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6 Jan 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *RFI*. One month after the **United States (US)**-brokered peace agreement between DRC and **Rwanda**, violence in eastern DRC continues, with renewed offensives by **M23** rebels and clashes with the Congolese army;

6 Jan 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Sudan Tribune*. The **African Union (AU)**, Ethiopia, and the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** call for an immediate humanitarian truce in **Sudan** to pave the way for a permanent nationwide ceasefire, stressing unhindered humanitarian access and accountability for violations;

6 Jan 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. **Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS)** reports the economy grew 4.9% year-on-year in Q3 2025, up from 4.2% in the same quarter of 2024, driven primarily by a rebound in agriculture and construction, as well as a recovery in mining and quarrying;

6 Jan 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The Citizen*. Information, communication, and technology ministry bans live broadcasts of riots and what it calls “*unlawful processions*” ahead of the 15 January general elections, citing security concerns, as authorities detain hundreds of opposition supporters;

5 Jan 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Ethiopian Monitor*. The DRC partially lifts its suspension on copper and cobalt processing in **Lualaba Province** after a compliance review found that some operators met regulatory and traceability requirements;

5 Jan 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Addis Insight*. French retail giant **Carrefour** enters the Ethiopian market through a franchise agreement with **MIDROC's Queens Supermarket**, which will rebrand its existing branches in Addis Ababa and expand to new locations under the Carrefour name;

5 Jan 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. The government notes that it is prioritising 2026 as a pivotal year to boost its power generation capacity, focusing on expanding infrastructure like the **Olkaria** substation to meet rising electricity demand;

5 Jan 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Bank of Tanzania's** (central bank) monthly economic review shows that Tanzania's exports grew by 12.7% in 2025, driven by higher commodity prices and strong growth in services, reflecting the resilience of its economy;

5 Jan 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. A physical confrontation at a Buganda-for-Museveni rally in **Lwengo District** between Bukoto South MP **Twaha Kagabo** and former MP **Muhammad Muyanja Mbabaali** over Kagabo's independent candidacy in the 15 January election results in chaos;

4 Jan 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Kenya implements a new tax on remittances from Kenyans working in the **United States**, marking a shift in how diaspora income flows are treated for revenue purposes;

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1 Jan 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Africa News*. **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** accuses Rwanda of killing over 1,500 civilians in eastern DRC since early December, blaming Rwandan-backed **M23** rebels for the attacks;

1 Jan 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **National Bank of Ethiopia** (central bank) repeals its 2021 directive governing commercial banks' investment in **Development Bank of Ethiopia (DBE)** bonds and replaces it with a new regulation effective 31 December 2025, without explaining the reason for the change;

31 Dec 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. Ugandan police detain prominent human rights activist **Sarah Bireete** amid a broader government crackdown on dissent ahead of the 15 January general election, where President **Yoweri Museveni** faces opposition leader **Bobi Wine**;

30 Dec 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *APA News*. Representatives from Djibouti and **Somalia** meet discuss strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation, as well as concerns over **Israel's** recent recognition of **Somaliland**, which both see as a potential threat to peace and Somalia's territorial integrity;

28 Dec 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera*. The **United Kingdom (UK)** imposes visa restrictions on the DRC for failing to cooperate with its new migrant return policy, while **Angola** and **Namibia** have agreed to increase the repatriation of their nationals;

28 Dec 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *AA*. Eritrea calls on the **United Nations Security Council** to respond firmly to **Israel's** recognition of **Somaliland**, warning that the move could trigger serious regional and global instability;

22 Dec 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Dawan Africa*. **United States (US)** recalls US ambassadors from 15 African countries, including **Somalia**, **Ethiopia**, and Djibouti, as part of an unusual reorganisation of US diplomatic representation, with no official explanation or timeline for replacements;

19 Dec 2025 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Reuters*. Authorities report that since the start of December, the conflict in eastern **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** has forced over 84,000 people to flee into Burundi, overwhelming refugee camps and causing food, water, and sanitation crises, including cholera outbreaks;

18 Dec 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Luo Council of Elders** in **Migori County** install President **William Ruto** as an elder, acknowledging past governments' neglect of the **Nyanza Region's** development;

18 Dec 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. A finance ministry report indicates that Uganda's export earnings nearly doubled in October to \$1.5 billion from \$769.6m in the same month last year, driven by higher revenues from coffee, cocoa, and gold;

16 Dec 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Dawan Africa*. President **Ismail Guelleh** receives letters of credence from new ambassadors from **Canada**, **Switzerland**, **Indonesia**, **Mexico**, and **Venezuela**, emphasising strengthening bilateral relations in areas such as trade, security, energy, and infrastructure;

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