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13 Feb 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Iwacu*. President **Evariste Ndayishimiye** meets with a **United Nations (UN)** delegation comprising special envoy of the secretary general for the **Great Lakes** region **Huang Xia** and special representative of the secretary general in **Central Africa**, **Abdou Abarry**, to discuss insecurity in eastern **Democratic Republic of Congo** and tensions with **Rwanda**;

13 Feb 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Arab News*. **International Islamic Trade Finance Corp.** signs a \$90m **Murabah** agreement with Djibouti to secure energy supply through the import of petroleum products;

13 Feb 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *The East African*. **United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)** condemns a bomb explosion in the **Zaina** refugee camp on 11 February that killed several people and injured others;

13 Feb 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Al Jazeera*. **Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC)** says federal security forces killed at least 45 civilians in a massacre in **Amhara** state in late January;

13 Feb 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** arrives in **Norway** for a diplomatic visit, the first Tanzanian state visit to Norway since 1976;

12 Feb 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Arab News*. President **Ismail Omar Guelleh** says that Djibouti is committed to ensuring maritime security in the **Red Sea** and is working with partners including the **United States, France, United Kingdom** and **Saudi Arabia**;

12 Feb 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Tech Cabal*. **National Bank of Egypt (NBE)** (central bank) reports inflation increased to 28.7% in December from 28.3% in November 2023

12 Feb 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East Africa*. **Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (Epra)** data show Kenya’s electricity imports from **Uganda** increased 18.4% driven by larger demand;

12 Feb 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Star*. President **William Ruto** holds talks with his **Rwandan** counterpart, **Paul Kagame**, on the side lines of the **World Governments Summit** in the **United Arab Emirates**;

12 Feb 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *News24*. A **United Nations** report states that Rwanda is using sophisticated weaponry such as surface-to-air missiles in eastern **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** as a way to support the **M23** rebels;

12 Feb 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** will meet with **Pope Francis** during her visit to the **Vatican City** commencing today;

12 Feb 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The East African*. Tanzania is reportedly courting **Ugandan** businesses to utilise the port of **Dar es Salaam** by offering incentives, including 30 days’ free storage for all imports and a dedicated goods shed at the port;

12 Feb 2024 **London (United Kingdom)** *Financial Times*. A cross-party parliamentary committee warns that the UK's **Rwanda** asylum bill is “*fundamentally incompatible*” with the UK's human rights obligations;

11 Feb 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *AFP*. A cabinet document reveals that the government intends to end a two-year moratorium on capital punishment for soldiers found guilty of treason amid escalating violence with the **M23** rebel group;

11 Feb 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *New Times*. Ethiopia and **Rwanda's** 3rd **Joint Ministerial Commission** meeting results in the signing of various new cooperation agreements in a bid to strengthen ties;

11 Feb 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Business Insider Africa*. **Uganda Revenue Authority (URA)** implements stricter measures around the export of gold, insisting that only exports with a proof of clearance of all payments will be allowed;

10 Feb 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Sudan Tribune*. President **Ismail Guelleh** dispatches a special envoy to **Sudan** in a bid to persuade Sudan's de facto leader, **Abdel Fattah al-Burhan**, to reverse his decision to suspend Sudan's membership of the **Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)**;

10 Feb 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Government and **Japan**-headquartered **Toyota** sign a framework agreement for collaboration in vehicle manufacturing and renewable energy development;

8 Feb 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *AFP*. Thousands continue to flee violence as fighting intensifies around **Goma**, the capital of **North Kivu Province**, with rebels surrounding the strategic town of **Sake** which will impact the logistics flow to Congolese armed forces;

8 Feb 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *ENCA*. Parliament approves the appointment of **National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS)** chief **Temesen Tiruneh** as deputy prime minister, with national security advisor **Redwan Hussein** replacing Tiruneh as NISS head;

8 Feb 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Bloomberg*. **China** has presented a plan to spend more than \$1 billion refurbishing a key railway connecting **Zambia's** copper heartland with the **Indian Ocean** port of **Dar es Salaam** in neighbouring Tanzania;

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