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2 Jul 2024 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *HRW*. **United States**-headquartered **Human Rights Watch** says the **United Nations (UN)** should ensure continued scrutiny of the human rights situation in Eritrea and extend the mandate of the special rapporteur;

2 Jul 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *APA News*. Foreign affairs minister **Taye Aske Selassie** and his **Somali** counterpart, **Ahmed Moalim Fiqi**, sign an agreement to meet again after the current round of mediation talks, facilitated by **Turkey**, over Ethiopia's port deal with **Somaliland**;

2 Jul 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Anadolu Agency*. Interior cabinet secretary **Kithure Kindiki** pledges to end violence and looting stemming from anti-government protests;

2 Jul 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Riot police are patrolling Nairobi amid calls for more protests to demand President **William Ruto** step down following last week's deadly protests;

2 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** welcomes her **Mozambican** counterpart, **Felipe Nyusi**, at **State House** in Dar es Salaam;

2 Jul 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The Independent*. Parliament reconvenes for a special sitting to reconsider the 2024/2025 financial year budget after President **Yoweri Museveni** refused to endorse the bill;

1 Jul 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Mining Weekly*. State-owned miner **Gecamines** says it has rejected the sale of cobalt miner **Chemaf** and its Congolese assets, which it leases from Gecamines, to **China's Norin Mining**;

1 Jul 2024 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *BBC*. Eritreans report to the **BBC** that family members, registered as refugees in **Sudan**, have gone missing and are reportedly being held by the Sudanese military;

30 Jun 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Business Insider Africa*. Ethiopia and **South Sudan** commit to a \$738m cross-border road that will increase connectivity and enhance economic ties;

30 Jun 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Bloomberg*. President **William Ruto** defends his decision to deploy the military to suppress protests last week that left at least 24 people dead;

30 Jun 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. The ruling **Chama Cha Mapinduzi's (CCM) National Executive Committee (NEC)** expresses its satisfaction with the implementation of the election manifesto (2020-25) by both the mainland and **Zanzibar** governments;

29 Jun 2024 **Kanyabayonga (DRC)** *Jeune Afrique*. Administrative officials confirm **M23** rebels seized Kanyabayonga town, located approximately 100km from **North Kivu** provincial capital **Goma**;

29 Jun 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *APA News*. **Ethiopian Airlines** reportedly terminates its discussions with the **Nigerian** government to establish a joint venture airline, **Nigeria Air**, due to the Nigerian government's loss of interest in partnering with a foreign airline;

29 Jun 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *AFP*. **United States**-headquartered **Human Rights Watch (HRW)** says at least 30 people died in protests last week over the **Finance Bill 2024**, adding that security forces shot directly into crowds;

29 Jun 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania confirms it will sell 650,000 tonnes of corn to **Zambia**, which is facing a severe **El-Nino** induced drought;

27 Jun 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *AFP*. The supreme court upholds the life sentence handed to former prime minister **Alain-Guillaume Bunyoni** for charges including destabilising the economy and illegal enrichment;

27 Jun 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Freight News*. **Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC)** is considering withdrawing its vessels serving trade lines that call at ports in the **Horn of Africa** due to ongoing **Houthi** rebel attacks on maritime traffic;

27 Jun 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *AFP*. **Angola** says President **Felix Tshisekedi** and his **Rwandan** counterpart, **Paul Kagame**, may meet “*very soon*” for talks amid increased unrest in eastern DRC;

27 Jun 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *APA News*. Foreign affairs ministry spokesperson **Nebiyou Tedala** denies accusations that Ethiopian forces crossed into **Somalia** in pursuit of **al-Shabaab** militants;

27 Jun 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Africa Confidential*. Diplomatic sources report that a top-level meeting between **Somalia’s** President **Hassan Sheikh Mohamud** and prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** will take place in **Turkey** on 30 June to break the impasse caused by Ethiopia’s **Red Sea** access deal with **Somaliland**;

27 Jun 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Mining Weekly*. **Sweden**-headquartered gold exploration and mining company **Akobo Minerals** completes the construction of its processing plant and starts commissioning activities;

27 Jun 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *SF Group*. Police fire tear gas to disperse protestors as demonstrations continue across the capital despite President **William Ruto** pulling the controversial finance bill;

27 Jun 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. The **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** says Tanzania’s economic growth is projected to rebound to about 6.5% over the medium term, assuming successful implementation of the authorities’ reform agenda;

26 Jun 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Africa Confidential*. President **William Ruto** announces he will not sign into law the **Finance Bill 2024** following days of protests that have reportedly resulted in 20 deaths;

26 Jun 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The China Global South Project*. Climate change campaigners protest at **Chinese** embassies in 10 countries yesterday, calling on China not to finance the construction of the controversial **East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)**;

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