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- 25 Nov 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Bloomberg*. The **World Jurists Association** and the **Madrid Bar Association** have asked the **International Criminal Court (ICC)** to investigate alleged mass killings during a crackdown on post-election protests in Tanzania last month;
- 25 Nov 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Bank of Tanzania**'s (central bank) consolidated zonal economic performance report shows that Tanzania's mineral sector is approaching \$1 billion in output, driven by surges in gold and diamond production;
- 25 Nov 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. **Electoral Commission of Uganda** preliminary data show that 128 women will contest against men for direct election as members of parliament in the 15 January 2026 polls;
- 25 Nov 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **East Africa** is on track to become a major steel exporter following the launch of the **Devki Mega Steel Project** in **Tororo (Uganda)** inaugurated by President **William Ruto** and Uganda's President **Yoweri Museveni**;
- 24 Nov 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Addis Standard*. **National Bank of Ethiopia**'s latest annual report indicates that Ethiopia's shift to a market-based exchange rate has triggered an unprecedented birr depreciation—over 200% in 15 months—driving sharp imported inflation, soaring production costs, and pressure on households;
- 24 Nov 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Former **British** soldier **Robert Purkiss**, wanted in Kenya over the murder of a woman near a British army training camp more than a dozen years ago, is refused bail pending extradition proceedings;
- 24 Nov 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **World Bank** raises Kenya's 2025 economic growth forecast to 4.9%, reflecting improved performance in key sectors;
- 24 Nov 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Reuters.* Chief government spokesperson **Gerson Msigwa** reports that Tanzania will begin construction of the long-delayed **Bagamoyo port** in December, starting with 14 of 28 planned berths and aiming to handle ships carrying up to 25,000 containers;
- 24 Nov 2025 **Tororo (Uganda)** *Monitor*. President **Yoweri Museveni** and **Kenya**'s President **William Ruto** inaugurate the **Devki Steel Factory** in Tororo, a project expected to create over 15,000 jobs across both countries;
- 22 Nov 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Kenya Motor Industry Association** reports that **Chinese** vehicle sales are rapidly rising in Kenya, with their actual market share exceeding 7.46%:
- 21 Nov 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *United Nations.* The **United Nations (UN)** says that **Islamist Allied Democratic Forces (IDF)** have killed at least 89 people in multiple attacks in the eastern DRC in the past week;

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- 21 Nov 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera.* Following a visit to **Rwanda**, **Qatari** Emir Sheikh **Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani** visits the DRC, days after the government and the Rwanda-backed **M23** rebel group signed a framework agreement for a peace deal aimed at ending fighting in the country's east;
- 21 Nov 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *New York Times.* **British** football club **Arsenal** announces that it has mutually agreed to end its eight-year relationship with the **Rwanda Development Board** in June 2026, following considerable scrutiny due to multiple human rights groups accusing the Rwandan government of serial abuses;
- 20 Nov 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Treasury** principal secretary **Chris Kiptoo** says Kenya aims to reduce its budget deficit to 4.9% of GDP in the 2026/27 fiscal year;
- 20 Nov 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Bloomberg*. **South Africa**'s **Vodacom Group** is reportedly in talks with Kenya about potentially acquiring part of the government's stake in **Safaricom**;
- 20 Nov 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** launches a commission to investigate the 29 October unrest, urging it to uncover the forces responsible and provide a clear account of what triggered the disturbances;
- 20 Nov 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Reuters.* China signs a \$1.4-billion agreement with **Zambia** and Tanzania to modernise the **TAZARA** railway linking landlocked Zambia to the **Indian Ocean**;
- 19 Nov 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **Canada** updates its travel advisory for Ethiopia advising its citizens to avoid non-essential travel due to civil unrest, armed conflict, violence, and crime, particularly in northern, central and border regions;
- 19 Nov 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Heineken.* **Dutch** brewer **Heineken** agrees to transfer its brewery in **Bukavu (South Kivu Province)** to **Mauritian** company **Synergy Ventures Holdings** for €1 (\$1.15), after losing operational control of the facility earlier this year;
- 19 Nov 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Safaricom** plans to raise KSh40 billion (\$308m) through its largest-ever corporate bond, aiming to strengthen its financial position and support business growth;
- 19 Nov 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Reuters*. Prosecutors in the **Netherlands** ask judges to convict an Eritrean suspect, 42-year-old **Amanuel Walid** (known as **Tewelde Goitom**), accused of being a notorious trafficker who tortured **African** refugees and migrants, and to sentence him to 20 years in prison;
- 19 Nov 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen.* President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** appoints **Bakari Steven Machumu**, former managing director of **Mwananchi Communications Limited**, as **State House** communications chief;
- 19 Nov 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters.* **Uganda Petroleum Authority** CEO **Ernest Rubondo** states that roughly 75% of the \$5-billion **East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)**, which will transport Ugandan crude to **Tanzania**'s **Tanga port**, is complete, with full production from Uganda's **Albertine Rift** oilfields targeted for mid-2026;

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