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24 Feb 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. Officials report an army drone strike killed the **M23** rebel group’s military spokesperson, **Willy Ngoma**, near the strategic **Rubaya** coltan mine in **North Kivu Province**, amid ongoing clashes and despite several ceasefire efforts;

24 Feb 2026 **Uvira (DRC)** *AA*. **United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO)** and the **International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR)** deploy a joint exploratory team to Uvira (**South Kivu Province**) to assess security, political and logistical conditions ahead of implementing a ceasefire monitoring mechanism;

24 Feb 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *New Arab*. A newly revealed, **Sudan-linked Rapid Support Forces (RSF)** training camp in Ethiopia’s **Benishangul-Gumuz Region**, reportedly funded and supported by the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**, signals direct Ethiopian involvement in Sudan’s civil war, allowing up to 10,000 fighters to train near the border;

24 Feb 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *People Daily*. National treasury principal secretary (PS) **Chris Kiptoo** says the economy is projected to grow by 5.3% in 2026, up from an estimated 5% in 2025, driven by higher agricultural productivity, expansion in the services sector, and increased remittances from the diaspora;

24 Feb 2026 **Kishapu (Tanzania)** *Solar Quarter*. Tanzania commissions its first utility-scale solar plant in Kishapu (**Shinyanga Region**), adding 50 MW to the national grid as part of a planned 150 MW solar park, marking a major shift toward diversifying the country’s energy mix away from hydropower and natural gas;

24 Feb 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Hiiraan*. Uganda plans to link its new railway line to **Tanzania’s** network, creating an alternative export route for minerals like gold, copper, and iron ore, in addition to its existing connection to Kenya’s port of **Mombasa**;

24 Feb 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *DPFZA*. Djibouti, **Ethiopia**, **South Sudan** and **Uganda** sign an agreement establishing the **Djibouti–Ethiopia–South Sudan–Uganda (DESSU) Corridor Authority** to formalise and operationalise a major regional trade and transport corridor;

24 Feb 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. President **Paul Kagame** meets **Saudi** deputy foreign minister **Waleed bin Abdulkarim El-Khereiji** to discuss strengthening bilateral relations and advancing shared regional priorities;

24 Feb 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *News Minimalist*. **Exercise Justified Accord 2026** begins across **Kenya**, **Tanzania** and Djibouti, bringing together around 1,500 personnel in a multinational drill led by the **United States (US)**;

23 Feb 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Former deputy president **Rigathi Gachagua** re-emerges as a key mobiliser within the **United Opposition** following his impeachment, but faces

growing political resistance across multiple regions, including divisions within his Mt Kenya stronghold;

23 Feb 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The commission investigating unrest, violence and breaches of peace linked to the October 2025 general election is granted a 42-day extension, a move that has sparked public debate over the investigation's timeline and transparency;

23 Feb 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **United States**-headquartered credit rating agency **Moody's** affirms Tanzania's B1 credit rating, highlighting steady economic growth while cautioning about potential political risks;

21 Feb 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Kenya is seeking to expand tea exports to **Germany** and **Kazakhstan** as alternative markets to replace declining sales to **Iran** and **Sudan**;

21 Feb 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Finance ministry unveils a new five-year plan targeting 8% economic growth, focusing on disciplined fiscal management, stronger domestic revenue mobilisation, and ensuring public investments yield measurable returns;

20 Feb 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *The Abyssinian Times*. Finance minister **Ahmed Shide** meets with **International Finance Corporation (IFC)** regional vice president for **Africa**, **Ethiopsis Tafara**, to strengthen cooperation in support of Ethiopia's ongoing economic reforms;

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