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27 May 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Kigali Today*. The **Canadian** government implements a 90-day entry ban on travellers from the DRC, **Uganda**, and **South Sudan** to prevent the spread of **Ebola** following a resurgence of the virus in those regions;

26 May 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *BBC*. **Ituri Province's** military governor **Johnny Luboya Nkashama** calls for an urgent international response to contain the rapidly expanding **Ebola** outbreak, which has caused 223 deaths and over 900 suspected cases;

26 May 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Renewed border clashes erupt along the boundaries of the **Oromia** and **Sidama** regions, affecting districts in the **East Sidama** and **Arsi** zones;

26 May 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **United States (US)** urges Kenyan lawmakers to pass the **Strategic Goods and Control Bill, 2026**, stating that the legislation is necessary for the country to fulfil its international obligations;

26 May 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *La Prosperite*. Rwanda signs a civil nuclear cooperation memorandum of understanding with the **United States (US)** to integrate Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) into its energy mix by 2035;

25 May 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *BBC*. Police chief, **Douglas Kanja Kirocho**, orders a reshuffle of President **William Ruto's** security team after a man breached multiple protective layers to briefly embrace the president at a public event;

25 May 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. Uganda's health ministry confirms two new **Ebola** cases involving Ugandan healthcare workers in Kampala, raising the country's total case count to seven;

25 May 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Outgoing **World Bank** country director **Nathan Belete** meets with President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** to praise the country's recent economic advancements;

25 May 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. **Bank of Uganda** (central bank) data reveals that driven by an explosion in gold trade, Tanzania has overtaken **China** and **Kenya** to become Uganda's top source of imports, with trade in precious metals and jewellery reaching Ush 16.65 trillion (\$4.46 billion), redrawing the region's economic map;

24 May 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Dawan Africa*. During talks in **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)**, foreign affairs and international cooperation minister, **Abdoulkader Houssein Omar**, delivers a message from President **Ismail Omar Guelleh** to Ethiopia's prime minister **Abiy Ahmed**, focusing on strengthening the two nations' economic and security ties;

22 May 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *BBC*. The **United States (US)** sanctions senior Tanzanian police official **Faustine Jackson Mafwele** over credible allegations of human rights violations, including the detention and sexual torture of **East African** rights activists last year;

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21 May 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *AFP*. Protestors in **Ituri Province** set an **Ebola** treatment centre on fire after being denied access to the bodies of relatives who died from the disease;

21 May 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Following deadly protests and a two-day public transport strike over soaring living costs, President **William Ruto** announces a government cut to diesel prices by KSh 10 (\$0.08) for the upcoming June–July cycle;

21 May 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Bloomberg*. Information minister **Chris Baryomunsi** urges the **United States (US)** and other global partners to reverse deep cuts to health funding, warning that the financial pullback hampers efforts to contain imported **Ebola** cases from the **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)**;

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