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27 Sep 2023 **Port Louis (Mauritius)** *The East African*. **Stock Exchange of Mauritius (SEM)** opens a window for **Kenyan** investment banks and stockbrokers to trade on its market platform, potentially opening up new offshore investment options for these traders;

26 Sep 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *AFP*. A five-person team of experts from **France, Mali, Spain** and **Switzerland** arrive in Kinshasa as part of the **United States**-based **Carter Centre's Election Observer Mission** and will be joined by 20 long-term observers in October;

26 Sep 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *The East African*. Police arrest opposition leader **Chane Kebede** of the **Ethiopian Citizens for Justice**, with party officials stating they still do not know why he was arrested;

26 Sep 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. Kenya and the **United States (US)** sign a cooperation agreement that will see the **Kenya Defence Forces (KDF)** trained and provided with financial and technical assistance by the US;

26 Sep 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Anadolu Agency*. State-owned **Nuclear Power and Energy Agency** CEO **Justus Wabuyabo** confirms that construction on a nuclear power plant is set to begin in 2027;

26 Sep 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Bloomberg*. Treasury officials say they expect the **World Bank** to rescind its decision to halt funding over its **Anti-Homosexuality Act (2023)** by February, as negotiations between the two continue but are reportedly progressing well;

26 Sep 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The East African*. Attorney general's office confirms that it is investigating allegations that a former senior **International Criminal Court** official **Brigid Inder** was involved in the financing of the extremist **Lord's Resistance Army (LRA)**. Inder has denied the allegations;

25 Sep 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *New times*. President **Evariste Ndayishimiye** denies rumours of a coup circulating on social media, stating that they were spread by individuals intent on damaging Burundi's international reputation;

25 Sep 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. Global prices of cobalt plunge after **China's CMOG Group** resumes exports from its **Tenke Fungurume** mine in DRC after a one-year stoppage which caused stockpiling;

25 Sep 2023 **Amhara (Ethiopia)** *Anadolu Agency*. **Ethiopian National Defense Force** confirms that at least 50 militants were killed in clashes between the government army and Amhara militia;

25 Sep 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Nandi** senator **Samson Cherargei**, ally of President **William Ruto**, proposes to amend and extend presidential term limits from five to seven years at the **National Dialogue Committee** at the **Bomas of Kenya**;

25 Sep 2023 **Mombasa (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. The **Kenya Ports Authority (KPA)** backtracks on earlier opposition to the privatisation of key infrastructure at Mombasa and **Lamu** ports and

will now seek to lease the ports and the **Lamu Special Economic Zone (LSEZ)** for \$700m on a 25-year lease;

25 Sep 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) embarks on a large gold buying initiative to help strengthen foreign reserves and reduce reliance on a single currency;

25 Sep 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **TotalEnergies Tanzania** announces plans to open compressed natural gas stations in 2024 if pilot programme results are positive, as well as plans to venture into solar and wind power generation with the aim of selling to **Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO)**;

25 Sep 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Court hearings are suspended at the **High Court Anti-Corruption Division** as the court relocates to **Lourdell Road, Nakasero, Kampala**, with relocation anticipated to conclude on 29 September;

25 Sep 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. The **Tax Appeals Tribunal** orders gold refinery firm **Bullion Refinery Ltd** to pay USh 500m (\$133,402) to the **Uganda Revenue Authority (URA)** and cover legal costs of the URA's case against the firm;

24 Sep 2023 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Anadolu Agency*. **United States** defence secretary **Lloyd Austin** meets with President **Ismail Omar Guelleh** and defence minister **Hassan Omar Mohamed Bourhan** to discuss strengthening Djibouti's and the US' partnership in defence, security and the fight against terrorism;

23 Sep 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Ethiopia's foreign ministry announces on social media platform **X** (formerly known as **Twitter**) that a second round of negotiations on the **Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam** are underway between Ethiopia, **Sudan** and **Egypt** in Addis Ababa;

23 Sep 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** appoints former **Rural Energy Agency (REA)** executive **Gissima Nyamo-Hanga** as director general of state-owned electricity utility company **Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO)**, removing **Maharage Chande**, and appoints ambassador major general **Paul Kisesa Simuli** as chair of the TANESCO board, removing **Omari Issa** from the role;

