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17 Jan 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *BNN Breaking*. Djibouti dispatches 817 peacekeeping troops to **Somalia** as part of the ongoing **African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM)**;

17 Jan 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Daily Monitor*. President **Yoweri Museveni** confirms he will meet his **Kenyan** counterpart, **William Ruto**, to discuss bilateral trade matters on the side lines of the 42nd **Intergovernmental Authority of Development (IGAD)** summit;

16 Jan 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *The East African*. **Rwanda's** military says it has killed a Congolese soldier and arrested two others who crossed their shared border amid tensions between the two countries. DRC's military has not independently confirmed that the deceased was a soldier;

16 Jan 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *VOA News*. **United States** says it sees national security concerns in the agreement between Ethiopia and **Somaliland** giving Ethiopia access to the **Red Sea** via leasing rights;

16 Jan 2024 **Khartoum (Sudan)** *AP*. Sudan suspends ties with the **Intergovernmental Authority of Development (IGAD)**, which is hosting its 42nd summit in **Uganda** from 18 January, over IGAD's decision to invite **Rapid Support Forces (RSF)** leader General **Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo** to the summit. IGAD has also been attempting to mediate between Sudan's army and the RSF paramilitary group;

16 Jan 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania says it has reinstated approval for **Kenya Airways** to operate flights between **Nairobi** and Dar es Salaam after a brief suspension;

16 Jan 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *NBS*. The **East African Trade, Tourism and Investment Forum** takes place in **Kampala (Uganda)** as an official sidelines event of the 19th **Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit**;

16 Jan 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The East African*. Developers of the **East African Crude Oil Pipeline Project (EACOP)** that will transport crude from oilfields in western **Uganda** to Tanzania's port of **Tanga** for export, are racing against time to complete a rigorous due diligence process that **Chinese** lenders require before deciding whether to bankroll the project at a value of \$3 billion. Industry sources say Chinese lenders are at least six months away from making the final decision;

16 Jan 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Daily Monitor*. **Uganda National Transport Alliance** says the border closure between **Rwanda** and **Burundi** over tensions between the two is impacting transport routes, forcing trucks carrying exports to take a more costly route via **Tanzania**;

16 Jan 2024 **London (United Kingdom)** *ENCA*. United Kingdom's parliament begins two days of debate over the plan to send migrants to **Rwanda**;

15 Jan 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. A report by the **European Union**-funded **Centre for Research on Public Finance and Local Development** says the **Commission Electorale Nationale Indépendante (CENI)** (national independent electoral commission) has failed to

account for \$400m in funding it received from the state and awarded opaque procurement contracts ahead of the December presidential election;

15 Jan 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Anadolu Agency*. **Somalia's** prime minister **Hamza Abdi Barre** warns Ethiopia against intervening in Somali territories and calls the sea access agreement signed between Ethiopia and **Somaliland** earlier in January void;

15 Jan 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Nation*. President **Willian Ruto** confirms he will meet **Uganda's** President **Yoweri Museveni** to discuss the ongoing dispute regarding fuel importation that saw Uganda sue Kenya in the **East African Court of Justice**;

15 Jan 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Business Daily*. **African Development Bank (AfDB)** says it will restrict its funding of infrastructure projects in Kenya to the transport and water sectors in a bid to lift economic productivity;

15 Jan 2024 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *SABC News*. **East African Community (EAC)** urges **Burundi** and **Rwanda** to adopt peaceful measures of resolving their current tensions for the good of the region;

15 Jan 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The **Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA)** announces the suspension of all passenger flights between **Nairobi** and **Dar es Salaam** operated by **Kenya's** national carrier, **Kenya Airways (KQ)**, effective 22 January, in response to Kenya's recent denial of Tanzania's request for cargo flights by its carrier, **Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL)**, between Nairobi and Dar es Salaam. KQ operates 33 scheduled flights per week between Nairobi and Dar es Salaam;

15 Jan 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Anadolu Agency*. The 19th **Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)** summit begins in Uganda, bringing together 120 member states, 18 observer states and 10 organisations;

14 Jan 2024 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **South Africa**-based mining company **AngloGold Ashanti** recommences exploration activities in Tanzania using its newly formed company, **Greenfield Exploration Ltd**, as it seeks discoveries to complement the existing mines with CEO **Alberto Calderon** saying President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** has fostered a favourable investment climate in Tanzania;

13 Jan 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera*. **United Nations (UN)** confirms that all peacekeepers will leave the DRC by the end of 2024;

13 Jan 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Garowe Online*. **United States** welcomes the planned extraordinary summit by the **Inter-Governmental Authority for Development (IGAD)** set to discuss the tensions between **Somalia** and Ethiopia regarding sea access;

13 Jan 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *New Times*. Rwanda asks the **Burundian** government to respect international obligations and protect Rwandans who are stranded in Burundi following Burundi's decision to close the border between the two countries;

13 Jan 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *North Africa Post*. **Rwanda Development Board (RDB)** meets with **Gabonese** authorities to discuss investment in Gabon's tourism sector;

13 Jan 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Business Insider Africa*. **World Bank** forecasts that Uganda's growth will reach 6% in 2024 from 5.3% in 2023 off the back of infrastructure investment ahead of oil production in 2025;

13 Jan 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Africanews*. **Uganda Revenue Authority (URA)** confirms authorities arrested **Kenya's** former assistant minister for internal security, **Stephen Tarus**, on charges of smuggling gold into Uganda using counterfeit documents;

12 Jan 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *New Times*. **United Nations World Economic Situation and Prospects 2024** report forecasts that Rwanda's economy will grow 7% in 2024, ranking first in **East Africa**;

12 Jan 2024 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The **East African Legislative Assembly (EALA)** announces that it will review its Rules of Procedure following the expansion of the **East African Community (EAC)** to include the **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)** in 2022;

11 Jan 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *The East African*. Government announces it has closed its border with **Rwanda**, two weeks after accusing Rwanda of supporting the rebel group **RED-Tabara** that carried out an attack in Burundi on 22 December;

11 Jan 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *AFP*. **United States** congratulates President **Felix Tshisekedi** on winning a second term in office but joins the **European Union (EU)** in calling for electoral reforms in the country;

11 Jan 2024 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Ahram*. President **Isaias Afwerki** meets with **Egypt's** foreign minister, **Sameh Shoukry**, to discuss bilateral relations and regional developments of mutual interest;

11 Jan 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Financial Times*. **Somalia** calls on Ethiopia to end the agreement it signed with **Somaliland** giving Ethiopia access to a stretch of Somaliland's coastline;

11 Jan 2024 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Deputy prime minister and energy minister **Doto Biteko**, speaking at the signing of a cooperation agreement between the **Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC)** and Tanzania-based **Ndovu Gas Drilling Company** in **Ruvuma**, announces plans to cut fuel import bills by 28% by 2050 through increased exploration and drilling of local natural gas;

11 Jan 2024 **New York (United States)** *Reuters*. **Germany**-based software company **SAP** agrees to pay the **US Department of Justice** \$222m to settle investigations into bribery schemes in seven countries including **Azerbaijan, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Indonesia** and **South Africa**;

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