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4 Apr 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. The health ministry declares a cholera outbreak in **Oromia** and **Somali** regions;

4 Apr 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The audit report of controller and auditor general **Charles Kichere** highlights several flaws, including misuse of large sums of money intended for the implementation of the country's **Covid-19 Socio-Economic Recovery and Response Plan**.

3 Apr 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Kenya National Bureau of Statistics** reports that the number of Kenyans without jobs increased to more than 2.97 million in the quarter to December, underscoring labour market woes in the wake of elevated inflation and reduced activity in the dominant agricultural sector;

2 Apr 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Al Jazeera*. **United Kingdom** interior minister **Suella Braverman** says she is convinced Rwanda is a safe country for the resettlement of asylum seekers, but has declined to set a deadline for the first deportations there of thousands of asylum seekers as part of a £120m (\$148m) deal to deter people from crossing the **English Channel** from **France** in small boats;

31 Mar 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Hotels in **Masai Mara National Reserve** and **Nakuru County** report that the ongoing political crisis is adversely affecting the hospitality sector as travellers cancel plans;

31 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **United States** vice president **Kamala Harris** unveils an initiative to expand trade with Tanzania as she hails President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** as a "champion" of democracy;

31 Mar 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *News24*. **Open for Business**, an alliance of global companies, warns that **Uganda's** recent legislation that sets penalties for violating laws outlawing homosexuality opens companies and workers to the risk of blackmail and will force companies to report homosexual people to the authorities;

30 Mar 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *AllAfrica*. The **United Nations** envoy to the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** warns the **Security Council** that the security situation in eastern DRC has deteriorated considerably in recent months and that the humanitarian situation has become increasingly concerning;

30 Mar 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Assailants take advantage of the **Azimio** demonstrations, storming a newly opened mortuary at the **Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital** and stealing items worth millions of shillings amid riots that have interrupted **Kisumu** lives and businesses;

30 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **United States** vice president **Kamala Harris** officially starts her Tanzanian tour after landing at the **Julius Nyerere International Airport**, focusing on climate change and economic development;

30 Mar 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *TimesLive*. A coalition of international companies, including **Google** and **Microsoft**, denounce anti-LGBTQ legislation passed by Uganda's parliament last week, warning it would damage the **East African** country's economy;

29 Mar 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Central Bank of Kenya Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** increases the benchmark lending rate to 9.5% from 8.75%, the highest level in five years, to curb inflation and matching the 0.75 percentage rise in September;

29 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Henley & Partners** notes in its **2023 New World Wealth** report that Tanzania's ranking in the number of dollar millionaires fell to 10th place from seventh in 2022;

29 Mar 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *news24*. **South African** state-owned power utility **Eskom** exits Uganda after achieving "phenomenal" energy availability factor and says it hopes to repatriate profits;

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