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30 Jul 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)** reports that in the first five months of 2025, Tanzania received 794,102 international tourists, of which 93,112 were from **Kenya** and 65,874 from **Burundi**, making them the leading sources of international arrivals to Tanzania;

29 Jul 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **United States Africa Command (AFRICOM)** leaders accuse **Russia** and **China** of conducting disinformation campaigns in Ethiopia and other countries in **Africa** aimed at undermining US actions on the continent;

29 Jul 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Local business associations welcome government's new directive banning any foreign nationals from owning and operating small and medium-sized businesses in 15 sectors;

29 Jul 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Opposition **Forum for Democratic Change's (FDC)** elders persuade the party's 2021 presidential candidate, **Patrick Amuriat Oboi**, to step down and support **Henry Tumukunde Nandala-Mafabi** as the party's 2026 presidential candidate;

29 Jul 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. President **Paul Kagame** receives the credentials of **Gao Wenqi**, the new **Chinese** ambassador to Rwanda;

29 Jul 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Shabait*. President **Isaias Afwerki** meets with a high-level **Italian** delegation led by Italy's agriculture minister **Francesco Lollobrigida** and deputy foreign minister **Edmondo Cirielli** to discuss enhancing bilateral cooperation;

28 Jul 2025 **Mekelle (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. A second peace delegation takes place to engage with **Tigray's Interim Administration** and other stakeholders, aiming to de-escalate tensions between the federal government and the opposition **Tigray People's Liberation Front**;

28 Jul 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The ruling **Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM)** is set to shortlist contenders for upcoming local general elections, with President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** chairing the central committee meeting;

28 Jul 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Government, including presidential advisor **Odrek Rwabwogo**, hold consultations on its suspended automated traffic fines system following public concerns and backlash from motorists and civil society groups;

27 Jul 2025 **Gitega (Burundi)** *Eastleigh Voice*. The ruling **Conseil National Pour la Défense de la Démocratie – Forces pour la Défense de la Démocratie (CNDD-FDD)** wins all ten contested seats in the 23 July senatorial elections, securing an overwhelming majority;

27 Jul 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *BNA*. **Somali** President **Hassan Sheikh Mohamud** arrives in Djibouti for an official visit to strengthen bilateral relations;

27 Jul 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. **Islamic State**-affiliated **Allied Democratic Forces (ADF)** kill 38 people in an attack on a church in **Komanda (Ituri Province)**;

27 Jul 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Business Insider Africa*. **Tanzania** and Rwanda strengthen their bilateral cooperation by signing agreements focused on enhancing air connectivity, railway development and promoting **Kiswahili**, formalised during the 16th **Joint Permanent Commission** meeting in Kigali;

27 Jul 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. A **London-based (United Kingdom)** international arbitration tribunal clears Uganda of any wrongdoing in a \$2.3 billion dispute brought by the **Rift Valley Railways' (RVR)** investors against the Ugandan and **Kenyan** governments;

26 Jul 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. **China's** embassy in the DRC hosts a reception in Kinshasa highlighting the long-standing mutual support between China and the DRC;

26 Jul 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Government is reportedly moving heavy weaponry and troops toward the **Eritrean** border near the port city of **Assab** amid rising tensions between the two countries;

26 Jul 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The **Independent National Electoral Commission** sets the election day for 29 October;

24 Jul 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Aawsat*. **Saudi Arabia's** foreign minister **Prince Faisal bin Farhan** holds a phone call with Eritrea's foreign minister **Osman Ali Saleh** to review bilateral relations and discuss regional and international issues of mutual interest;

24 Jul 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Reuters*. President **Paul Kagame** appoints **National Bank of Rwanda** (central bank) deputy governor and former eEducation ministry official, **Justin Nsengiyumva**, as prime minister after dismissing **Edouard Ngirente** for unknown reasons;

24 Jul 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Ruling **Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM)** dismisses claims that President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** refused to leave a meeting during which the nomination process for presidential candidates took place, labelling the reports as baseless and malicious propaganda;

24 Jul 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Local media reports that **Onesmus Twinamatsiko**, who won a parliamentary primary election under the ruling **National Resistance Movement (NRM)**, slapped prime minister **Robinah Nabbanja** after she intervened in the announcement of the results, underscoring the escalating intensity of political disputes within the NRM;

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