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22 Jul 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Kigali Today*. **M23** expands its military ranks after graduating 9,318 new commandos in **Tchanzu (North Kivu Province)**, bringing its estimated force size to around 40,000 fighters, although the figure has not yet been independently confirmed by the **United Nations (UN)**;

22 Jul 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. **Central African Republic's (CAR)** President **Faustin-Archange Touadéra** awards the Medal of Merit to Rwanda's **RWANBATT-15** peacekeeping troops in recognition of their year-long service under the **United Nations (UN)** mission in CAR and their contribution to civilian protection and stability;

21 Jul 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *DW*. Political tensions are escalating in the DRC as opposition groups and civil society accuse President **Félix Tshisekedi** of using proposed constitutional reforms to help him seek a third term;

21 Jul 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *BBC*. Ethiopian police arrest 17 suspects, including alleged ringleader **Mohammed Tahir**, accused of operating a human trafficking network that allegedly smuggled more than 40,000 Ethiopians to **Saudi Arabia** via **Djibouti** and **Yemen**, generating over ETB 1 billion (\$6.1m);

21 Jul 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA)** notes that Tanzania is preparing to accelerate the growth of its electric vehicle (EV) market by introducing clearer standards and regulations aimed at supporting investment, consumer confidence and sustainable transport development;

21 Jul 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Daily Nation*. The **Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC)** calls on the **United States (US)** to lift its travel restrictions on Uganda imposed over the country's **Ebola** outbreak, arguing that the measures are not supported by scientific evidence and could harm regional economies and public health efforts;

21 Jul 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. President **Paul Kagame** accuses unnamed actors of spreading a narrative aimed at creating tensions between the **United States** and Rwanda over the conflict in eastern **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)**, arguing that claims of Rwanda violating the **Washington Accords** are misleading;

20 Jul 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *FT*. Health ministry confirms the **Ebola** outbreak has killed at least 930 people;

20 Jul 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. From 1 August, the **United States (US)** embassy in Antananarivo will stop processing visa applications as part of a regional restructuring of US consular services, requiring applicants from Madagascar to travel to **South Africa**, to apply for US visas;

18 Jul 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. During a joint consultation mission to Madagascar, special envoys from the **United Nations (UN)** and the **African Union (AU)** emphasise that the national dialogue for rebuilding the republic must be inclusive of all stakeholders;

18 Jul 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** and **Egypt's** President **Abdel Fattah El-Sisi** sign a bilateral agreement aimed at deepening and expanding their economic ties across several key sectors, including agriculture, livestock, transport, logistics, electricity and renewable energy;

18 Jul 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. Uganda discharges its last remaining **Ebola** patient, a **Congolese** national who recovered at the **Mulago National Referral Hospital** in Kampala, marking a 42-day countdown without any new reported cases;

17 Jul 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Addis Standard*. Djibouti and the **European Union (EU)** sign a **Status of Forces Agreement** allowing the EU's **EUNAVFOR ASPIDES** maritime security mission to operate from Djiboutian territory, strengthening cooperation on **Red Sea** security and freedom of navigation;

16 Jul 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Daily Nation*. The **United States (US)** introduces a policy requiring Americans leaving the DRC's Ebola-affected areas to undergo a 21-day quarantine before entering the country, citing public health concerns;

16 Jul 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. High court strikes out a petition challenging the registration of former president **Rigathi Gachagua's Democracy for Citizens Party (DCP)**, ruling that the dispute must be heard in the **Political Parties Disputes Tribunal**;

16 Jul 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. **Southern African Development Community (SADC)** says it is closely monitoring Madagascar's political transition, urging the authorities to pursue transparent reforms, inclusive national dialogue and respect for constitutional order as part of efforts to ensure long-term peace and stability;

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