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3 Sep 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *The East Africa*. Burundi starts its national census, its first since 2008;

3 Sep 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera*. Interior minister **Shabani Lukoo** confirms 129 people died in an attempted escape from **Makala** prison in Kinshasa, the country's largest prison;

3 Sep 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **Ethiopian Airlines'** suspension of flights to **Eritrea** officially takes effect;

3 Sep 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** commences an official visit to **China** to attend the **Forum of China Africa Cooperation (FOCAC)** from 4 to 6 September;

3 Sep 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Al Jazeera*. Opposition **National Unity Platform** says police shot its leader, **Robert Kyagulanyi** (also known as **Bobo Wine**), in the leg after an altercation with police who attempted to bar him and his team from marching down a road;

2 Sep 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *CGTN*. President **Ismail Omar Guelleh** arrives in **China** for the **Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC)**;

2 Sep 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. Government confirms an attempted prison break took place overnight at the **Makala** prison in Kinshasa but says security forces have the situation under control;

2 Sep 2024 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *CGTN*. President **Isaias Afwerki** meets with **China's** President **Xi Jinping** who says China is ready to deepen cooperation in energy, infrastructure, agriculture and other fields and assist Eritrea's industrialisation and agricultural modernisation process;

2 Sep 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Vyorstka*. Investigative media outlet **Vyorstka** reports **Russia** imported more than \$29m in **United States** dollar and Euro banknotes from Rwanda this year despite **Western** sanctions on cash imports;

31 Aug 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *VOA*. **Djibouti's** foreign minister, **Mahmoud Ali Youssouf**, says Djibouti has a proposal that could solve the dispute between **Somalia** and Ethiopia in which Djibouti has offered Ethiopia access to its port of **Tadjoura**;

31 Aug 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Deputy energy minister **Judith Kapinga** tells parliament that the cost of electricity in Tanzania is cheaper compared to the rest of **East Africa** due to government's subsidy on the costs incurred by customers;

31 Aug 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Anadolu Agency*. President **Paul Kagame** approves the retirement of 1,000 soldiers, including five generals;

30 Aug 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *AFP*. Civil society group **Forum pour la Conscience et le Développement (FOCODE)** says there has been an “*alarming*” resurgence in enforced disappearances in Burundi, adding there have been 25 cases of enforced disappearance between January and June alone;

30 Aug 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *IPP Media*. **Tanzania’s** deputy prime minister and minister of energy, **Doto Biteko**, at the second **United States-Africa** nuclear energy high-level conference held in Nairobi, outlines Tanzania’s plans and readiness to develop nuclear energy as an alternative source of electricity for economic growth and social well-being;

30 Aug 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Anadolu Agency*. Deputy chief of land forces Major General **Francis Takirwa** expresses Uganda’s readiness to strengthen military relations with **Turkey**;

29 Aug 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Africa Report*. **United States (US)** announces plans to expand the **Lobito** railway project, which connects **Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** and **Angola’s** port of **Lobito** on the **Atlantic Ocean**, to the **Indian Ocean** via Tanzania;

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