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13 Mar 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The East African*. **Agathon Rwaswa**, leader of **Burundi's** main opposition party, **National Freedom Congress (CNL)**, was controversially removed from his position while on a trip to **Dar es Salaam** on 10 March;

12 Mar 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Africanews*. Federal government and representatives from **Tigray** hold talks on lingering issues regarding the implementation of the November 2022 ceasefire between federal soldiers and the **Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF)**;

12 Mar 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Kenya pauses its deployment of 1,000 police officers to **Haiti** following the resignation of Haiti's prime minister, **Ariel Henry**;

12 Mar 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *World Bank*. In its 20th edition of **Tanzania Economic Update**, the **World Bank** says the number of Tanzanians living in poverty surged from 14 million in 2018 to 17.3 million in 2023;

12 Mar 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The East African*. **Equity Bank Uganda**, a local subsidiary of **Kenya-based Equity Bank**, confirms employees are under investigation for an alleged \$16m loans fraud;

11 Mar 2024 **Luanda (Angola)** *News24*. Angola will host a meeting between **Rwanda's** President **Paul Kagame** and **Democratic Republic of Congo's (DRC)** President **Felix Tshisekedi** to discuss the ongoing security issues in eastern DRC;

11 Mar 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *AMA*. Djibouti's sovereign wealth fund, **Fonds Souverain de Djibouti**, announces its upcoming **Djibouti Forum – Gateway of Opportunities** will take place between 12 and 14 May to showcase potential and investment opportunities in Djibouti;

11 Mar 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Business Daily*. **Kenya Power and Lighting Company's (KPLC)** debt to **United States (US)** energy firm **Ormat Technology** reaches KSh 4.31 billion (\$30.89m) with the US firm warning of financial exposure due to the deteriorating pace of payments by KPLC;

11 Mar 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *New Times*. Foreign affairs and **East African** cooperation minister **January Makamba** travels to **Rwanda** on a bilateral visit accompanied by representatives from the transport, trade and industry, agriculture and energy ministries;

9 Mar 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Garowe Online*. Ethiopia is reportedly considering withdrawing from its agreement with **Somaliland** granting it access to the **Red Sea** over growing pressure from the international community;

9 Mar 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *ENA*. The ruling **Prosperity Party (PP)** calls for the strengthening of relations and cooperation with **Djibouti's** ruling **People's Rally for Progress (RPP)**;

9 Mar 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *France24*. The ruling **Rwandan Patriotic Front** nominates President **Paul Kagame** as its presidential candidate for the upcoming July election, when it is widely expected that Kagame will win a fourth seven-year term;

9 Mar 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Investors speaking at the **Kenyan Diaspora in Tanzania Forum** say they are seeking to raise the number of Kenya-backed projects in Tanzania by 100% in coming years;

9 Mar 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The East African*. A local water utility, **Tanga Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (Tanga UWASA)** issues a green bond of TSh 53.12 billion (\$20.8m), a first in **East Africa** by a sub-national entity, in efforts to boost water conservation and access to the critical resource;

8 Mar 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. **International Organisation for Migration (IOM)** says Kenya is hosting over one million foreign migrants, with the largest number coming from **Somalia**, followed by **Uganda, South Sudan** and **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**;

7 Mar 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *North Africa Post*. Local officials report that the **M23** rebel group has seized the town of **Nyanzale** in eastern DRC, killing at least 15 people and displacing thousands in the process;

7 Mar 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *ENA*. Foreign affairs minister **Taye Atske Selassie** meets with his **Danish** counterpart, **Lars Løkke Rasmussen**, to discuss bilateral relations and regional and continental issues of common interest;

7 Mar 2024 **Maputo (Mozambique)** *The Africa Report*. Parliament ratifies an extradition treaty with **Rwanda** despite fears that Rwanda will use it to persecute exiled dissidents;

7 Mar 2024 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. While addressing the **East African Legislative Assembly (EALA)** on 5 March, **Kenya's** President **William Ruto** says that **East African Community (EAC)** leaders will back one candidate for chairmanship of the **African Union Commission (AUC)**, Kenyan opposition leader **Raila Odinga**;

6 Mar 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *IMF*. **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** completes its fifth review of Uganda's **Extended Credit Facility (ECF)**, allowing for the immediate disbursement of \$120m;

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