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11 Feb 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Business Day*. **M23** rebels threaten again to advance on **South Kivu**'s provincial capital **Bukavu**, as an attack near **Ihusi** village is reported, 70km from Bukavu;

11 Feb 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Reuters*. Energy minister **Doto Biteko** says Tanzania is discussing tax incentives with investors in its stalled \$42 billion LNG project;

11 Feb 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Business Day*. Energy and mineral development ministry spokesperson **Patricia Litho** says Uganda will not begin oil production this year, missing a long-standing target to begin extracting crude from its western fields this year;

10 Feb 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. President **Yoweri Museveni**'s spokesperson names **Michael Atingi-Ego** as **Bank of Uganda** (central bank) governor;

9 Feb 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *New Vision*. **Southern African Development Community (SADC)** and the **East African Community (EAC)** convene at emergency summit calling for immediate and unconditional ceasefire within five days, with President **Félix Tshisekedi** and **Rwanda**'s President **Paul Kagame** attending virtually;

7 Feb 2025 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *AFP*. Burundi has reportedly sent additional soldiers to support the **Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (FARDC)** against the **Rwanda-backed M23** rebels;

7 Feb 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *New Vision*. **United Nations (UN)** chief **Volker Turk** warns violence may still escalate if the **Southern African Development Community (SADC)** and the **East African Community (EAC)** summit is not successful, while reporting nearly 3,000 deaths and 2,880 injuries since the **M23** rebels entered **Goma**;

7 Feb 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *The East African*. The **Southern African Development Community (SADC)** and the **East African Community (EAC)** are set to meet today to discuss the conflict in eastern DRC;

7 Feb 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *The Guardian*. Intelligence, military and diplomatic sources report that a significant number of **Rwandan Defence Force (RDF)** soldiers have died in covert operations in eastern **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)** despite Rwanda denying that its soldiers are not supporting **M23** rebels in eastern DRC;

7 Feb 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *AP*. **United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council** condemns Rwanda's involvement in eastern **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)**, ordering a team of experts to investigate human rights violations in the region;

6 Feb 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Addis Standard*. **Ethiopian Civil Society Organizations Council** calls on the government to pursue diplomatic solutions to avoid civil society job losses following the **United States Agency for International Development's (USAID)** pause in financial aid;

6 Feb 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *VOA*. Two hundred Kenyan police officers arrive in **Haiti** to join the 600 Kenyan police officers already part of the **United Nations-backed Multinational Security Support Mission (MSS)**;

5 Feb 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *France24*. Government says **M23**'s unilateral humanitarian ceasefire, which came into effect on Tuesday, was just a 'ploy' after M23 launched another offensive early Wednesday morning;

5 Feb 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Finance minister **John Mbadi** says the government is in talks with the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** to secure a new lending programme after its current **Extended Fund Facility (EFF)** and the **Extended Credit Facility (ECF)** expire in April;

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