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1 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Japan** announces a \$500,000 grant to the **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)** in Tanzania to assist with the influx of asylum seekers from **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**;

31 Oct 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *The East African*. **European Union (EU)** announces \$106m in aid to help Rwanda combat rising food insecurity;

31 Oct 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *IMF*. **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** reaches a staff-level agreement with authorities on second reviews of Rwanda's **Policy Coordination Instrument and Resilience and Sustainability Facility** and agree on a new 14-month **Stand-by Credit Facility** for \$262m;

31 Oct 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania's 13 first-tier banks report a 33% increase in profits over the past nine months, indicating a significant upswing in the banking sector's performance;

30 Oct 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Energy Capital & Power*. **African Development Bank (AfDB)** provides Burundi with \$13.15m to support a water sector and climate resilience building support programme;

30 Oct 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Arab News*. President **Evariste Ndayishimiye** meets with **Saudi Arabia's** foreign affairs minister **Adel bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir**, who thanks Ndayishimiye for his support for Saudi Arabia to host **Expo 2030** and the **2023 FIFA World Cup**;

30 Oct 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. **Australia**-headquartered **AVZ Minerals** announces its intention to file an emergency arbitration application seeking injunctive relief against **Cominiere**, forbidding any transaction related to the disputed **Manono** lithium mine. **China's Zijin mining** has been granted rights over the northeast tenement of the mine, rights that were previously owned by AVZ Minerals;

30 Oct 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. Kenya says it will eliminate destination charges for importers from landlocked **East African Community (EAC)** partners using the **Port of Mombasa**, resulting in significant savings, in response to increased competition from the **Port of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)**;

30 Oct 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. **International Finance Corporation** provides \$2.9 billion in long-term and short-term financing to businesses in Kenya, **Tanzania** and **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**;

30 Oct 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** staff commence a visit to Nairobi as **Central Bank of Kenya** governor **Kamau Thugge** says they are discussing a possible augmentation of its existing loan programme, which would be the third increase to the loan programme, set at \$2.3 billion in 2021;

30 Oct 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Germany's** President **Frank-Walter Steinmeier** arrives in Tanzania for a three-day visit alongside a delegation of government officials and investors from 12 large companies;

30 Oct 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. **European Union (EU)** says it will invest €60m (\$63m) to upgrade one of Uganda's largest hydropower plants;

29 Oct 2023 **Khartoum (Sudan)** *Bloomberg*. The **Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF)** and **Rapid Support Forces (RSF)** are currently in negotiations for a ceasefire in **Jeddah** to put an end to months of fighting for control of the nation, with talks aiming to facilitate the delivery of much-needed humanitarian aid to the affected areas;

27 Oct 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Ethiopian News Agency*. **Ethiopian Electricity Power (EEP)** says revenue from electricity exports to neighbouring counties, including **Djibouti, Kenya** and **Sudan**, reached \$21.4m in the first quarter of its current financial year;

26 Oct 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Bloomberg*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** assures neighbouring countries that force will not be used to secure access to a sea port after tensions arose earlier in October when Abiy claimed the landlocked nation has a right to access the **Red Sea** and in response, **Eritrea** moved troops closer to the shared border;

26 Oct 2023 **Brazzaville (Republic of Congo)** *Africanews*. Ten heads of state including those from **Burundi, Kenya** and **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** attend the **Three Basins Summit** to discuss protecting forests in **Central Africa**;

26 Oct 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Agence Française de Développement (AFD)** (French development agency) and **European Union (EU)** will contribute \$154m for the construction of the **Kakono Hydropower Plant** on the **Kagera River**, which represents about half of the total cost of the project;

26 Oct 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** and her **Zambian** counterpart, **Hakainde Hichilema**, sign eight memoranda of understanding including a cooperation deal for the development of a natural gas export project. The new pipeline will transport liquefied natural gas from Tanzania to Zambia and is part of expansion plans of the **Tazama** oil pipeline;

26 Oct 2023 **Nyala (Sudan)** *Reuters*. The paramilitary **Rapid Support Forces (RSF)** capture **Nyala**, the second-largest city in Sudan, from Sudan's army, which could mark a turning point in the six-month war and comes as the two sides wish to reopen negotiations in **Jeddah**;

25 Oct 2023 **Goma (DRC)** *The Citizen*. Fighting between **M23 rebels** and armed forces intensifies near Goma, with the **United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)** reporting that over 200,000 people have been displaced from the region since the beginning of October;

25 Oct 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Bloomberg*. The world's largest climate fund, **South Korea-based Green Climate Fund**, pledges to invest \$39.1m to help Rwanda tackle climate change through the restoration of the nation's only remaining montane forest, claiming the project will stabilise vulnerable communities dependent on the country's natural resources;

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