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16 May 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Opposition **Azimio** coalition leader **Raila Odinga** urges Kenyans to lobby their elected leaders in parliament to reject the **2023 Finance Bill**;

16 May 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Many stores in Dar es Salaam's **Kariakoo** business hub remain closed due to a strike by traders calling for the removal of levies imposed and collected by the **Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)**;

15 May 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Monitor*. **Dairy Development Authority** executive director **Samson Akankiza** reports that Kenyan authorities have reduced issuing export permits to **Uganda's** powdered milk by about 20%;

15 May 2023 **Mogadishu (Somalia)** *The East African*. **Kenya's** Interior Cabinet Secretary **Kithure Kindiki** and his Somalia counterpart, **Mohamed Ahmed Sheikh Ali**, announce in a joint statement that their recent discussions revolved around the need for shared cross-border intelligence and enhancement of law enforcement capacity to man the borders;

15 May 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The **Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticides Authority** announces it is installing laboratories at border points to address the infiltration of pesticides, herbicides and other consumable chemicals into the country;

14 May 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA)** officer in charge of **Taveta** border crossing **Peter Kiilu** says his staff have intensified surveillance along the Kenya-**Tanzania** border after intercepting five lorries exporting scrap batteries to Tanzania, while industry players call for tougher penalties;

13 May 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **International Water Resource Conference** participants in Addis Ababa say that to meet the increasing demand for drinking water, the private sector should be involved in its supply and management;

12 May 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Mmegi*. President **Felix Tshisekedi** maintains that his country will hold peaceful and democratic elections at the end of 2023 despite instability in the eastern part of DRC;

11 May 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prospérité*. Territorial development minister **Guy Loando Mboyo** announces during a joint briefing with communication and media minister **Patrick Muyaya** that the DRC will be equipped with spatial planning tools, notably through the **Territorial Planning Act**, already adopted by the **National Assembly**;

11 May 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** spokesperson **Julie Kozack** welcomes Ethiopia's progress toward restoring lasting peace and says the IMF is in discussions with Ethiopian authorities, and that any new programme will require creditors' financial assurances;

11 May 2023 **Victoria (Seychelles)** *Seychelles News Agency*. Seychelles government signs an **Alliance Agreement** between **Tuna Cities for Sustainable Human Development** at the **Bermeo Tuna World Capital Cities Forum** held in **Bilbao** and **Bermeo (Spain)**;;

11 May 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Pula Graphite Partners** and the **Pula Group LLC** abruptly drop their \$195m lawsuit filed in 2022 the **Commercial Division of the High Court of Tanzania** against **African Rainbow Minerals (ARM)** and its six affiliates, which had claimed a breach of a non-disclosure and non-compete agreement;

11 May 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The Mail & Guardian*. Civilians and various organisations protest against Uganda banning LGBTQ rights at the **United Nations Information Centre**, claiming that the current legislation is the culmination of more than a decade of collaboration between Ugandan elite interest groups and **United States** conservatives;

10 May 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperité*. The **European Union** responds favorably to DRC's official invitation to deploy a **European** election observation mission, with an exploratory mission set to arrive in Kinshasa in early June to meet with the **Commission elettorale nationale independante (CENI)** and relevant national and international stakeholders;

10 May 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania and the **Netherlands** agree to work together to strengthen electronic certification (E-cert) for sanitary and phytosanitary processes in the Tanzanian horticultural sector;

10 May 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *ChimpReports*. Energy minister **Ruth Nankabirwa** reports that Uganda is seeking regional partnerships in the development of its multi-billion-dollar oil and gas sector;

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