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22 Nov 2023 **North Kivu (DRC)** *Independent*. **M23** rebel group leader **Bertrand Bisimwa** again refutes allegations by the DRC government that **Rwanda** and **Uganda** are supporting the group, further accusing President **Felix Tshisekedi** of ignoring the **East African Community (EAC)** heads of state advice to engage in dialogue with M23;

22 Nov 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Kenya.co.ke*. **Rwanda, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** and **South Sudan** are reportedly reconsidering their oil business deals with Kenya following **Uganda's** decision to stop importing fuel through Kenya;

22 Nov 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. **European Union** confirms its 42 election observers arrived in DRC on 17 November and will soon be deployed to 17 out of the 26 provinces;

21 Nov 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *eNCA*. Government says its latest peace talks with the **Oromo Liberation Army (OLA)** rebel group have ended without an agreement;

21 Nov 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Foreign Brief*. Twenty **French** companies will participate in a pre-investment screening visit to Ethiopia today;

21 Nov 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. Fuel and electricity prices are set to increase following submitted proposed changes to the **Energy Act 2019** which would double the **Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority's (Epra)** levy to a maximum of 1% from its current 0.5% to help support Epra's operations;

21 Nov 2023 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania expresses hesitancy over joining the **East African Community (EAC)** single tourist visa plan, citing concerns over security, revenue sharing, visitor screening and overall efficiency;

20 Nov 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Business Day*. Opposition candidates **Seth Kikuni** and **Franck Diongo** agree to drop their bid for the presidential election in December and back opposition candidate **Moise Katumbi**. Former prime minister **Augustin Matata Ponyo** made the same decision on Sunday;

20 Nov 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Ethiopian Monitor*. Ethiopia and **Djibouti**, during the 10th defence experts committee meeting, sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to cooperate in defence and security;

20 Nov 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. **World Bank** forecasts that it will provide Kenya with \$12 billion over the next three years, aimed at alleviating economic challenges and financial strains;

20 Nov 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *New Times*. **Cuba's** vice president, **Salvador Valdes**, meets with President **Paul Kagame** and senate president **François Xavier Kalinda** to discuss strengthening ties in the areas of education, health, transport and parliamentary diplomacy;

20 Nov 2023 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Leaders from the **East African Community (EAC)** will meet in Arusha this week for the 23rd ordinary EAC heads of state summit;

19 Nov 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *AFP*. Candidates for the 20 December legislative, provincial and municipal elections officially begin campaigning;

19 Nov 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** hosts a bilateral meeting with **German** chancellor **Olaf Scholz** during the **G20 Compact with Africa** summit to discuss economic and political ties between Ethiopia and Germany;

18 Nov 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *The East African*. President **Felix Tshisekedi** signs an agreement for the deployment of the **Southern African Development Community (SADC)** regional force to help support the fight against rebel groups in eastern DRC;

18 Nov 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *The Reporter*. **South Korea's** ambassador to Ethiopia, **Kang Seokhee**, confirms South Korea will provide technical assistance and training to Ethiopia in the field of nuclear science and technology as Ethiopia seeks to develop a nuclear power plant;

18 Nov 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. **Kenya Railways** closes all cargo services and limits passenger services following floods and landslides impacting the railway line between Nairobi and **Mombasa**;

18 Nov 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Nation*. President **William Ruto** says agreements with **Saudi Arabia** and the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** will take effect from next month and prevent any increases in fuel prices;

18 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC)** reports there has been a 100.53% increase in foreign direct investment (FDI) in the first quarter of the 2023 financial year (July to September), reaching \$1.05 billion compared to \$524.42m recorded in the corresponding quarter in 2022. The five leading sectors include commercial buildings, manufacturing, agriculture, transportation, and tourism;

17 Nov 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Region Week*. President **Evariste Ndayishimiye** meets with **Somalia's** President **Hassan Sheikh Mohamud** to discuss further strengthening bilateral ties;

17 Nov 2023 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Reuters*. **Russia's** agriculture ministry confirms it has sent free shipments of grain totalling 200,000 tonnes to six **African** countries including Eritrea;

17 Nov 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. Finance ministry senior advisor **Hinjat Shami** confirms Ethiopia has cancelled a process seeking an international telecoms licence to allow for assessment of market potential and readiness;

17 Nov 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. **World Bank** says Kenya could lose up to 7.25% of GDP by 2050 if it does not take stronger action to adapt to climate change and mitigate its effects;

17 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Upstream Online*. **France-headquartered TotalEnergies** criticises **United States (US)** non-profit **GreenFaith** for failing to contact it over allegations GreenFaith made in a recent report on the **East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)**, which states that EACOP has "disturbed and risks disrespecting" 2,000 graves along the construction route;

17 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Foreign affairs minister **January Makamba** shares **Denmark's** decision not to close its embassy as previously announced in 2021, following "a very fruitful meeting in **Algiers** last month";

16 Nov 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Africanews*. **African Development Bank (AfDB)** says it has filed a formal complaint with the Ethiopian government after security forces arrested two of its staff members last month, stating that they were unlawfully arrested, physically assaulted and detained with no official explanation;

16 Nov 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** and Kenyan authorities reach a staff-level agreement allowing for an immediate disbursement of \$682m, and for Kenya's current programme with the IMF to be boosted by \$938m, from \$3.88 billion to \$4.43 billion;

16 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania-based **CRDB Bank** and the **African Export-Import Bank** sign a \$115m facility agreement that will help bolster investment in key sectors including oil and gas, trade and agriculture;

16 Nov 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The East African*. Members of parliament (MPs) pass the **Petroleum Supply (Amendment) Act 2023** which gives the **Uganda National Oil Company** a monopoly on supplying petroleum products;

15 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Foreign Policy*. The government has reportedly renewed threats to forcibly repatriate **Burundian** refugees if they do not return voluntarily. There are at least 100,000 Burundian refugees currently in Tanzania;

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