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7 Jul 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. The **World Bank** reaffirms its partnership with the DRC through a financial commitment of nearly \$8 billion across 24 active development projects;

7 Jul 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. **Nigeria's Dangote Group** plans to finance a proposed 700,000-barrel-per-day oil refinery on Kenya's **Lamu Island**, using a combination of internal cash flow, bonds and an initial public offering;

7 Jul 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Africanews*. Tanzanian authorities arrest dozens of people and significantly tighten security to prevent planned anti-government protests demanding political reforms;

6 Jul 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. President **Paul Kagame** is appointed co-chair of the **International Commission on Artificial Intelligence**, established by the **United Nations (UN)** through the **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)** to promote responsible AI development and access;

6 Jul 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera*. **United States (US)** imposes sanctions on several **Rwandan** businessmen and mining companies accused of financing the **M23** rebellion through the illicit smuggling of conflict minerals from the DRC;

6 Jul 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. The **M23** rebel movement states that it remains rooted in the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** and accuses the government in Kinshasa of targeting certain communities and cooperating with armed groups;

6 Jul 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. President **Michaël Randrianirina** denounces recent security incidents, including a drone tracking his convoy, as a political conspiracy orchestrated from abroad to create a climate of fear;

6 Jul 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. Rwanda and **Israel** sign new agreements to strengthen cooperation in development, innovation and education, following discussions between foreign ministers **Gideon Moshe Sa'ar** and **Olivier Nduhungirehe**;

6 Jul 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania and **China** are in talks to establish a 10-day visa-free transit agreement for eligible travellers to boost travel and bilateral relations;

5 Jul 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. The **World Bank** imposes strict new conditions on Kenya in exchange for securing upcoming development loans, requiring significant policy alignments from the **National Treasury** led by cabinet secretary **John Mbadi**;

5 Jul 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania People's Defence Force (TPDF)** issues a call for peace while increasing security measures along the country's borders, highlighting the military's efforts to maintain national stability amidst heightened border awareness;

4 Jul 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Defence chief of staff Field Marshal **Berhanu Jula** warns that the security situation in the **Red Sea** and **Horn of Africa** has become more complex and concerning;

2 Jul 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Ethiopia's military claims it killed 116 alleged "extremists" during an operation in **Dega Damot** in the **Amhara Region**, wounded two bodyguards of **Fano** leader **Zenabu Lengrew** and seized weapons and military equipment;

2 Jul 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Kenyan activists file a new court case seeking to halt the construction and expansion of luxury lodges in the **Maasai Mara National Reserve** until 2032, arguing that existing developments were approved illegally and threaten wildlife migration routes and **Maasai** livelihoods;

2 Jul 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. **Group of Free Zone Companies and Partners (GEFP)** warns that recent tax measures introduced under finance laws since 2023, which it says are linked to commitments made to the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**, are undermining the country's free zone regime, creating regulatory uncertainty and threatening investment and more than 200,000 jobs;

2 Jul 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania and the **United States (US)** sign a five-year health partnership worth TSh8 trillion (\$3.1 billion) to strengthen the country's health system through investments in healthcare services and capacity building;

2 Jul 2026 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Africa Confidential*. The **United States (US)** is pursuing diplomatic engagement with Eritrea as tensions rise in the **Horn of Africa**, particularly around the **Tigray Region** and wider **Red Sea** competition. Eritrea's strategic positioning, alongside rival **Gulf State** interests from **Saudi Arabia** and the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**, is contributing to growing regional uncertainty and the risk of renewed conflict;

2 Jul 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *AP News*. **United Nations (UN)** experts report that all parties involved in eastern DRC's conflict, including the Congolese army, **M23** rebels and **Rwanda**, have violated the December peace agreement and committed abuses;

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