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5 Mar 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *The Peninsula*. President **Felix Tshisekedi** leaves **Doha (Qatar)** after a working visit to meet with the Emir of Qatar, **Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani**;

5 Mar 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. The **Stanbic Bank Kenya Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)** increases to 51.3 in February from 49.8 in January, signaling that the private sector recorded its first expansion since August;

5 Mar 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *AP*. Police confirm two planes collided midair above the **Nairobi National Park**, killing two people;

5 Mar 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Bloomberg*. **Bank of Uganda** (central bank) says it will hold an unscheduled meeting on 6 March after the Ugandan shilling fell to a record low of 3,957.50 per **United States** dollar;

5 Mar 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Reuters*. Container group **MSC** says its **MSC Sky II** was hit by a missile near **Aden (Yemen)** and will continue its journey to Djibouti for further assessment;

4 Mar 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Bloomberg*. **United States** expresses concern over continuing human rights abuses in Ethiopia that may impact its ability to secure funding from multilateral lenders;

4 Mar 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *CBK*. **Central Bank of Kenya (CBK)** says its **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** will hold its next rate-meeting on 3 April;

4 Mar 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *The East African*. **World Bank** projects Rwanda's economy will grow 7.2% between 2024 and 2026 driven by tourism, new construction projects and increased manufacturing activities;

4 Mar 2024 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *CGTN Africa*. **Somalia** is formally admitted into the **East African Community (EAC)** with its deposit of the instrument of ratification on the treaty of accession at the EAC headquarters in **Arusha**;

4 Mar 2024 **London (United Kingdom)** *Financial Times*. The **House of Lords** votes for five amendments to prime minister **Rishi Sunak's** controversial asylum bill that involves sending asylum seekers to **Rwanda**;

3 Mar 2024 **Goma (DRC)** *Africanews*. Chiefs of defence staff of the **Southern African Development Community (SADC)** hold a high-level meeting in Goma to discuss ongoing operations in the region and strategies to improve;

3 Mar 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Foreign affairs minister **January Makamba** clarifies that the **East African Community (EAC)** single currency will be finalised by 2031, despite earlier reports showing a proposed specimen of the currency;

2 Mar 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *The East African*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** signs a series of bilateral agreements with **Tanzania's** President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** in the fields of agriculture, trade, energy and air transport;

2 Mar 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The Standard*. President **William Ruto** and **Haitian** prime minister **Ariel Henry** sign an agreement that paves the way for the deployment of Kenyan police officers to Haiti under a mission with the **United Nations**;

2 Mar 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **United States (US)** warns Tanzania of a likely exodus of investors in its LNG project if it continues to face delays over negotiation technicalities;

1 Mar 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East Africa*. **European Parliament** endorses the **European Union (EU)-Kenya Economic Partnership Agreement**, paving way for heads of state and government to give final approval;

1 Mar 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Finance minister **Mwigulu Nchemba**, says he is confident that the supply of dollars in Tanzania will stabilise once mega projects are operational, easing the pressure of importing necessary equipment;

1 Mar 2024 **London (United Kingdom)** *Africanews*. Spending watchdog, the **National Audit Office (NAO)**, says the UK will pay **Rwanda** at least \$470m as part of its plan to send asylum seekers to Rwanda;

29 Feb 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Africanews*. Army officials confirms that it has detained dozens of soldiers who refused to deploy to eastern **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** to fight against **M23** rebels;

29 Feb 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Le Monde*. Foreign affairs minister **Christophe Lutundula** calls for international sanctions against **Rwanda**, reiterating DRC's stance that Rwanda is supporting the **M23** rebels;

29 Feb 2024 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *VOA*. **United Nations Human Rights Council** hears reports from experts who warn that Eritrea maintains an iron grip on citizens through repression and widespread, systemic impunity for grave human rights violations;

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;

28 Feb 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Africanews*. President **William Ruto** hosts **Ethiopia's** prime minister, **Abiy Ahmed**, marking Abiy's first visit to Kenya since 2020;

28 Feb 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Bloomberg*. Tanzania is reportedly delaying key agreements needed to realise a \$42 billion liquefied natural gas plant, slowing a project that developers, **Norway-based Equinor ASA** and **British-based Shell**, warn has limited time to become a reality before demand for fossil fuels begins to wane;

28 Feb 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *DW*. **International Criminal Court** awards victims of former **Lord's Resistance Army (LRA)** commander **Dominic Ongwen** over \$56m in compensation;

28 Feb 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Uganda registers the highest trade surplus with DRC, \$53.07m, in the **East African Community (EAC)**;

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