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25 Jun 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Anadolu Agency*. Local media report a military court has sentenced up to 270 soldiers to jail terms ranging between 22 and 30 years for refusing to fight rebels in eastern **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**;

25 Jun 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *AFP*. **United Nations** peacekeeping mission closes its main office in **South Kivu** province as it continues to withdraw its peacekeepers;

25 Jun 2024 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Zawya*. A senior delegation of **Italian** businessmen, led by Italy's enterprises minister, **Adolfo Urso**, arrives in Eritrea to visit various development sites;

25 Jun 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Financial Times*. Addressing the nation, President **William Ruto** says Kenya experienced an “*unprecedented attack on its democracy*” after protestors demonstrating against proposed tax increases stormed parliament;

25 Jun 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Al Jazeera*. Police fire live rounds at protestors trying to storm parliament, killing at least five people;

25 Jun 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. The first police officers assigned to the international force Kenya is leading in **Haiti** arrive in the country;

25 Jun 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Shares of **Australia**-headquartered exploration and mining company **Gladiator Resources**, with a focus on uranium, were up nearly 12% yesterday after the explorer revealed it had uncovered two “highly mineralised” intervals during drilling at its **Mkuju Project** in the **Ruvuma** region;

25 Jun 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Energy ministry announces it is set to start generating electricity from four geothermal sites out of the 27 identified sites, as they are now ready;

24 Jun 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Addis Standard*. **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** publishes its latest **World Investment Report**, revealing that Ethiopia secured \$3.3 billion in foreign direct investment (FDI) in 2023, making it the top FDI destination in **East Africa**;

24 Jun 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *AFP*. **Rwanda Broadcasting Agency** confirms one person was killed during a stampede at President **Paul Kagame**'s campaign rally;

24 Jun 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Africanews*. Presidential campaigning begins ahead of the 15 July election;

23 Jun 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Protestors against the **Finance Bill 2024** heckle President **William Ruto** and other government officials attending a church event;

22 Jun 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. Local authorities say armed rebel group, the **Cooperative for the Development of Congo (CODECO)**, killed at least 23 people in attacks on several villages across **Ituri** province in two days;

21 Jun 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Africa Confidential*. **United States**-based **Media Forensics Hub** suggests that backers of the ruling government are using banned artificial intelligence tools to promote the government's projects and policies on social media platform **X** while flooding **X** with attacks on critics ahead of the 15 July presidential election;

21 Jun 2024 **Juba (South Sudan)** *Radio Tamazuj*. Government asks **Burundian** and **Ethiopian** refugees to return to their home countries as it grapples with a refugee crisis;

21 Jun 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *IPP Media*. **Guinea-Bissau's** President **Umaro Mokhtar Sissoco Embaló** is expected to arrive in the country for a two-day working visit and is scheduled to hold formal talks with counterpart **Samia Suluhu Hassan**;

20 Jun 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Garowe Online*. **Somalia's** candidate for the **African Union Commission (AUC)** chairmanship position, **Fawzia Yusuf Adam**, says she has been pressured to withdraw from the race in favour of Djibouti's candidate, foreign minister **Mohamud Yusuf**, without elaborating why;

20 Jun 2024 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *VOA News*. **United Nations (UN)** special rapporteur on human rights in Ethiopia, **Mohamed Abdelsalam Babiker**, tells the **UN Security Council** that the human rights situation in Eritrea remains dire with patterns of gross human rights violations persisting;

20 Jun 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *BBC*. Demonstrations continue across the country against the **Finance Bill 2024** which parliament is debating;

20 Jun 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *France24*. President **Paul Kagame** says in an interview with **France24** that Rwanda is "ready" to go to war with **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** as tensions between the countries persist;

20 Jun 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Reuters*. **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** executive board approves a total of \$935.6m in funding for Tanzania;

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