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11 Aug 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. The **Metekel Zone** administration notes that an armed attack near the central bus terminal in **Gilgel Beles (Benishangul-Gumuz Region)** killed least 10 civilians were killed and wounded dozens, with authorities blaming the armed **Gumuz Force** and alleging coordination with extremist **Fano** elements;

11 Aug 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. Madagascar and **Chad** are seeking to strengthen bilateral and economic cooperation, with transitional president **Michaël Randrianirina**'s visit to N'Djamena focusing on professional ties, skills exchange and greater use of the Malagasy diaspora's expertise;

11 Aug 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA)** notes that the **Port of Dar es Salaam** recorded a 17% increase in transit cargo in the 2025/2026 financial year, indicating stronger regional trade flows and growing demand for Tanzania's port services;

10 Aug 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Times Live*. The **World Health Organisation (WHO)** says the Ebola outbreak in the DRC began months before it was officially declared, suggesting transmission was occurring undetected before authorities confirmed the outbreak;

10 Aug 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Dawan Africa*. A **United States (US)** military aircraft crashes near Djibouti's **Chabelley Airfield**, with the US Embassy confirming the incident and that an investigation is underway;

10 Aug 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Africanews*. **High Constitutional Court (HCC)** approves a law allowing the state to reclaim land that remains registered to foreigners from the colonial era, exempting land used by foreign diplomatic and consular missions and properties that had already been transferred to Malagasy citizens before 26 June 1960;

10 Aug 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania and **Serbia** agree to strengthen bilateral trade and economic cooperation, aiming to expand commercial ties between the two countries;

10 Aug 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Works minister **Edward Katumba Wamala** says delays in acquiring land are holding up road construction projects, disrupting connectivity and affecting local businesses;

9 Aug 2026 **Gitega (Burundi)** *Breaking Burundi*. Burundi's prolonged fuel shortage is worsening transport disruptions, with long queues, rising fares, overcrowded informal taxis and a growing black market for fuel, which has also contributed to road-safety risks;

9 Aug 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **World Health Organisation (WHO)** director-general **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus** urges Ethiopia's federal and regional leaders to abandon military confrontation and pursue political dialogue, warning that fighting in **Amhara, Oromia** and other regions is worsening humanitarian and economic instability;

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8 Aug 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Capital Ethiopia*. An economic assessment by the **Investment Bank of Africa (IBA)** urges Djibouti to tighten debt controls, reform state-owned enterprises, broaden domestic revenue collection and improve fiscal discipline to address debt vulnerabilities arising from years of infrastructure investment;

8 Aug 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania and **Uganda** are seeking to establish their own oil refinery in **Tanga**, aiming to strengthen regional energy security and reduce reliance on imported refined petroleum products;

7 Aug 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Reuters*. **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) relaxes foreign exchange rules to allow foreign investors to buy government-issued Treasury bonds and bills;

6 Aug 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. Madagascar's government says negotiations with the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** are continuing after the IMF postponed the disbursement of \$183m in budget support, stressing that the only major disagreement is the government's suspension of the automatic fuel price adjustment mechanism;

6 Aug 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania signs several public-private partnership agreements in the health and energy sectors at the **Africa50 Infrastructure Forum** in Dar es Salaam, aiming to accelerate investment in critical infrastructure and improve public service delivery;

6 Aug 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Uganda introduces a new yuan-based settlement system for trade with **China**, allowing businesses to settle transactions directly in **Chinese** yuan instead of routing payments through the **United States (US)** dollar;

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