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25 Mar 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *KT Press*. The Rwandan embassy denies the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** allegations regarding a security breach involving the Congolese First Lady **Denise Nyakeru Tshisekedi** at a **Washington D.C. (United States)** hotel;

24 Mar 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania is strengthening fuel security measures to prevent potential shortages amid global supply disruptions linked to the **Middle East** conflict;

24 Mar 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Uganda secures Ush 422.26 billion (\$112m) from a previously approved supplementary Ush 1.696 trillion (\$450m) allocation to purchase 10 new aircraft for **Uganda Airlines**, aiming to expand its fleet amid operational constraints;

23 Mar 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Borkena*. **United States (US)** secretary of state **Marco Rubio** praises Kenyan President **William Ruto** for condemning what the US described as **Iranian** aggression during escalating tensions involving Iran;

23 Mar 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Rising share prices on the **Uganda Securities Exchange** boost overall market capitalisation, driven by investors positioning ahead of expected dividend payouts and upcoming financial results;

23 Mar 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Industry and trade minister, **Judith Kapinga**, reports that Tanzania is positioning itself to expand trade with **China**, signalling readiness to deepen economic cooperation and increase exports;

22 Mar 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Kenya is negotiating with the **World Bank** for funding to digitise its land registries in a bid to combat a surge in fake title deeds and curb corruption in the real estate sector;

22 Mar 2026 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *SOSMediaBurundi*. Recent military operations in **South Kivu** involving a coalition of **Congolese**, Burundian, and local forces reportedly led to civilian casualties and home destruction among the Banyamulenge population;

22 Mar 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The **European Union (EU)** is funding a Tanzanian project aimed at strengthening cross-border health training to improve regional healthcare collaboration;

19 Mar 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Capital Ethiopia*. **Ethiopian Investment Holdings (EIH)** proposes building a 150,000 cubic metre fuel storage depot on a 10-hectare site in Djibouti's **Damerjog Industrial Park** to strengthen the Djibouti-Ethiopia energy corridor and support inland fuel distribution via rail;

19 Mar 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Kenya launches the **Naivasha–Kisumu–Malaba Standard Gauge Railway (SGR)** line with **China Communications Construction Company** leading the project;

19 Mar 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania is actively seeking **Chinese** investment to modernise its textile industry and drive broader industrial growth;

19 Mar 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. **Equity Bank Uganda** is undergoing a three-year turnaround strategy aimed at improving its financial performance after recent challenges, with the plan focusing on restructuring operations and strengthening profitability;

19 Mar 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Reuters*. The **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** and Rwanda agree to a series of coordinated steps to de-escalate regional tensions during a **United States (US)**-hosted meeting in **Washington (US)**;

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