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2 Apr 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Daily Maverick*. **South Africa's National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) Asset Forfeiture Unit (AFU)** obtains a preservation order for bank accounts and properties of former Brigadier **Ngoy Timothee Makwamba**, whom the DRC assigned as defence attaché to South Africa;

2 Apr 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Bloomberg*. **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** mission concludes a visit to Ethiopia without agreeing on a programme, saying it will extend talks later this month;

2 Apr 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The Star*. President **William Ruto** departs Kenya for a three-day state visit to **Ghana**;

2 Apr 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Africanews*. The **Medical Practitioners, Pharmacists and Dentists Union** holds a protest in **Kisumu** and convenes a general assembly in Nairobi as talks between the government and union continue after three weeks;

2 Apr 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. A new report indicates Tanzania recorded merger and acquisition deals worth \$284.9m in 2023, placing it second behind **Kenya** in the region;

2 Apr 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Bank of Tanzania (BoT)** (central bank) says it will announce the next central bank rates (CBR) on 4 April, having set its main interest rate at 5.5% in January;

1 Apr 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Africanews*. Foreign affairs minister **Birtukan Ayano** says that from early April Ethiopia will repatriate approximately 70,000 of its nationals living in **Saudi Arabia**;

1 Apr 2024 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *APA News*. As part of the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of ties, a **Russian** navy delegation arrives at the port of **Massawa** to meet with counterparts;

1 Apr 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *AP*. President **Felix Tshisekedi** appoints **Judith Suminwa Tuluka** as DRC's first female prime minister, fulfilling one of Tshisekedi's campaign promises;

1 Apr 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Africanews*. The **Liberal Party** and **Social Democratic Party** endorse **Rwandan Patriotic Front** candidate President **Paul Kagame** for the July presidential election;

1 Apr 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *News Central TV*. All regions in Tanzania experience major power outages as the **Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO)** faces challenges in the national electricity grid transmission system;

1 Apr 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The East African*. **African Development Bank (AfDB)** bans **China Henan International Corporation Group** for engaging in "fraudulent activity" in a project the AfDB is funding in Uganda;

30 Mar 2024 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *The East African*. **Kenya** and Tanzania agree to resolve at least 14 trade barriers that have stifled business between the two **East African** economies;

28 Mar 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Garowe Online*. Djibouti and **Kenya** say they are working to mediate the conflict between **Somalia** and **Ethiopia** over their contentious port deal;

28 Mar 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Kenya and **Uganda** agree to import petroleum products through the **Port of Mombasa**, ending a months-long stalemate between the countries over the issue;

28 Mar 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *The East African*. **United Nations Human Rights Committee (UNHRC)** calls on the **United Kingdom (UK)** to abandon its plans to deport refugees to Rwanda;

27 Mar 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Global Coffee Report*. **Switzerland**-headquartered **Nespresso** announces it will invest \$20m to revive the specialty coffee industry in DRC;

27 Mar 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Africanews*. **Commercial Bank of Ethiopia** says it has recouped nearly 80% of the cash it lost during a glitch in its system that allowed customers to withdraw more money than they had in their accounts;

27 Mar 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **India, Mozambique** and Tanzania hold a joint maritime exercise;

27 Mar 2024 **Tabora (Tanzania)** *The East African*. The **East African Crude Oil Pipeline project (EACOP)** inaugurates a coating plant that will prepare and insulate all the line pipes to be laid on the 1,443 km-long route from **Hoima** district in western **Uganda** to the Tanzanian port of **Tanga**;

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