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4 Nov 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. The government is expanding fibre-optic networks and working with telecom companies to build new towers, with a projected ten-year timeline and an estimated cost of \$300m to fully close the coverage gap;

4 Nov 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Ethiopia and **China** sign a **Bilateral Market Access Protocol** at the **World Trade Organisation (WTO)**, marking a key milestone in Ethiopia's WTO accession process;

4 Nov 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Reuters*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** is sworn in for another term after a disputed election, as authorities restore internet access but warn against sharing images or videos of post-election unrest, threatening legal action;

3 Nov 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *APA News*. Eritrea rejects **Ethiopia's** claim that it blocked a joint initiative to redevelop the **Red Sea** port of **Assab**, emphasising that any cooperation must be bilateral, legally clear and mutually beneficial;

3 Nov 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Investments, trade and industry cabinet secretary, **Lee Kinyanjui**, warns that Kenya faces a potential surge in sugar imports as domestic production declines sharply, threatening the country's recent progress toward self-sufficiency;

3 Nov 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Nile Post*. Police confirm that the death toll from a series of coordinated attacks targeting schools, army and police posts over the weekend in **Kasese (Rwenzori Region)** has risen to 19;

2 Nov 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. During his western Kenya tour, President **William Ruto** launches multi-billion-shilling projects, including affordable housing, modern fresh produce markets, and plans to rehabilitate and upgrade the **Kakamega Airstrip** into a modern airport, demonstrating the government's focus on regional infrastructure and development;

2 Nov 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *FT*. Opposition leaders and members say authorities shot protestors in post-election unrest following the 29 October general election, reporting hundreds of deaths, as the **European Union (EU)** urges authorities to “*exercise maximum restraint in order to preserve human lives*”;

2 Nov 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Monitor*. The electoral commission declares incumbent President **Samia Suluhu Hasan** won the 29 October election with nearly 98%, a result **Chadema** leader **Tundu Lissu**, rejects calling it fabricated;

1 Nov 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. Rwanda aims to increase its national savings rate from the current 14.4% of GDP to 25.9% by 2029, promoting a culture of saving and investment through programmes like **Ejo Heza** and community savings groups;

31 Oct 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Kenya's year-on-year inflation holds steady at 4.6% in October 2025, unchanged from September, while month-on-month inflation was 0.2%, also stable;

31 Oct 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. Deputy prime minister and national economy minister **Daniel Mukoko Samba** meets with **International Monetary Fund** officials to review the DRC's economic programme;

30 Oct 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *AA*. **Egypt** reaffirms its support for Eritrea's sovereignty and territorial integrity during talks between Egypt's President **Abdel Fattah al-Sisi** and his Eritrean counterpart **Isaias Afwerki**, amid tensions with **Ethiopia** over sea access;

30 Oct 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Dawan Africa*. Djibouti launches **China** and the **United Nations Development Programme**-funded \$2m early-warning system, to strengthen national preparedness for natural disasters such as droughts, floods and earthquakes;

30 Oct 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Kenya's exports to the **United States (US)** reach a three-year peak, driven by worries over potential disruptions to the **African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)** trade preferences;

30 Oct 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Monitor*. Protests escalate in major cities across Tanzania as opposition supporters denounce the 29 October presidential and parliamentary elections as fraudulent, prompting government to deploy police;

30 Oct 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *FT*. **United Kingdom**-headquartered **Amnesty International** reports at least two people have died in post-election violence, but activists monitoring video footage suggest the death toll is much higher;

30 Oct 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Uganda and **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** sign billion-dollar investment deals to deepen trade ties and aimed at strengthening bilateral trade and economic cooperation;

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