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- 7 May 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *The Peninsula.* **Qatar** and Djibouti sign an agreement to enhance collaboration in the tourism sector;
- 7 May 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *The East African.* **Ethiopian Coffee and Tea Authority (ECTA)** says coffee exports earned \$835m in revenue over the past nine months;
- 6 May 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** News24. **Southern African Development Community Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (SAMIDRC)** says it will conduct an armed operation to reopen humanitarian corridors that the **M23** rebels have blocked in **North Kivu** province;
- 6 May 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters.* **Kenya Airways** confirms that its two staff members detained in **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** have been released, allowing flights to DRC to resume;
- 6 May 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *SABC News.* Former opposition leader **Victoire Ingabire Umuhoza** files a case before the **East African Court of Justice (EACJ)** seeking the reestablishment of her civic rights, including the right to stand in the upcoming July election;
- 6 May 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Reuters.* Finance minister **Uzziel Ndagijimana** announces the 2024/2025 budget, which increases spending by 11% to RF 5.69 trillion (\$4.43 billion);
- 6 May 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Xinhua*. Tanzania's 396-kilometre major highway connecting the port city of **Dar es Salaam** and the southern regions of **Lindi** and **Mtwara** is closed until further notice after flash floods the previous day washed away at least four main bridges;
- 4 May 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera*. Twin bombs kill at least 12 people in two displacement camps near **Goma (North Kivu)**, with the DRC government subsequently accusing **Rwanda** of being behind the attacks;
- 4 May 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Financial Times.* Government introduces a series of emergency measures as floods continue to plague the country, killing at least 200 people and displacing more than 160,000;
- 4 May 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *BBC.* **United States (US)** blames the Rwandan army and **M23** rebels for the bombing of displacement camps near **Goma (Democratic Republic of Congo)**;
- 4 May 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *AP News.* Meteorology department says **Cyclone Hidaya** has significantly weakened as it approaches the coastline but warns residents to remain cautious amid a blackout following heavy rains and strong winds;
- 3 May 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *BBC.* Government orders an evacuation of people living near 179 dams and reservoirs across the country as heavy rains continue across the country;
- 2 May 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Kun.* **Uzbekistan** and Djibouti sign a Joint Communiqué establishing diplomatic relations;



- 2 May 2024 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *APA News.* Eritrea says the **United States Department of State** 2023 human rights report of the country is slanderous and untrue;
- 1 May 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *African Arguments.* Heavy rains causes **Lake Tanganyika** to overflow, displacing thousands of Burundians and submerging parts of Burundi;
- 1 May 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *BBC.* **Rubaya** spokesman **Willy Ngoma** says **M23** rebels have seized the key coltan mining town;
- 1 May 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Horn Observer.* **Somaliland** foreign affairs minister Dr **Essa Kayd** says Somaliland and Ethiopia are close to finalising the agreement that will see Ethiopia establish a naval base along Somaliland's coastline;
- 1 May 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters.* Government confirms that floods and landslides have killed 181 people since March;
- 1 May 2024 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *Daily News.* The **East African Community (EAC)** releases a statement noting that Tanzania and **Kenya** have successfully resolved a longstanding dispute over the export of poultry and poultry products between the two countries;
- 30 Apr 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *RFI.* **French** President **Emmanuel Macron** says **Rwanda** must end its support for **M23** rebels in eastern DRC and withdraw all soldiers from DRC;
- 30 Apr 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The Africa Report.* **Kenya Airways** announces it will suspend flights to **Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo) (DRC)** over the detention of two employees by DRC's military intelligence unit;
- 30 Apr 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen.* Government says it will no longer issue mining licences to investors who lack comprehensive plans for the value addition of minerals in Tanzania;
- 30 Apr 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *DW.* **United Kingdom** imposes sanctions on three members of Uganda's parliament over corruption claims, including parliamentary speaker **Anita Among**;

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