terms of climate, more particularly issues related to the fight against desertification, soil degradation and drought;

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