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4 Mar 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Financial Times*. The **United States (US)** imposes sanctions on Rwanda's military and four senior commanders, accusing them of supporting the **M23** rebel group and undermining the December peace agreement with the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**;

4 Mar 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Economic Times*. Four children die in southern **Djibouti's Dhikil Region** after an explosion, with the **Djiboutian League for Human Rights** alleging it was a drone strike;

3 Mar 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Sudan Tribune*. **Sudan's** foreign ministry accuses Ethiopia of allowing drones to launch attacks from its territory into Sudan, calling the actions a violation of sovereignty and warning that it reserves the right to respond;

3 Mar 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **United States (US)**-headquartered **Starlink** is expanding its footprint in Kenya through a partnership with local internet provider **Mawingu Networks** to boost satellite broadband access;

3 Mar 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania is expanding its fuel reserves with new bulk storage tanks at **Dar es Salaam Port**, aiming to strengthen energy security amid ongoing **Middle East** conflicts;

3 Mar 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. **Bank of Uganda** (central bank) will launch a domestic gold-buying programme this month, aiming to purchase at least 100kg of gold by June to boost reserves and protect the economy from global financial risks;

2 Mar 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Financial Afrik*. **Banque Centrale du Congo** (central bank) and **Banque des États de l'Afrique Centrale (BEAC)** (bank of central African states) sign a cooperation agreement to strengthen technical exchanges and harmonise regulatory practices;

2 Mar 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. A planned Kenya tea export deal worth Sh5.6 billion (\$41m) is disrupted due to the escalating conflict involving the **United States (US), Israel** and **Iran**;

2 Mar 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania and **Ghana** agree to strengthen economic cooperation focused on natural resources, following talks between President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** and Ghana's President **John Dramani Mahama**;

2 Mar 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Kenya condemns the recent **United States (US)** and **Israeli** strikes on **Iran**, which targeted several **Gulf** states, calling the attacks a threat to regional stability;

28 Feb 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **Ethiopian Airlines** cancels all flights to and from the **Middle East** over the current security situation;

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28 Feb 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Investment and Special Economic Zones Authority (Tiseza)** signs a cooperation agreement with the **American Chamber of Commerce** to boost investment opportunities;

27 Feb 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *AP News*. The **United States (US)** and the DRC sign a \$1.2 billion health partnership under which the US will provide up to \$900m over five years to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and maternal and child mortality, while Congo will contribute \$300m in domestic funding;

26 Feb 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Russia** pledges to deepen military cooperation with Tanzania, announcing the commitment during a defence celebration;

26 Feb 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Streamline*. The largest multinational military drill, led by **United States (US) Africa Command**, has begun across **Kenya, Tanzania** and Djibouti with over 1,500 personnel participating to strengthen regional security and interoperability against threats like **al-Shabaab** and humanitarian crises;

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