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29 Jul 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. A delegation of officers from the **Zimbabwe Military Academy** is undertaking a two-week study tour in Rwanda to strengthen military cooperation and learn about the country's security, governance and post-genocide reconstruction;

28 Jul 2026 **Gitega (Burundi)** *Burundi Times*. Burundi exports 1,235 tonnes of critical minerals in just two weeks, highlighting strong demand for its mining sector and the government's efforts to boost mineral exports;

28 Jul 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. **World Bank** executive director **Harold Tavares** is visiting Madagascar to meet with senior government officials and inspect World Bank-funded projects in sectors including water, energy and urban development, with the aim of assessing their impact and discussing the country's development priorities;

28 Jul 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. Ebola surveillance teams in eastern DRC are struggling to contain a rapidly growing outbreak due to shortages of vehicles, underreporting by clinics, delayed responses and public mistrust, allowing infections to spread before they are detected;

28 Jul 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Ethiopia and the **United States Africa Command (AFRICOM)** co-host the **African Logistics and Communications Symposium** in Addis Ababa, bringing together military leaders from across the continent to strengthen regional defence cooperation and address evolving security threats;

27 Jul 2026 **Gitega (Burundi)** *Burundi Times*. A **China**-funded solar education project implemented with **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)** will improve electricity, water, sanitation and learning facilities at schools in Burundi, benefiting more than 9,000 learners by creating better learning environments for students and teachers;

27 Jul 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. Prime minister **Judith Suminwa Tuluka** visits Ebola treatment and response facilities in **Rwampara** and **Mongwalu**, reaffirming government support for patients and frontline health workers while donating vehicles to strengthen the response;

27 Jul 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Delegates from Ethiopia's ruling **Prosperity Party** are reportedly divided during the national dialogue over Addis Ababa's future status, with competing proposals to keep the city under the federal government or place it under the **Oromia** regional administration;

27 Jul 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** swears in newly appointed senior officials in **Zanzibar**, urging public leaders to uphold integrity and avoid favouritism in their duties;

27 Jul 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. **China** and Madagascar reaffirm their military partnership, with both countries pledging to expand cooperation in defence training,

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experience sharing and technical support to strengthen the capabilities of the **Malagasy Armed Forces**;

27 Jul 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Finance minister **Khamis Mussa Omar** announces that Tanzania raised TZS 263 billion (\$100m) through its first offshore bond listed on the **London Stock Exchange (United Kingdom)**, denominated in Tanzanian shillings;

26 Jul 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. The opposition **Congo Positif** elects **Dieudonné Nkishi** as its president for a seven-year term during the party's national congress, with Nkishi winning 267 of 270 delegate votes;

26 Jul 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Energy cabinet secretary **Opiyo Wandayi** reports Kenya's fuel import bill reached a record KSh 122.4 billion (\$949m) in May, reflecting the continued high cost of petroleum imports;

25 Jul 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **National Bank of Ethiopia** (central bank) warns the public that the use, purchase, sale, transfer and trading of virtual assets, including cryptocurrencies, are prohibited unless explicitly authorised, citing risks such as fraud, cyber threats, market manipulation and financial losses;

24 Jul 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Al Jazeera*. Shipping insurance costs surge as conflict in the **Strait of Hormuz** and a **Houthi** blockade in the **Bab al-Mandeb Strait** have disrupted global maritime trade, driving up the cost and risk of using these critical shipping routes, directly affecting Djibouti, which sits on the Bab al-Mandeb Strait and relies heavily on maritime trade and port services;

23 Jul 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily Nation*. **Somali** pirates seize control of a Tanzanian fuel tanker travelling from **Yemen** in a renewed act of piracy affecting maritime security in the region;

23 Jul 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Africa Confidential*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** is reportedly seeking to use the **National Dialogue Conference**, which opened on 15 July, as a platform to begin reshaping the country's ethnic federal system, marking what could be the most significant constitutional reform since the 1990s;

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