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29 May 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *RFI*. President **Felix Tshisekedi** unveils his new government, nearly five months after his re-election in December;

29 May 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *New Zimbabwe*. Rwanda and **Zimbabwe** sign 30 memoranda of understanding (MoUs) in a bid to strengthen bilateral cooperation;

29 May 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Taarfia*. President **Paul Kagame** arrives in **Kenya** for the **African Development Bank (AfDB)** annual meetings;

28 May 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *AFP*. Former prime minister **Alain-Guillaume Bunyoni** appeals his conviction on charges including attempting to overthrow the government;

28 May 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Sources report multiple grenade explosions in **Dessie**, approximately 400km from Addis Ababa;

27 May 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *AfDB*. **African Development Bank (AfDB)** annual meetings take place in Nairobi until 31 May;

26 May 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Financial Times*. **Somaliland** President **Muse Bihi Abdi** says the country's **Red Sea** access deal with Ethiopia will help secure the **Gulf of Aden** and Red Sea from **Houthi** rebel attacks;

26 May 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Trade Arabia*. **Omani** energy company **ARA Petroleum** announces that its joint venture has secured a 25-year development licence from the Tanzanian energy ministry for the country's largest onshore gas development, the **Ntorya** gas field;

25 May 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Arab News*. **United Nations** reports that 4.38 million people were displaced in Ethiopia between November 2022 and June 2023, largely due to conflict;

24 May 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *BBC*. **United States (US)** President **Joe Biden** names Kenya as a major non-**North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)** ally, the first **sub-Saharan African** country to receive this designation;

24 May 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. **Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority** director general **Daniel Kiptoo** says Kenya is in talks with **Uganda** to end their electricity exchange agreement in favour of a **Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)** to meet local demand;

24 May 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *IPP Media*. Prime minister **Kassim Majaliwa** launches a two-day **Tanzania-Uganda Business Forum**, dedicated to enhancing economic and investment ties between the two countries;

23 May 2024 **Brussels (Belgium)** *Daily News*. **Tanzania's** embassy in Brussels announces that the **European Union** has pledged to provide Tanzania with a €4m (\$4.3m) grant to fund surveying and research of minerals in the country;

23 May 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *News24*. President **Felix Tshisekedi** has a phone call with **United States (US)** secretary of state **Antony Blinken** who assures Tshisekedi of the US' collaboration with Congolese authorities regarding the participation of alleged US citizens in the recent coup attempt;

23 May 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **International Finance Corporation (IFC)** reveals plans to loan **Safaricom Ethiopia** an additional \$350m to support its expansion of telecommunications and mobile money services in Ethiopia;

22 May 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. National assembly elects **Vital Kamerhe** as speaker, making him the number two authority behind President **Felix Tshisekedi**;

22 May 2024 **Cairo (Egypt)** *Daily News Egypt*. Prime minister **Mostafa Madbouly** meets with **Tanzania's** parliamentary speaker, **Tulia Ackson**, to discuss bilateral relations and the progress of the **Julius Nyerere Dam**, a major Tanzania hydropower project being implemented by an Egyptian cohort;

22 May 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Xinhua*. Government announces that the economy is on track to grow 7.9% in the current Ethiopian 2023/2024 financial year which began on 8 July;

22 May 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The Africa Report*. **Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC)** CEO **Joe Sang** says a deal with **Rwanda** for Rwanda to import its oil via **Mombasa** port, and not **Tanzania**, could be finalised in the coming months;

22 May 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The East African*. State-run **National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA)** signs an agreement with **Democratic Republic Congo's (DRC) Quincy Company** to sell 500,000 tonnes of maize to DRC;

21 May 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Canadian** firm **Rocky Mountain GTL** reportedly plans to build a \$420m plant in Tanzania to produce diesel and jet fuel from natural gas with company representatives visiting Tanzania in April and meeting with government officials to discuss investment opportunities;

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