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21 Feb 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. Energy generating company **KenGen** managing director **Peter Njenga** says KenGen will soon sign a contract to drill three explorative wells in **Tanzania** as the country seeks to plug into geothermal energy and KenGen aims to cement its revenue diversification by venturing into markets outside Kenya;

20 Feb 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Reuters*. **United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations** says a vessel sustained superficial damage after being hit by a drone in the **Red Sea**, 60 nautical miles north of Djibouti;

20 Feb 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *The East African*. State-owned miner **Gecamines** says it is seeking to negotiate higher stakes from copper and cobalt joint ventures while leveraging existing shareholding in mines to negotiate off-take contracts as it works to overhaul contracts that are not deemed favourable;

20 Feb 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** says the government is discussing selling a 10% stake in **Ethio Telecom** via the **Ethiopian Securities Exchange (ESX)**;

20 Feb 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. Treasury reports that public debt increased to \$13.3 billion in the year ended December 2023, bringing Kenya's indebtedness levels to a new high of \$76.83 billion;

20 Feb 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *France24*. **France** calls on Rwanda to end “all support” for **M23** rebels in eastern **Democratic Republic Congo (DRC)** and to remove any soldiers from the country;

20 Feb 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **African Development Bank (AfDB)** projects that Tanzania's economy will grow by 6.1% this year, ahead of its **East African** peers, except **Rwanda**, which will grow by 7.2%;

19 Feb 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *The Citizen*. Burundi officially joins the **Southern African Development Community (SADC) Mission in Democratic Republic of Congo (SAMIDRC)** deployed in eastern DRC;

19 Feb 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *ENA*. Finance ministry and **Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa** sign a \$49.5m financing agreement;

19 Feb 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Business Daily*. Trade numbers indicate that imports from **Tanzania** fell by KSh10.23 billion (\$70.79m) off the back of renewed trade barriers and tensions;

19 Feb 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *AFP*. President **Paul Kagame** says Rwanda is securing its airspace in the face of threats of attacks from the **Democratic Republic of Congo** and **Burundi** and to degrade their offensive air capabilities;

19 Feb 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *EU*. **European Union** and Rwanda sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on sustainable raw materials value chains;

19 Feb 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Tanzanian and **Egyptian** officials meet to discuss cooperation and opportunities in the transport sector;

19 Feb 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *APA News*. Uganda and **Rwanda** agree to enhance parliamentary cooperation;

18 Feb 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera*. **United States (US)** condemns the growing violence in DRC, while condemning **Rwanda** for supporting the drivers of the violence, the **M23** rebels, calling on Rwanda to withdraw all **Rwanda Defense Force** personnel and its surface-to-air missile systems, which the US says threatens lives;

18 Feb 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *BBC*. **African Union (AU)** unveils a statue at its headquarters in **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** to honour former Tanzanian president **Mwalimu Julius Nyerere**'s contribution to Africa's liberation struggles;

18 Feb 2024 **The Hague (The Netherlands)** *Sky News*. Riots break out between two rival groups of **Eritreans**, those loyal to the government and those who are not, in The Hague, with police firing tear gas at the groups that burned police cars and a bus;

18 Feb 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Nation*. Authorities deny claims circulating on social media that Uganda is backing **M23** rebels in the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**;

17 Feb 2024 **Goma (DRC)** *La Prosperité*. DRC accuses **Rwanda** of carrying out a drone attack that damaged a civilian aircraft at the Goma airport;

17 Feb 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Al Jazeera*. **Somalia's** President **Hassan Sheikh Mohamud** accuses Ethiopia of trying to annex a part of the country's territory through its **Red Sea** deal with **Somaliland**;

17 Feb 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. **Economic Intelligence Unit's** latest **Democracy Index 2023** reports that Kenya, **Burundi** and **Uganda** have failed to improve on governance and democratic values for the last three years, causing an erosion of trust in political elites;

16 Feb 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Daily News*. Tanzania has been re-elected as a member of the **African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC)** with a two-year mandate effective 1 April 2024;

15 Feb 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera*. Rebel group **CODECO** kills at least 12 people and kidnaps 16 others at a gold mine near **Djugu** district in **Ituri** province;

15 Feb 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Africanews*. Government dismisses allegations that soldiers massacred a group of civilians last month as Western nations, including the **United States** and the **United Kingdom**, call for investigations;

15 Feb 2024 **Mtwara (Tanzania)** *Energy Capital Power*. State-owned **Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC)** acquires a 20% additional stake in the **Mnazi Bay** natural gas project in the **Mtwara** region in a deal worth \$23.6m, bringing the TPDC's total share in the project to 40%;

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