23 Sep 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *AFP*. **France** arrests and charges former Rwandan member of parliament (MP) and prefect of the **Kibuye** region, **Pierre Kayondo**, with complicity in the 1994 genocide and crimes against humanity;

22 Sep 2023 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Anadolu Agency*. **Iran** and Djibouti agree to restore diplomatic ties after seven years of tension over Djibouti's decision to back **Saudi Arabia's** execution of a prominent **Shia** cleric in 2016;

22 Sep 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *PBS*. The **United States (US)** justice department announces the arrest of **Abraham Teklu Lemma**, an Ethiopian-born and naturalised US citizen and contractor to the US government, who faces charges of espionage for allegedly printing classified information and providing it to an unnamed foreign government;

22 Sep 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. National air carrier **Air Tanzania** suspends flights to **China** with airline executives declining to provide reasons when pressed for comment;

22 Sep 2023 **Nairi (DRC)** *CIDRAP*. Health officials battle a gastroenteritis disease outbreak in western DRC involving suspected typhoid fever, shigellosis and cholera, reporting 2,389 suspected cases since June and 52 deaths. **Dolisie (Nairi)** is the epicentre of the outbreak which has spread to **Bouenza, Brazzaville, Kouilou, Pointe-Noire** and **Pool**;

22 Sep 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Agence Ecofin*. **United States** restricts its military cooperation with Rwanda under the **Child Soldiers Prevention Act**, placing Rwanda on a list of 18 countries that recruit and use child soldiers;

22 Sep 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *New Times*. President **Paul Kagame** meets with **Italian** prime minister **Giorgia Meloni** to discuss strengthening ties in the areas of defence, agriculture, health and technology;

21 Sep 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *The East African*. President **Felix Tshisekedi** calls for the removal of the **United Nations (UN)** peacekeeping force in DRC during a session of the UN General Assembly, stating that it is time for DRC to take control and become the main actor in its own stability;

21 Sep 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Al Jazeera*. The **United Nations (UN)**-appointed **International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia** warns that more atrocities in Ethiopia are likely and calls for continued scrutiny of the country's human rights record. The commission's mandate is up for renewal at the ongoing UN **Human Rights Council** session;

21 Sep 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Ethiopian News Agency*. **United Kingdom (UK)** development and **Africa** minister **Andrew Mitchell** says the UK is keen on scaling up diplomatic ties with Ethiopia to a strategic partnership level;

21 Sep 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **United Kingdom** construction firm **GBM Engineering Consortium** signs a project development agreement with the **National Irrigation Authority (NIA)** for the development of the mega **High Grant Falls Dam**;

21 Sep 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. President **William Ruto** meets with **United States** secretary of state **Anthony Blinken** to discuss peace plans for **Haiti, Sudan** and the wider **East African** region;

21 Sep 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Bloomberg*. **United States** plans to seek **United Nations Security Council** approval next week for the deployment of a Kenya-led multinational force to **Haiti** to help stem extensive gang violence;

21 Sep 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. **Central Bank of Kenya** reports that Kenya's debt stock reached \$69.3 billion at the end of June off the back of increased borrowing during President **William Ruto**'s first year in office;

21 Sep 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *France24*. **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** places four 1994 genocide memorials on its **World Heritage** list;

21 Sep 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Prime minister **Kassim Majaliwa** urges the **Petroleum Upstream Regulatory Authority (PURA)** to expedite the auctioning of oil and gas blocks;

21 Sep 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Local firm **Dodsal Hydrocarbon Limited** says it is just awaiting its licence from the energy ministry before proceeding with the tender announcement and commencing drilling at its **Ruvu** gas block (**Coast Region**), which has a potential of five trillion cubic feet; Dodsal has already invested \$200m in preparations;

21 Sep 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Finance minister Dr **Mwigulu Nchemba** says the government will adopt a three-year fiscal policy framework that will help enhance the predictability of policies, a decision stemming from a recommendation from the private sector;

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