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30 May 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **Ethiopian Petroleum Supply Enterprise** says \$4.4 billion is needed to procure 4.3 million metric tons of gas in the upcoming budget year;

30 May 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Home affairs minister **Hamad Masauni** says Tanzania is consulting **United States**-based **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** on the possibility of establishing a Universal National Identification Card (ID) in order to integrate the national ID card with other IDs and cut government costs in purchasing raw cards and printing IDs;

30 May 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*. Human rights activists gather outside the **Constitutional Court** in Kampala to protest President **Yoweri Museveni**'s signing of the new anti-LGBTQ law, which allows the death penalty for homosexuals;

29 May 2023 **Victoria (Seychelles)** *Seychelles News Agency*. The **Seychelles' Public Utilities Corporation (PUC)** and the **Department of Energy** are assessing prospective government buildings to install photovoltaic panels among steps to achieve 15% renewable penetration by 2030 and the greater vision of hitting net-zero emissions by 2050;

29 May 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The government provides details on development projects that will be implemented under public-private partnerships, including a 50-km bridge connecting mainland Tanzania and **Zanzibar** to facilitate movement of goods and people, as well as a 205-km expressway between **Kibaha** and **Morogoro**;

29 May 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Al Jazeera*. **United States (US)** state secretary **Antony Blinken** says the US may consider restricting visas for some Ugandan officials after the country adopted one of the world's toughest anti-LGBTQ laws, with US President **Joe Biden** condemning the law as “a tragic violation of universal human rights” and threatening to cut aid and investment to Uganda;

28 May 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Government officials meet in **Zanzibar** over budget preparations between senior officials from the finance ministries for mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar to discuss issues such as taxation, policy and the general economy;

28 May 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Swiss Info*. President **Yoweri Museveni** reports casualties during an attack by **Somalia**'s Islamist group **al Shabaab** on a military base manned by Ugandan peacekeepers in Somalia, in the first official admission of losses among Ugandan troops serving in the **African Union Transition Mission** in Somalia;

27 May 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **United States (US) Embassy** in Addis Ababa hands over vehicles donated by the **US Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement** to the **Afar Regional Police** to support the passage of humanitarian goods and services through the **Afar** region;

27 May 2023 **Victoria (Seychelles)** *Seychelles News Agency*. Members of parliament from **Indian Ocean Commission** countries hold statutory meetings in Seychelles to validate the

Indian Ocean Commission Parliamentary Association (AP-COI) action plan and prepare activities for 2023;

25 May 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) **Monetary Policy Committee** says foreign exchange reserves closed at \$4.9 billion (about TSh11.7 trillion) at the end of April, almost 11% lower than the \$5.5 billion (about TSh13.1 trillion) registered at the end of April 2022;

25 May 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Chimp Reports*. Ugandan and **Rwandan** governments agree to work more closely to continue the standard gauge railway line project connecting Kampala and **Kigali**;

24 May 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Cybersecurity research reports and **Reuters'** analysis of technical data show that **Chinese** hackers have targeted Kenya's government in a widespread, years-long series of digital intrusions against key ministries and state institutions;

24 May 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Defence minister **Innocent Bashungwa** says Tanzania's borders on land and water are safe despite hostility and threats from neighboring countries, such as the borders with **Uganda** and **Kenya**, which are threatened with illegal immigrants;

24 May 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The East African*. **Uganda Nurses and Midwives Union** president **Justus Cherop** announces engagements are underway to send some of the 3,000 skilled nurses who are not employed by the government to work abroad, including in the **United Kingdom** and the **Middle East**;

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