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4 Oct 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Anadolu Agency*. Ethiopia and the **European Union (EU)** sign a \$680m financial support agreement for the **Multi-Annual Indicative Program** which aims to support green growth, inclusive human development, governance and peace building;

4 Oct 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *The Africa Report*. **United States** suspends military aid to Rwanda over its alleged support for the **M23** rebel group in eastern **Democratic Republic of the Congo**;

4 Oct 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Africa.com*. Rwanda confirms it is building a \$53m aviation training centre with financial assistance from the **African Development Bank**, which is expected to have a positive impact on both Rwanda's aviation industry and that of the continent by offering training for up to 500 students a year;

3 Oct 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *The East African*. President **Evariste Ndayishimiye** reshuffles his cabinet, appointing Dr **Lidwine Baradahana** as public health and fight against HIV minister, **Prosper Dodiko** as environment and agriculture minister, **Venuste Muyabaga** as civil service, labour and employment minister, and **Gervais Abayeho** as foreign affairs minister;

3 Oct 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Engineering News*. DRC and **Zambia** begin construction on the **Kasomeno-Mwenda Toll Road**, project which will reduce the roundtrip for commercial transporters from mining province **Haut-Katanga (DRC)** to **Tanzania's Port of Dar es Salaam**;

3 Oct 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Cabinet orders all ministers and state departments to cut 10% of their operational budgets for the 2023/2024 financial year as part of the administration's fiscal consolidation plan;

3 Oct 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *KBC*. Prime cabinet secretary **Musalia Mudavadi** returns from a one-day official visit to **Burundi** where he met with Burundian president **Evariste Ndayishimiye** to discuss strengthening bilateral ties;

3 Oct 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *The East African*. **Dutch** police arrest **Pierre-Claver Karangwa**, a genocide suspect who allegedly played a key role in the genocide;

3 Oct 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** carries out an administrative shuffle, making several appointments and transfers at a local government level (district commissioners and district administrative secretaries) and appoints **Musa Kuji** as acting commissioner for the conservation of the **Tanzania National Parks Authority (TANAPA)**;

2 Oct 2023 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Gulf Times*. President **Ismail Omar Guelleh** arrives in **Doha (Qatar)** to attend the **2023 Doha Horticulture Expo**;

2 Oct 2023 **Goma (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. A military court sentences the head of the **Republican Guard** in **Goma** to death for the killing of 57 protesters in August and awards three other commanders 10-year prison sentences;

2 Oct 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Monitor*. President **Felix Tshisekedi** is endorsed as the presidential candidate for the **Union Sacrée de la Nation** (sacred union of the nation) coalition, ruling out presidential competition from within the ruling coalition party;

2 Oct 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera*. **Nobel Peace Prize** winner **Denis Mukwege** announces his candidacy for upcoming presidential elections in December;

2 Oct 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Zawya*. Kenya joins the **Pan African Payments and Settlement System (PAPSS)**, which will allow local companies to transact with counterparts in other countries using local currencies;

2 Oct 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Citizen*. Government suspends all non-essential travel for government officials and imposes limits on foreign trip delegations accompanying the president, deputy president, first lady and prime cabinet secretaries;

2 Oct 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Citizen*. **Anne Waiguru** is elected to serve a second term as the chair of the **Council of Governors**;

2 Oct 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania and **Zanzibar's** finance ministries are seeking additional funding for the **Standard Gauge Railway (SGR)** project, as its main contractor, **Turkey-headquartered Yapi Merkezi**, is reportedly in financial distress;

1 Oct 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. Former defence cabinet secretary **Eugene Wamalwa** and former chief justice **Willy Mutunga** raise concern over Kenya's plans to deploy 1,000 police officers as part of a security mission to **Haiti**;

1 Oct 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Canadian** mining company **Montero Mining & Exploration** confirms the **International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)** will hear its case on 4 December in which it is claiming TSh 168 billion (\$67.06m) in damages against Tanzania over the cancellation of a retention licence for rare earth minerals at **Wigu Hill** in 2018;

1 Oct 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. **Uganda National Oil Company** CEO **Proscovia Nabbanja** confirms in an interview that the **Tilenga** and **Kingfisher** petroleum projects are on track for production by 2025 and that the **East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)**, which will carry oil from these fields, is also on track;

30 Sep 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africanews*. **Martin Fayulu**, who came second in DRC's 2018 presidential election, confirms he will run in the presidential election scheduled for December;

30 Sep 2023 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Times of Israel*. An Eritrean man is stabbed to death after a brawl in which eight others were injured in **Netanya (Israel)**. Tension between Eritrean migrants in Israel has reached new heights in recent months, with several clashes between pro-government and anti-government supporters;

30 Sep 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *The Reporter Ethiopia*. **Tigray** officials accuse the **African Union (AU)** of walking away from the implementation of the **Pretoria Peace Agreement** which was signed on November 2022 between the **Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF)** and the federal government to end their conflict;

30 Sep 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. **National Bureau of Statistics** reports that annual inflation reached 6.8% in September, up slightly from 6.7% in August;

29 Sep 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *The East African*. State-owned cobalt buyer **Entreprise Générale du Cobalt (EGC)** says it is considering eight pilot sites from which it may soon start buying cobalt. EGC was given a monopoly on buying and selling artisanal cobalt to help improve working conditions in 2019 but until this announcement, has remained largely inactive;

29 Sep 2023 **Mogadishu (Somalia)** *VOA News*. **Kenya, Ethiopia, Burundi, Djibouti** and **Uganda** send a request to the **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)** to suspend a scheduled

pullout from the **African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS)**, stating that the situation is still too fragile;

29 Sep 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)** project coordinator **Asiafi Mrutu** reveals that Tanzania has contributed \$193.06m to the implementation of the pipeline. As a 15% shareholder, Tanzania is required to contribute a total of \$308m;

28 Sep 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Africanews*. Former prime minister **Alain-Guillaume Bunyone** appears in court on charges of undermining national security and insulting the president;

28 Sep 2023 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Anadolu Agency*. A magnitude 4.9 earthquake hits Djibouti with no casualties reported but the education ministry closes all schools and vocational training centres in case of any aftershocks;

28 Sep 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *The East African*. **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)** agrees to a proposal to fund the **East African Community Regional Force (EACRF)** which has been deployed in eastern DRC;

28 Sep 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *AFP*. **United States (US)** secretary of state **Anthony Blinken** tells prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** that the US is increasingly worried about the situation in **Amhara** region where the **United Nations** claims human rights violations are taking place;

28 Sep 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The Africa Report*. **United Kingdom Export Finance (UKEF)** is delaying a \$121.9m payment for the development of the **Nairobi Railway City** after Kenyan authorities failed to award necessary contracts to developers;

28 Sep 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Al Jazeera*. Local coalition **Convening for Equality (CFE)** reports that the enactment of the **Anti-Homosexuality Act (AHA)** in May has led to a wave of human rights abuses, mainly committed by private individuals who have been radicalised by the enactment of the law;

28 Sep 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The East African*. Energy ministry official **Irene Bateebe** says Uganda is in final stage negotiations with **Chinese** financiers to help fund the **East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)**;

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