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10 Jul 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *VOA*. Burundi and **Rwanda** agree to meet amid heightened tensions that led to a closure of their mutual borders;

10 Jul 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Africa Intelligence*. **France**-headquartered **TotalEnergies** has reportedly secured financial backing from pan-**African** financial institution **Africa Finance Corp** for the **East African Crude Oil Pipeline**;

9 Jul 2024 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *APA News*. President **Isaias Afwerki** hosts **Somalia's** President **Hassan Sheikh Mohamud** for a working visit aimed at cementing closer ties;

9 Jul 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** meets with **Sudanese Armed Forces** chief General **Abdel Fattah al-Burhan**, with Abiy's office calling the meeting an effort to find a solution to Sudan's conflict;

9 Jul 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Anadolu Agency*. Rwanda's government says it has taken note of the **United Kingdom's (UK)** intention to terminate its migration deal;

8 Jul 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **United States** ambassador to Ethiopia **Ervin Massinga** says unknown gunmen kidnapped at least 100 people, including students, for ransom last week in **Oromia Region**;

8 Jul 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. **United States**-headquartered **Moody's** cuts Kenya's sovereign rating to "Caa1" from "B3", deeper into junk territory, citing diminished capacity to implement a fiscal consolidation strategy to contain its debt burden;

8 Jul 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *France24*. **United Nations (UN)** reports that between 3,000 and 4,000 Rwandan soldiers are fighting alongside the **M23** rebels in eastern **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**;

8 Jul 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *AFP*. **United Kingdom (UK)**-headquartered **Amnesty International** warns that Rwanda's opposition faces "severe restrictions" ahead of the 15 July election;

7 Jul 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Gulf Times*. **Qatar's** chamber of commerce hosts a business delegation from Burundi to discuss enhancing cooperation;

7 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Foreign affairs and **East African** cooperation minister **January Makamba** says Tanzania is committed to ensuring the **East African Community (EAC)** is strong, united and successful;

6 Jul 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Mirage News*. **United States** special envoy for the **Horn of Africa**, **Mike Hammer**, travels to Djibouti to discuss regional and security issues and to **Ethiopia** to attend the **African Union's (AU)** second meeting to review the implementation of the **Pretoria Cessation of Hostilities Agreement**;

6 Jul 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Defence Web*. **European Union (EU)** vice president **Josep Borrell** arrives in Djibouti for a two-day visit to strengthen bilateral ties and visit naval assets;

6 Jul 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Times Lives*. President **William Ruto** announces proposed spending cuts and additional borrowing following his decision to withdraw the finance bill that was aimed at raising revenue for the budget deficit, projected at \$2.7 billion;

4 Jul 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *AFP*. **Djugu** administrator **Ruphin Mapela** says the rebel group **CODECO** attacked a **Chinese**-linked mining site in the area, killing six Chinese nationals and two Congolese soldiers;

4 Jul 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *France24*. Lawyers of 25 soldiers confirm a court sentenced their clients to death for fleeing the enemy while fighting **M23** rebels in eastern DRC;

4 Jul 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Business Live*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** says the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** and **World Bank** will provide \$10.5 billion in support to Ethiopia if negotiations are successful;

4 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *IPP Media*. **British Virgin Islands**-registered **Helium One Global Ltd** CEO **Lorna Blaisse** says helium deposits at the company's primary helium project in the **Rukwa Basin** region stand at 138 billion cubic feet (Bcf), making it the largest known primary helium deposit in the world;

4 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *CNBC Africa*. **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) leaves the key interest rate unchanged at 6%, confirming that inflation expectations are well below its target of 5%, reaching 3.1% in May;

6 Jul 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *The East African*. **United States** brokers a two-week ceasefire in **North Kivu Province** to allow relief supplies to enter the province;

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