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2 Jun 2026 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *The East African*. **East African Community (EAC)** health ministers hold an extraordinary virtual meeting to coordinate regional response measures against the ongoing **Ebola** outbreak in eastern **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** and **Uganda**;

2 Jun 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. The **United States (US)** imposes sanctions on key commanders of the **M23** rebel group and the **Forces démocratiques de libération du Rwanda (FDLR)** militia, accusing them of driving the ongoing violent conflict in eastern DRC;

2 Jun 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The Citizen*. A Kenyan court extends an order blocking the construction of a **United States (US)**-backed, 50-bed **Ebola** quarantine facility at a domestic air force base following public protests in **Nanyuki**;

2 Jun 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Addis Standard*. Residents in **East Arsi Zone (Oromia Region)** report that armed attacks over the weekend have left dozens of civilians dead and forced hundreds to flee into nearby forests;

2 Jun 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Finance minister **Khamis Mussa Omar** presents the ministry's plan and budget priorities to parliament, highlighting that debt servicing costs have hit a significant milestone of TSh 15.1 trillion (\$5.76 billion) and is a key focus area;

2 Jun 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Al Jazeera*. **Netherlands**-based **Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)** rejects Rwanda's \$134m compensation claim against the **United Kingdom (UK)** over their scrapped migrant deportation deal;

2 Jun 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Reuters*. President **Paul Kagame** and his **French** counterpart, **Emmanuel Macron**, inaugurate a new memorial in central **Paris (France)** to honour the victims of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda;

1 Jun 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Monitor*. **Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)** awards **United States**-headquartered **Moderna** and other research groups \$60m to accelerate the development of a vaccine targeting the Bundibugyo strain of the **Ebola** virus;

1 Jun 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *BBC*. Voting in parts of the **Amhara** and **Oromia** regions is suspended during the general election due to security concerns, while **Tigray Region** remains completely excluded from the poll;

1 Jun 2026 **Kisumu (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Internal power struggles within the opposition **Orange Democratic Movement (ODM)** are exposed after several senior party figures, including **Millie Odhiambo** and **Junet Mohammed**, boycott a major weekend rally led by **Oburu Oginga**;

1 Jun 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** is scheduled to embark on a historic three-day official visit to **Russia**, highlighting the country's evolving foreign policy strategy;

1 Jun 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. **Commission électorale nationale indépendante (CENI)** (independent national electoral commission) appeals to international partners for financial support to implement electoral reforms and ensure the successful organisation of upcoming elections, arguing that meaningful reforms require adequate funding;

31 May 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Capital*. The **Djibouti Ports and Free Zones Authority** is seeking financing from **Ethiopian Investment Holdings** to construct a massive oil storage depot at the new **Damerjog Liquid Bulk Port**;

31 May 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Registrar of Political Parties** issues a new warning to opposition party, **Chadema**, for making "*scandalous and inciteful*" remarks that criticised the government's handling of the 2025 general election, renewing tensions between the two organisations;

30 May 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *East Leigh Voice*. The **International Organisation for Migration (IOM)** warns that migrant transits through Djibouti toward the **Gulf** have risen sharply, driven by regional conflict, economic pressures, and organised smuggling networks;

29 May 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. The **World Health Organisation (WHO)** calls for an immediate ceasefire in eastern DRC to allow health workers to contain the rapidly spreading **Ebola** outbreak, which has also spread into **Uganda**;

28 May 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *The Namibian*. **Haute Cour Constitutionnelle (HCC)** (high constitutional court) rejects an opposition lawmaker's attempt to remove transitional president **Michael Randrianirina**, ruling that the treason case did not meet the constitutional requirements for ousting a head of state;

28 May 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Militants reportedly attack a passenger bus travelling in **Gohatsion (Oromia Region)**, resulting in the immediate deaths of 12 passengers;

28 May 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. The opposition party **Amhara Fano National Movement** announces extensive road closures across the **Amhara Region** in response to a major federal military offensive launched ahead of the 1 June general election;

28 May 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. The **United States (US)** commits Sh1.7 billion (\$12.98m) to support Kenya's preparedness against **Ebola**;

28 May 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. Madagascar and **Russia** are set to sign an agreement establishing a common economic zone to facilitate trade, capital flows and technology transfers, while also discussing partnerships to increase Malagasy fuel storage and energy capacity;

28 May 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The **African Development Bank (AfDB)** projects that Tanzania's economy will grow by 5.4%, despite facing global geopolitical risks;

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