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6 Sep 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Anadolu Agency*. Leaders of the **East African Community (EAC)**, namely **Burundi, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda** and **South Sudan** and representatives from the DRC and **Uganda** meet at the 22nd **Extra-Ordinating Summit of the East African Community Heads of State** and unanimously vote to extend the mandate of its regional force, the **East African Community Regional Force (EACRF)**, in eastern DRC;

6 Sep 2023 **Shinyanga (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Isaka Dry Port** registers a 30% cargo volume increase over the last four months as suppliers for the **East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)**, which will run through **Uganda** and Tanzania, move cargo through the port;

5 Sep 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *North Africa Post*. Global rights groups including the **Committee To Protect Journalists (CPJ)**, **United Kingdom**-headquartered **Amnesty International** and **United States**-headquartered **Human Rights Watch**, renew calls for the release of Burundian journalist and government critic **Floriane Irangabiye**. The **National Intelligence Services** arrested Irangabiye in January for undermining the integrity of the national territory and was sentenced to ten years in prison;

5 Sep 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Al Jazeera*. **United Kingdom**-headquartered **Amnesty International** releases a report detailing that **Eritrean** soldiers who allied with Ethiopian government forces during the **Tigray** conflict committed war crimes and possible crimes against humanity. The report also says that the atrocities continued after the government and **Tigray People's Liberation Front** signed a cessation of hostilities agreement;

5 Sep 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Court of appeal rejects an appeal by **Total Tanzania Limited**, a local subsidiary of **French**-headquartered **TotalEnergies**, which has been challenging a TSh 436.4m (\$177,858) tax liability for imported aviation fuel through various legal battles over the past six years;

5 Sep 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Anadolu Agency*. Police confirm they have recovered six improvised bombs in two days after the man police arrested on Sunday, who attempted to enter a church with a bomb, revealed a terror plot involving six other terrorists;

4 Sep 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. **Stanbic Bank Kenya's** latest Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) rises from 45.5 in July to 50.6 in August, indicating that private sector activity expanded in August, ending a six-month streak of scores below 50;

4 Sep 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *AFP*. Kenya hosts the first **Africa Climate Summit** with President **William Ruto** noting the summit will help deliver African solutions ahead of the November **United Nations COP28** climate summit;

4 Sep 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Arab News*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** affirms her and Tanzania's support for **Saudi Arabia's** bid to host the **Expo 2030** in **Riyadh** while also praising the first **Saudi-African Summit** and the 5th **Arab-African Summit**, to be held in Saudi Arabia later this year;

3 Sep 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Captial FM*. President **Évariste Ndayishimiye** arrives in **Kenya** to attend the **Africa Climate Summit** and will meet with fellow **East African** leaders during the summit;

3 Sep 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. Police confirm they have detained a man who entered a church with an explosive device and are searching for three others also believed to be on similar bombing missions in Uganda;

2 Sep 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Acutalite*. **European Commissioner** for justice **Didier Reynders** is set to arrive in DRC to discuss cooperation between DRC and **Belgium**, security in eastern DRC and the upcoming December presidential elections;

2 Sep 2023 **Khartoum (Sudan)** *Anadolu Agency*. General **Abdel Fattah al-Burhan** orders the re-opening of border crossings with **Eritrea** to allow for movement of people and goods and resumption of commercial activities;

2 Sep 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Africanews*. President **William Ruto** announces plans to roll out electric motorbikes across the country in collaboration with startup **Spiro** just days before Kenya hosts the first **Africa Climate Summit**;

1 Sep 2023 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *AfDB*. President **Isaias Afwerki** meets with **African Development Bank** president **Akinwumi Adesina** to discuss strengthening their partnership;

1 Sep 2023 **Amhara (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Amhara regional state officials announce new appointments to the security structure as conflict continues between **Fano** militia and the **Ethiopian Defence Force** in the region;

1 Sep 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *African Business*. **World Bank** appoints **Sahr Kpundeh** as the new country manager for Rwanda;

1 Sep 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *The East African*. President **Paul Kagame** reshuffles his top military chiefs and retires former defence minister General **James Kabarebe**;

31 Aug 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. **Kenya National Bureau of Statistics** reports that annual inflation slowed to 6.7% in August from 7.3% in July, driven by a fall in food prices;

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