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14 Jul 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Mining Weekly*. The DRC's mining industry warns that proposed reforms to the 2018 mining code, aimed at increasing state control over strategic minerals and strengthening regulatory oversight, could undermine investor confidence and create regulatory uncertainty;

14 Jul 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** acknowledges that ongoing insecurity in the **Amhara Region** has severely restricted freedom of movement, nearly three years after the government launched a military campaign against **Fano** militia that has failed to achieve its objective of disarming the group;

14 Jul 2026 **Gitega (Burundi)** *The East African*. A **Kenyan** court has frozen \$274,000 belonging to a Burundian engineering firm's local affiliate, **EIS Afrika Group Ltd**, following an application by the **Assets Recovery Agency (ARA)**, which alleges the funds are proceeds of crime linked to money laundering;

14 Jul 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Government extends its reduction in VAT on petroleum products from 16% to 8% for another three months until mid-October to shield households and businesses from high global energy prices caused by **Middle East** tensions and confirms it will also provide a KSh945m (\$7.3m) fuel subsidy to maintain current prices;

14 Jul 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Workers at **China**-headquartered **Tianpin Investment Management's** gold mine in Tanzania accuse the investor of labour rights violations, prompting local authorities to investigate conditions at the site after complaints were raised;

14 Jul 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *The New Times*. **Institute of Certified Public Accountants (ICPAR)** sanctions seven audit firms and eight practitioners following a 2025 quality assurance review that found breaches of international auditing and quality management standards;

13 Jul 2026 **Gitega (Burundi)** *Russia's Pivot To Asia*. **Russia's** foreign minister **Sergey Lavrov** visits Burundi, meeting President **Évariste Ndayishimiye** and foreign minister **Édouard Bizimana** to discuss strengthening political, economic, humanitarian and diplomatic cooperation, including coordination on regional security and multilateral issues;

13 Jul 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. The **United Kingdom's University of Oxford** launches the first human trial of its ChAdOx1 BDBV vaccine to combat an ongoing outbreak of the Bundibugyo strain of the Ebola virus in the DRC and **Uganda**;

13 Jul 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. The **National Bank of Ethiopia** (central bank) raises its policy interest rate by a full percentage point to 16% and removes the temporary credit cap to combat a resurgence of inflation, which reached 13.4% in May due to **Middle East** conflict-driven fuel disruptions;

13 Jul 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. Aligning with its 'America First' foreign aid policy, the **United States (US)** is pushing Madagascar to reduce its reliance on foreign assistance and transition toward a more self-reliant healthcare system;

13 Jul 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The energy ministry announces delays to a planned \$420m gas-to-liquid plant until the country can guarantee a stable natural gas supply;

13 Jul 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. DRC health ministry documents and eight sources involved in the **Ebola** response reveal that the **AFC/M23** rebel group has used a small Ebola outbreak in territory it controls to showcase its governing capabilities, establishing a parallel health administration independent of the central government in Kinshasa;

11 July 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. The **Ethio-Djibouti Railway Corridor Expansion Committee** holds its third technical meeting in Addis Ababa to discuss transforming the \$4-billion electrified rail line into a multi-sector economic and prosperity corridor;

9 Jul 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Punch*. The **World Health Organisation** reports that the **Ebola** outbreak in the DRC has reached 1,759 confirmed cases and 600 deaths since mid-May, with the rare **Bundibugyo** strain continuing to spread from its epicentre in **Ituri Province**;

9 Jul 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Renewed violence in **Asoko District (East Arsi Zone)** leaves at least four people dead and displaces thousands across several villages, with residents accusing heavily armed militants of carrying out coordinated attacks aimed at driving communities from the area;

9 Jul 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. The **Agriculture and Food Authority** reports that Kenya's miraa exports to **Somalia** have continued to decline, reducing export earnings from KSh3.56 billion (\$27.6m) to KSh3.09 billion (\$24m), as **Ethiopian** producers gain market share following preferential access to the Somali market in 2023;

9 Jul 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. President **Michaël Randrianirina** describes the recent violence in Madagascar – marked by kidnappings, disappearances and killings – as terrorism, alleging it is part of a coordinated effort to destabilise the country, and announces strengthened security measures;

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