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28 Apr 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Addis Standard*. An Ethiopian embassy official in **Pretoria (South Africa)** says the latest violence that saw four Ethiopian nationals killed in recent shootings in **Johannesburg (South Africa)** amid rising xenophobic tensions is part of a disturbing and escalating trend;

28 Apr 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *BBC*. President **William Ruto** walks back recent remarks that mocked the **Nigerian** accent, claiming his comments were taken out of context and intended as a private joke about the excellent variety of English across **Africa**;

28 Apr 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. An investigation into post-election violence in Tanzania reveals that the unrest was fuelled by 16 coordinated tactics, including reports that individuals were paid to incite conflict;

27 Apr 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. **French** member of parliament **Aurélien Taché** meets with the DRC National Assembly's External Relations Committee in Kinshasa to advocate for a renewed partnership centered on the **Francophonie**;

27 Apr 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera*. The **Inspection générale des mines (IGM)** (general inspectorate of mines) announces that DRC is establishing a \$100m paramilitary mining guard, backed by the **United States** and **United Arab Emirates**, to secure mineral exploitation and transport across 22 provinces by 2028;

27 Apr 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **South Sudan's** President **Salva Kiir Mayardit** and Ethiopia's prime minister, **Abiy Ahmed**, meet in Addis Ababa to fast-track bilateral agreements focused on economic integration, regional security and infrastructure;

27 Apr 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Energy minister **Deogratius Ndejemi** announces that Tanzania is prioritising the development of its natural gas sector to navigate global fuel price volatility and reshape its position in the energy market;

26 Apr 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. The **World Bank** outlines three primary policy hurdles that Kenya must address to unlock a \$750m Development Policy Operations (DPO) loan intended to support fiscal stability and green growth;

24 Apr 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. The **National Electoral Board of Ethiopia** announces that over 50.5 million voters have registered for the upcoming 7th General Election scheduled for 1 June, although figures from special districts such as displacement camps are still pending;

24 Apr 2025 **Gitega (Burundi)** *Morning Star*. Thousands of **Congolese** refugees have begun returning home from Burundi's **Busuma** camp following the withdrawal of **Rwandan**-backed **M23** rebels from the strategic town of **Uvira**;

23 Apr 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Retired justice **Mohamed Chande Othman** presents a commission report revealing that 518 people were killed in violence related to the October 2025 general election;

20 Apr 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *BBC*. A joint military operation by **Ugandan** and Congolese forces successfully rescues more than 200 civilians from a camp controlled by the **Islamic State**-linked **Allied Democratic Forces (ADF)**;

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