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20 Jan 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. The DRC offers the **United States (US)** a vetted shortlist of state-owned manganese, copper-cobalt, gold and lithium assets for potential US investment under a minerals partnership aimed at reducing US reliance on **China**;

20 Jan 2026 **Uvira (DRC)** *AP News*. Soldiers and pro-government **Wazalendo** militia fighters re-enter Uvira after **Rwanda**-backed **M23** rebels' withdrawal, despite continued sporadic gunfire and ongoing fighting in the region;

20 Jan 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Addis Insight*. Justice ministry orders banks to freeze the accounts of ten major payment gateways, including **Chapa Pay** and **YagoutPay**, and submit full financial records as part of investigations into suspected tax evasion and money laundering;

20 Jan 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. State-owned utility **Kenya Power** delays 16,588 electricity connection projects, leaving thousands of consumers without access and undermining the country's universal electrification goals;

20 Jan 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Energy minister, **Deogratius Ndejemb**, notes that Tanzania has invested TSh 280 billion (\$119m) in multiple electricity projects to ensure a reliable power supply in Dar es Salaam;

20 Jan 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. **Uganda People's Defence Force** chief of defence forces **Muhoozi Kainerugaba** gives opposition leader **Bobi Wine** 48-hours to surrender following allegations of election fraud, threatening to treat him as an outlaw, while at least 118 members of Wine's party face election-related charges;

20 Jan 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. **Bank of Uganda** (central bank) announces that gold exports surged nearly 76% in 2025 to \$5.8 billion, surpassing coffee as the country's top export, driven by record global gold prices and new market entrants;

20 Jan 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *AP News*. Opposition leader **Kizza Besigye**'s health is reportedly deteriorating while he remains detained on politically charged treason allegations, prompting his party to demand unrestricted access to his doctors and family;

19 Jan 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Authorities halt quarry operations run by a **Chinese** contractor after local villager's lodge complaints over the project's impact;

19 Jan 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **World Bank** projects Tanzania's economy will grow by 6.2% in 2026, reflecting continued positive macroeconomic momentum;

19 Jan 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Voters in Uganda's **Kigezi (Western Region)** vote out at least 10 incumbent MPs, including ministers **David Bahati** and **Prossy Akampurira**, in a major parliamentary shake-up;

18 Jan 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Capital Ethiopia*. **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** forecasts strong economic growth for Djibouti, projecting 6.5% growth in 2025 and stable

medium-term expansion around 6%, driven largely by **Ethiopia**'s rapidly expanding market and joint infrastructure projects that boost demand for Djibouti's port services;

16 Jan 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** completes the fourth review of Ethiopia's \$3.4 billion financial programme, unlocking a disbursement of \$261m to support ongoing economic reforms and debt restructuring;

16 Jan 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. **Electoral commission** declares President **Yoweri Museveni** as the winner of the presidential election, with 71.6% of the vote, following by opposition leader **Bobi Wine**, who won 24%;

15 Jan 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Africa News*. Kenya secures a preliminary deal with **China** allowing 98.2% of its exports, particularly agricultural goods, to enter China duty-free;

15 Jan 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Preliminary results show incumbent President **Yoweri Museveni** of the ruling party **National Resistance Movement (NRM)** leads with 61.7% of the 23,049 votes counted so far, while challenger **Robert Kyagulanyi** (also known as **Bobi Wine**) of the opposition party **National Unity Platform (NUP)** has 33.64%;

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