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5 May 2026 **Gitega (Burundi)** *Burundi Times*. Burundi launches a \$5.9m initiative with telecommunications provider **Office National des Télécommunications (ONATEL)** to significantly expand digital infrastructure and mobile connectivity in underserved rural regions;

5 May 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Kenya's** President **William Ruto** addresses Tanzania's Parliament during a state visit to emphasise the deep-rooted interdependence and necessity of cooperation between the two nations, highlighting a commitment to economic integration and setting a firm May deadline to resolve remaining trade barriers, signaling a new era of bilateral unity;

5 May 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *OkayAfrica*. **Sudan** recalls its ambassador from Ethiopia, accuses Ethiopia and the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** of being behind drone strikes on **Khartoum International Airport**;

5 May 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. Opposition **Union pour la Nation Congolaise (UNC)** party member **Jean-Baudouin Mayo Mambembe** voices his support for a complete overhaul of DRC's 2006 Constitution, advocating for a transition from a semi-presidential to a full presidential system;

5 May 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Kenya's** President **William Ruto** details plans for a refinery in **Tanga** as part of broader bilateral talks on industrialisation;

5 May 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. The **Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF)** restores its pre-war legislative council and elects **Debretsion Gebremichael** as regional president, effectively creating a rival administration in defiance of the peace deal with Ethiopia's federal government;

5 May 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Businessman and former politician **Rostam Azizi** calls for deeper economic integration between Tanzania and **Kenya** to unlock regional growth and streamline trade;

4 May 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. An audit by the Ethiopian federal government uncovers a massive corruption scandal involving the misappropriation of approximately 98 billion Ethiopian birr (\$853m), which accounts for nearly 5% of the national budget;

4 May 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Nandi** senator **Samson Cherarkey** tables a motion to review the retirement benefits and perks of former President **Uhuru Kenyatta** as political tensions rise ahead of the 2027 elections;

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4 May 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Business leaders from Tanzania and **Kenya** attending the **Tanzania-Kenya Investment Forum**, held alongside the state visit of Kenya's President **William Ruto**, advocate for a unified market to unlock regional economic growth and streamline cross-border trade;

3 May 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** and **Rwanda's** President **Paul Kagame** meet at **State House** in Dar es Salaam to reaffirm their commitment to strengthening trade and infrastructure ties between Tanzania and Rwanda;

1 May 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *The Voice of Africa Group*. The **United States (US)** imposes sanctions on former DRC president **Joseph Kabila**, accusing him of providing financial and technological support to **M23** rebels and the **Congo River Alliance** to destabilise the current government;

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