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3 Feb 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *ADI*. A **United States (US)** business delegation visits Djibouti to explore investment opportunities, focusing on renewable energy, salt exports, and logistics through the country's ports and free zones;

3 Feb 2026 **Uvira (DRC)** *Reuters*. **United Nations (UN)** deploys a team to monitor a ceasefire between government and **M23** rebels following **Doha (Qatar)**-mediated talks that detailed the monitoring mechanism and reaffirm commitments under a broader peace agreement;

3 Feb 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *BBC*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** accuses **Eritrea** of massacring people in **Aksum** during the Tigray war, allegations Eritrea has denied;

3 Feb 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *FMT*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** rejects **United States (US)** President **Donald Trump**'s claim that the US financed the \$4 billion **Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam**, insisting it was fully funded by Ethiopians at home and in the diaspora;

3 Feb 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania unveils a record Sh61.9 trillion (\$25.8 billion) budget framework for the 2026/27 financial year, aiming to stimulate economic growth, strengthen human capital and promote social and environmental development;

2 Feb 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Gold prices at the **Nairobi Securities Exchange** fall after comments and policy signals from **United States (US)** President **Donald Trump** strengthen the US dollar and dampen demand for safe-haven assets;

2 Feb 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Government records a 40% increase in revenue collection in the 2024/25 financial year, with total revenue rising to Ush 32.357 trillion (\$9.06 billion) from Ush 22.098 trillion (\$6.19 billion), driven by improvements in tax administration by the **Uganda Revenue Authority (URA)**;

31 Jan 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahemd** welcomes **Djibouti's** President **Ismail Omar Guelleh** and **Somalia's** President **Hassan Sheikh Mohamu**, who are attending the inauguration of a resort and a large wind power project in the **Somali Region**;

29 Jan 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. **Ethiopian Airlines** cancels flights to the **Tigray Region** after renewed clashes in western Tigray between the **Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF)** and **Tigray People's Liberation Front**;

29 Jan 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Africa Center*. President **William Ruto** proposes inclusive peace talks bringing together **South Sudan's** government and opposition groups to break the political deadlock and stabilise the country;

29 Jan 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** appoints **Rahma Salim Mahfoudh** as deputy governor in charge of administration and internal control at the **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank);

29 Jan 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. **Congo River Alliance** rebel coalition group leader **Corneille Nangaa** criticises the **United States (US)**–DRC minerals deal as unconstitutional and opaque, highlighting that most key mining areas lie under rebel control and may conflict with existing contracts;

28 Jan 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *ABC News*. Rwanda files a case at the **Netherlands**-based **Permanent Court of Arbitration** against the **United Kingdom (UK)**, seeking payments after the UK government abruptly terminated a controversial migrant deal under which Rwanda was to host deported asylum seekers;

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