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13 Aug 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Bloomberg*. International nongovernmental organisation **Save The Children** says already overcrowded hospitals are struggling as an mpox outbreak pushes their capacity;

13 Aug 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. **Turkey's** foreign minister, **Hakan Fidan**, says the second round of mediated talks between Ethiopia and **Somalia** in Turkey ended without a deal but that progress was made;

13 Aug 2024 **Mbeya (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Police in the **Mbeya** region have granted bail to detained opposition **Chadema** party leaders, including national chairman **Freeman Mbowe**, along with cadres and supporters, following interrogations;

13 Aug 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Al Jazeera*. **Gulu** high court finds **Lord's Resistance Army (LRA)** commander **Thomas Kwoyelo** guilty of 44 offences, including crimes against humanity;

13 Aug 2024 **Lusaka (Zambia)** *Reuters*. **Democratic Republic of Congo's (DRC)** trade ministry confirms that Zambia will reopen its recently closed border with DRC today;

12 Aug 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *CNBC Africa*. Finance minister **John Mbadi** says he will work to reduce the government's bloated payroll and carry out tax reforms in a bid to address the country's growing budget deficit;

12 Aug 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Anadolu Agency*. An Ethiopian and **Somalian** delegation will meet in **Türkiye** today in a bid to ease tensions over Ethiopia's **Red Sea** deal with **Somaliland**;

12 Aug 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Business Daily*. **Competition Authority of Kenya (CAK)** says **United Arab Emirates**-based **B Commodities ME** has committed to retaining 10,120 employees of **Lipton Teas and Infusions Kenya** and **Limuru Tea** as it acquires controlling stakes in the two companies;

12 Aug 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Police detain 61 people, including opposition **Chadema** deputy chairman **Tundu Lissu**, who were planning to commemorate International Youth Day, stating that the party had displayed signs of threatening public peace;

11 Aug 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *AFP*. President **Paul Kagame** is sworn in for a fourth term;

11 Aug 2024 **Lusaka (Zambia)** *Diggers*. Commerce, trade and industry minister **Chipoka Mulenga** announces the temporary closure of all three of Zambia's functional border gates with the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** due to protests taking place in DRC;

9 Aug 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Arab News*. Survivors and relatives of a 2004 massacre of **Tutsi** refugees in Burundi file legal cases in Burundi, **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** and **Rwanda**, claiming genocide and crimes against humanity;

9 Aug 2024 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Asharq Al-Awsat*. Foreign minister **Osman Saleh** meets with **Egypt's** President **Abdel Fattah El-Sisi** to discuss coordination at various levels to face threats in the **Horn of Africa** and **Red Sea** to support regional security and stability;

8 Aug 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Arab News*. **Saudi Arabia** and Djibouti confirm plans to establish a new maritime initiative aimed at strengthening trade and economic ties;

8 Aug 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *APA News*. **United States** grants DRC \$424m in humanitarian aid;

8 Aug 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Police fire tear gas at anti-government protestors in Nairobi;

8 Aug 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *France24*. Regulators shut down more than 8,000 churches and mosques for failing to meet health and safety standards;

8 Aug 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The **African Development Bank (AfDB)** in its **2024 Country Focus Report**, highlights the urgent need for Tanzania to address its development financing challenges by focusing on global financial reforms, including enhancing stability, accessibility and reducing volatility in finance and markets;

7 Aug 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Bloomberg*. **Egypt** and Djibouti offer support to a new **African Union** peacekeeping mission in **Somalia** that will replace a similar force retiring at the end of this year;

7 Aug 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *News24*. **United Nations (UN) Security Council (UNSC)** resolves to offer logistical and technical support to the **Southern African Development Community (SADC) Mission in DRC (SAMIDRC)**;

7 Aug 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. **Ethiopia Securities Exchange (ESX)** CEO **Tilahun Esmael Kassahun** says operations are expected to start in October;

7 Aug 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *CNBC Africa*. **Bank of Uganda** (central bank) cuts its key lending rate by 25 basis points to 10%, stating the shilling has recovered and has led to an improvement in the inflation outlook;

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