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28 Feb 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *The East African*. President **Felix Tshisekedi** says he is willing to meet with his **Rwandan** counterpart, **Paul Kagame**, over the ongoing tensions between the two countries and the instability in eastern DRC;

27 Feb 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Asharq Al-Awsat*. Officials confirm container handling at Djibouti's largest port, **Doraleh Port**, has increased by 10%, driven by the unrest in the **Red Sea** and **Gulf of Aden** which has led to more ships entering Djiboutian ports;

27 Feb 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Defence Web*. **United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS)** says **Denmark** and **Japan** have made sizeable donations that will allow it to continue humanitarian mine action activities and operations in Ethiopia this year;

27 Feb 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The **United Kingdom (UK)**'s export credit agency, **UK Export Finance**, expresses its readiness to support eco-friendly projects in Tanzania with a credit guarantee of nearly £2 billion (\$2.5 billion);

26 Feb 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *France24*. **French** publication **Africa Intelligence** confirms authorities arrested their journalist, **Antoine Galindo**, who was in the country to cover the recent **African Union** summit and who reportedly met with an official from the **Oromo Liberation Front (OLF)** before his arrest, calling the arrest unjustified;

26 Feb 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *ENA*. Foreign affairs minister **Taye Atseke-Selassie** meets with **Djibouti**'s ambassador to Ethiopia, **Abdi Mahmoud Ibe**, to discuss bilateral and regional issues of mutual interest;

26 Feb 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Moneyweb*. The **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** places Kenya and **Namibia** on its grey list (jurisdictions under increased monitoring), citing deficiencies in efforts to tackle illicit financial flows and terrorism financing, and also removes **Uganda** from the grey list, four years after it was initially placed under enhanced monitoring;

26 Feb 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Africanews*. The sixth session of the **United Nations Environment Assembly** takes place in Nairobi, with a focus on how multilateralism can help solve climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution;

26 Feb 2024 **Tanga (Tanzania)** *The East African*. **Uganda** and Tanzania are reportedly close to reaching an agreement that will see the former import fuel via the port of **Tanga**, the second-largest port in Tanzania;

26 Feb 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. President **Yoweri Museveni** meets with **Kenyan** opposition leader **Raila Odinga** who is currently campaigning for chairmanship of the **African Union Commission**;

25 Feb 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Africanews*. Government spokesperson **Jérôme Niyonzima** says **Red-Tabara** rebel group killed at least nine people in an attack in western **Bubanza** province, and once again accuses **Rwanda** of supporting the group;

25 Feb 2024 **Cairo (Egypt)** *Daily News Egypt*. President **Abdel Fattah El-Sisi** meets with his **Eritrean** counterpart, **Isaias Afwerki**, to discuss regional issues and improving bilateral cooperation;

24 Feb 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Bank of Tanzania (BoT)** (central bank) launches a new round of treasury bonds in an effort to contain domestic debt and improve money supply amid shortages of foreign currency;

24 Feb 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The East Africa*. Uganda's security apparatus says the renewed fighting in neighbouring **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** has put it on high alert;

23 Feb 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *The East African*. **Kenya Power** data shows that Ethiopia is now supplying 11% of the utility's power, making it Kenya Power's fourth largest source of power supply;

23 Feb 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *The East African*. **South Sudan's** President **Salva Kiir** tours Rwanda, **Burundi** and **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** in his role as **East African Community (EAC)** chairman, meeting with President **Paul Kagame** to discuss de-escalating tensions in eastern DRC;

23 Feb 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **African Development Bank (AfDB)** signs a \$91.76m financing agreement with the government for the construction of the **Standard Gauge Railway (SGR)** that will connect Tanzania to **Burundi** and **Democratic Republic of Congo**;

22 Feb 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Military Africa*. **Turkey** and Djibouti sign three agreements to enhance military cooperation as part of efforts to strengthen bilateral relations;

22 Feb 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *DRC*. **African Development Bank (AfDB)** approves a \$7m trade finance guarantee facility for **Access Bank RDC** to support small and medium-sized enterprises;

22 Feb 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africanews*. Prime minister **Michel Sama Lukonde**, elected as a member of parliament (MP) in DRC's December elections, resigns his post as prime minister, prompting a dissolution of government;

22 Feb 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *CNBC Africa*. **National Bank of Rwanda** (central bank) maintains its monetary policy rate at 7.5%, adding that inflation currently stands at 5%, which is within the central bank's target band;

22 Feb 2024 **Dodoma (Tanzania)** *Ikulu*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** has appointed former **Tanzania Petroleum Development Company (TPDC)** managing director **James Peter Mataragio** as the energy ministry's deputy permanent secretary, replacing **Athumani Selemani Mbuttuka**, who will be assigned to other duties;

22 Feb 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Business Insider Africa*. **European Union (EU)** head of delegation to Uganda, **Jan Sandek**, reveals that out of the €1.5 billion (\$1.62m) worth of trade between the two markets, Uganda exported €800m (\$866.21m) compared to the EU's €700m (\$757.93m), marking the first time Uganda has exported more to the EU than it has imported;

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