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7 Aug 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Amnesty International*. Global human rights group Amnesty International reports that since 2009, private businesses have been complicit in forced evictions of Maasai Indigenous communities from their ancestral lands in **Loliondo (Ngorongoro district)** by Tanzanian authorities;

7 Aug 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Nation*. The ceasefire negotiated in **Luanda** (Angola) between Rwanda and the DRC appears to have collapsed before it could take effect following an outbreak of violence between the warring parties;

6 Aug 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Africa News*. South African police said they rescued 90 Ethiopian migrants who were being held against their will at a property in **Johannesburg**;

6 Aug 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Business Daily*. The **Central Bank of Kenya (CBK)** cut its benchmark interest rate key rate to 12.75% from 13%, the first cut since early 2020, surprising financial markets;

5 Aug 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Bloomberg*. State minister in the finance ministry **Eyob Tekalign Tolina** says government is planning to spend an additional 550 billion birr (\$6.84 billion) to cushion citizens against the impact of economic reforms;

5 Aug 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Reuters*. A **Liberian**-flagged container ship that was hit by **Houthi** militants off **Yemen** on 3 August in the first such attack in two weeks, has arrived safely in Djibouti;

5 Aug 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *The Africa Report*. Following the 25 July ruling by the **United States (US)** District Court for the District of Columbia requiring Djibouti to pay a \$200m fine to the **Dubai**-based port group, **DP Group**, the country's government has refused to pay the fine;

5 Aug 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *CNBC Africa*. **The Stanbic Bank Kenya Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)** falls to 43.1 from 47.2 in June, indicating a contraction in activity, a reflection of the impacts of the anti-government protests in June/July;

4 Aug 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Daily News Egypt*. **Egyptian** authorities say they will import large quantities of live sheep and goats from Djibouti and **Somalia** for immediate slaughter, in a bid to curb meat prices following an influx of tourists and expatriates;

4 Aug 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *VOA*. Local sources report that **M23** rebels captured **Ishasha** town on the border with **Uganda**;

2 Aug 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Anadolu Agency*. President **Evariste Ndayishimiye** calls for regional coordination in sub-Saharan Africa to help restore peace in the conflict-torn DRC;

2 Aug 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Anadolu Agency*. **Zambia** and Burundi on 1 August signed six bilateral agreements to boost cooperation in various fields, including agriculture and security;

2 Aug 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *New Times*. **Burundi** on 1 August became the sixth country to join **East African Community (EAC)**'s **One Network Area**, aimed at reducing communication costs;

1 Aug 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. **Oromia** region local government and **Addis Ababa City Trade Bureau** shut down several businesses found hiking prices of basic commodities following the **National Bank of Ethiopia**'s (central bank) decision to float the birr;

1 Aug 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** launches the 541-km standard gauge railway which connects Dar es Salaam and **Dodoma**;

1 Aug 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *New Vision*. **Gabon**'s transitional president, General **Brice Oligui Nguema**, arrives in Gabon for a three-day visit;

1 Aug 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Africanews*. **Kenya National Bureau of Statistics** reports annual inflation dropped from 4.6% in June to 4.3% in July;

31 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Al Jazeera*. **United States (US)**-headquartered **Human Rights Watch (HRW)** says in a report that the Tanzanian government has been forcibly evicting indigenous **Maasai** from their ancestral lands;

31 Jul 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *AFP*. **European Union (EU)** welcomes the ceasefire agreed on between **Rwanda** and **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** in eastern DRC, and asks all sides to respect the terms;

30 Jul 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Business Live*. **World Bank** approves a \$1.5 billion financing package for Ethiopia after the country secured a four-year \$3.4 billion programme with the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**;

29 Jul 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Business Live*. The birr's value falls 30% against the **United States (US)** dollar, trading at 74.73/\$, after **National Bank of Ethiopia** (central bank) floated the currency;

29 Jul 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. Government accuses the **M23** rebels and **Rwandan** forces backing them of sending false navigation signals to disrupt air traffic over **North Kivu** province;

29 Jul 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. Kampala magistrate's court charges 36 opposition **Forum for Democratic Change (FDC)** members on terrorism-related offences after they were deported from **Kenya** where they travelled to attend a training course;

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