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29 Nov 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Anadolu Agency*. Authorities confirm widespread flooding has displaced over 89,000 people and killed at least 120, up from the initial toll of 76;

28 Nov 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *AFP*. An opposition party official is killed during clashes between supporters of opposition candidate **Moise Katumbi** and supporters of President **Felix Tshisekedi** in **Bukavu (South Kivu Province)**;

28 Nov 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *The Africa Report*. **Ethiopian Capital Market Authority** director general **Brook Taye** says Ethiopia is on track to launch its first stock market in the middle of 2024;

28 Nov 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Nairobi high court rules that a 1.5% salary levy introduced in June on the salaries of all Kenyan taxpayers is illegal, closing off this funding stream intended to bolster state revenue;

28 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Engineering News*. **Tanzania Railways Corporation** presents plans for a 1,000-km railway that will connect the **Indian Ocean to Lake Nyasa**, travelling across regions that produce iron-ore, coal and graphite, including in **Mozambique, Zambia and Malawi**;

27 Nov 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. **French** telecoms firms **Orange** withdraws from the process to purchase an up to 45% stake in Ethiopia's state-owned **Ethio Telecom** stating that the conditions do not allow for rapid deployment of Orange's strategy;

27 Nov 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Finance ministry says Kenya will start its privatisation drive by selling stakes in 11 state-owned entities, including **Kenya Pipeline Company**;

27 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Gas World*. **Australia's Noble Helium** reports to have finished drilling at **Mbelele-2** at the **North Rukwa** helium project, confirming significant helium increases in multiple zones of interest at the well;

27 Nov 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Financial Times*. **United Kingdom's** home secretary, **James Cleverly**, says that the UK is still committed to its plan to send asylum seekers to Rwanda despite a supreme court ruling that the policy is unlawful;

27 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** removes deputy constitutional and legal affairs minister **Pauline Gekul** after Gekul was linked to allegations of violating human rights by assisting in the torture and maltreatment of one of her employees;

27 Nov 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. Finance ministry confirms Uganda is preparing to borrow \$150m from **China's Export Import Bank (Exim)** to help expand internet infrastructure;

26 Nov 2023 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *RFI*. **Sudan** army chief **Abdel Fattah al-Burhan** meets with President **Ismail Omar Guelleh** to discuss the ongoing Sudanese conflict before meeting **Eritrea's** President **Isaias Afwerki** on a detour when returning to Sudan;

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26 Nov 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. State-owned **Kenya Power** is seeking to transfer power transmission assets valued at \$460.52m to the **Kenya Electricity Transmission Company** in a bid to improve its cash-flow position;

26 Nov 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The Independent*. **China** pledges unconditional support for Uganda's push for reforms within the **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)**;

24 Nov 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *New Times*. President **Evariste Ndayishimiye** hands over the **East African Community (EAC)** chairmanship to **South Sudan's** President **Salva Kiir**;

24 Nov 2023 **Arta (Djibouti)** *Middle East Monitor*. Hundreds of citizens, including foreign nationals, participate in the **African Peace March** in solidarity with **Palestinians**;

24 Nov 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *The East African*. **United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Monusco)** says it has signed a withdrawal plan for its peacekeepers with the government but does not provide a timeline;

24 Nov 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *New Times*. **Central African Republic (CAR)** President **Faustin-Archange Touadéra** praises relations with Rwanda, stating that they have helped restore peace and security in CAR:

24 Nov 2023 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *The East African*. **East African Community (EAC)** officially admits **Somalia** as its eighth member, potentially paving the way for **Eritrea** and **Djibouti** to be admitted;

23 Nov 2023 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Med Africa Times*. Djibouti and **Saudi Arabia** sign several memorandums of understanding (MoUs) in fields including animal resources and communication;

23 Nov 2023 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Arab News*. Eritrean authorities release 38 **Yemeni** fishermen who formed part of a group of 54 fishermen imprisoned for over a year for allegedly fishing in Eritrean territorial waters;

23 Nov 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *BBC*. Local authorities report that more than 50 people have died in the **Tigray** and **Amhara** regions from hunger amid drought and an aid freeze by international organisations;

25 Nov 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *AP*. **United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR)** and **UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)** express concern over the deteriorating humanitarian situation in eastern DRC, stating that over 3,000 reported human rights violations were recorded in October alone;

23 Nov 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Treasury expenditure disclosures indicate Kenya spent \$471.82m on interest for outstanding **Chinese** loans in the first quarter of the 2023/2024 financial year;

23 Nov 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. President **William Ruto** confirms the government is set to privatise 35 state companies but does not provide details on which ones and when;

23 Nov 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Reuters*. **National Bank of Rwanda** (central bank) maintains its key lending rate at 7.25% as annual inflation continues to fall. Annual inflation peaked at 21.7% in November 2022 but has since eased to 11.2% in October;

23 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC)** reports to have registered 137 projects worth TSh 5.2 trillion (\$2.06 billion) in the first quarter of the 2023/2024 financial year (July to September);

23 Nov 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africanews*. **M23** rebels claim to have seized **Mewso** town after days of fighting between the rebel group and the army, raising further security concerns ahead of the 20 December presidential election;

22 Nov 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *The East African*. **United States** national intelligence director **Avril Haines** says she has secured promises from President **Felix Tshisekedi** and his **Rwandan** counterpart, **Paul Kagame**, to de-escalate tensions in eastern DRC;

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