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29 Aug 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *RFI*. President **Felix Tshisekedi** and his **Burundian** counterpart **Evariste Ndayishimiye** sign a defence and security memorandum of understanding (MoU) concluding a 48-hour visit by Ndayishimiye to DRC;

28 Aug 2023 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Asahi.com*. **Japan** is reportedly considering providing security aid to six countries in 2024, including Djibouti, citing its geopolitical importance;

28 Aug 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *AL-Monitor*. Ethiopia, **Egypt** and **Sudan** resume talks on Ethiopia's **Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD)** as Egypt seeks a legally binding agreement on how Ethiopia operates and fills the dam;

28 Aug 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Actualite*. **Burundi's** President **Evariste Ndayishimiye**, while on a visit to Kinshasa, says that the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) linking DRC, Burundi and **Tanzania** is progressing well;

28 Aug 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *ESI Africa*. **National Assembly** summons two senior energy officials to explain the recent electricity blackout that left most parts of Kenya without power for the weekend;

28 Aug 2023 **Juba (Sudan)** *Sudan Tribune*. Finance minister **Barnabo Chol Bak** confirms that Sudan is in talks to reactive plans to build a oil pipelines through **Kenya, Djibouti, Ethiopia** and in Sudan;

28 Aug 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** appoints **Ali Idi Siwa** as the new director general of the **Tanzania Intelligence and Security Services (TISS)**, less than eight months after appointing **Saidi Massoro**. Prior to this, Siwa served as ambassador to **Rwanda**;

28 Aug 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Africanews*. A 20-year-old man becomes the first individual to be indicted on charges of “*aggravated homosexuality*” under Uganda’s newly enacted anti-LGBTQ law;

27 Aug 2023 **Djiboutii (Djibouti)** *Agence Ecofin*. **Dubai-based AMEA Power** signs a 25-year power purchase agreement with the government for a 25 megawatt (MW) solar power project, the first independent power project in Djibouti;

27 Aug 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Africanews*. Rwanda signs a five-year partnership with **German** football club **Bayern Munich** to promote tourism in Rwanda, with the ‘Visit Rwanda’ logo to appear on panels around the 75,000-seater **Allianz Arena (Germany)** as part of the deal;

27 Aug 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Chief government spokesperson **Gerson Msigwa** announces that following the ratification of the inter-governmental agreement between Tanzania and **Dubai**, both parties have now entered negotiations regarding the implementation contracts for the port project;

26 Aug 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Fresh Produce Consortium of Kenya** CEO **Okisegere Ojepat** and **Fresh Produce Exporters Association of Kenya** CEO **Hosea Machuki** report that fresh produce exporters have suffered multiple hits from power outages;

25 Aug 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *AfDB*. **African Development Bank (AfDB)** confirms that renovation work of the **Port of Bujumbura** is underway with funding from the AfDB (\$25.28m) and **European Union (EU)** (\$31.33m). Burundi is providing counterpart financing of \$2.16m;

25 Aug 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. The **European Union** launches a new humanitarian airlift operation to the east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to deliver essential supplies to the city of **Goma**, which will be used to reinforce the humanitarian response in the eastern part of the country, where the already dire situation continues to deteriorate;

24 Aug 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. National treasury cabinet secretary **Njuguna Ndung'u** criticises the financial media for talking the economy down, portraying doom and gloom all the time while giving short shrift when it comes to reporting on positive developments;

24 Aug 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Business and Financial Times*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** announces the opening of Tanzania's new consulate in **Ghana**, having received the exequatur of Ghana through the foreign affairs and regional integration ministry;

23 Aug 2023 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *African Business*. **Eritrea's** President **Isaia Afwerki** meets **Belarus'** foreign affairs minister **Sergie Aleinik** on the side lines of the 15th **BRICS Summit** to discuss bilateral ties and issues of common interest;

23 Aug 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Region Week*. President **Evariste Ndayishimiye** leaves Burundi for **Johannesburg (South Africa)** to attend the 15th **BRICS Summit**;

23 Aug 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africa News*. The **Constitutional Court** begins the trial of former prime minister **Augustin Matata Ponyo** who is accused of embezzeling \$205m from the treasury;

23 Aug 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. **United States**-based non-governmental organisation **Human Rights Watch (HRW)** publishes a report accusing **Saudi Arabia** of killing hundreds of Ethiopian migrants including women and children who attempted to enter Saudi Arabia along the mountain border with **Yemen**. The 73-page report contains testimony from 38 Ethiopians who attempted to cross the Yemen-Saudi border between March 2022-June 2023;

23 Aug 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **United States**-headquartered **American Towers Corporation (ATC)** alleges that local firm **Telkom Kenya** has breached a tower sale and leaseback agreement and owes it KSh 4 billion (\$27.61m). Telkom Kenya is leasing 3,600 telecommunication towers from ATC and recently saw its towers switched off by ATC in response to the dispute;

23 Aug 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The Star*. Cabinet secretary for information, communications and digital economy **Eliud Owalo** confirms that government will collaborate with the **European Union (EU)** and **China** to advance its policy, legal and regulatory framework on data protection;

23 Aug 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Indonesia's** President **Joko Widodo** pledges to increase investments in Tanzania, including in the management of the **Mnazi Bay** gas block by its state-owned company. Widodo also expresses interest in the agricultural sector, an area where Indonesia has extensive experience with agri-technology and mass palm production;



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