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8 Oct 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. **United Nations (UN)** is reportedly considering suspending relief operations in **Amhara Region** following deadly attacks on humanitarian workers;

8 Oct 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Africanews*. An overwhelming majority – 281 members of parliament (MPs) – vote to impeach vice president **Rigathi Gachagua**, moving the motion onto the **Senate**;

8 Oct 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Reuters*. **Norway**-headquartered **Equinor** senior vice president **Nina Koch** says the company remains committed to the \$42 billion liquefied natural gas (LNG) project in Tanzania that has stalled after proposed government changes to a financial agreement reached last year;

8 Oct 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *IPP Media*. The **Bank of Tanzania (BoT)** (central bank) has purchased at least 7 kilograms of gold from small-scale, medium-scale, and large-scale miners between 1 and 4 October as part of its initiative to bolster the country's foreign exchange reserves;

8 Oct 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The East African*. **Bank of Uganda** (central bank) cuts its benchmark policy rate by 0.25% to 9.75% as inflationary pressures continue to ease;

7 Oct 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *ItWeb*. Burundi and **Zambia** sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for an undersea cable to connect the two countries;

7 Oct 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *iAfrica.com*. **European Union (EU)** in partnership with **Tanzania** and **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees** launches an \$8.8m initiative to address the ongoing Burundian refugee crisis;

7 Oct 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Africanews*. Parliament approves the appointment of foreign minister **Taye Astike Selassie** as the country's new president – a largely ceremonial role – replacing **Sahle-Work Zewde** whose term ends later this month;

7 Oct 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Bloomberg*. Vice president **Rigathi Gachagua** confirms he will appear in the **National Assembly** on 8 October to defend himself in an impeachment process over allegations he violated the constitution and refused to quit;

6 Oct 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. **Central Bank of Kenya (CBK)** data show foreigners' portfolio investments in Kenya have increased by 121%, from \$49.5m in June 2023 to \$233.4m in June 2024;

6 Oct 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Al Jazeera*. Health minister **Sabin Nsanzimana** launches a trial for a vaccine for the **Marburg** virus in a bid to combat an outbreak of the disease in the country;

5 Oct 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *France24*. DRC launches an mpox vaccination campaign from 7 October, vaccinating hospital staff and opening up vaccines to members of the public who are most at risk;

5 Oct 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Reuters*. Foreign minister **Olivier Nduhungerehe** says the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** refused to sign an agreement to help resolve the **M23** conflict in eastern DRC;

4 Oct 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Voice of Nigeria*. Burundi calls on **Nigerian** investors to explore opportunities in Burundi;

4 Oct 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Africanews*. Coastguard confirms it is still searching for dozens of migrants still missing after smugglers allegedly forced them off two boats in the **Red Sea** off the coast of Djibouti;

4 Oct 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Bloomberg*. Tanzania is in talks with **India's Adani Group** for a \$900m public-private partnership project to construct high-voltage power lines in Tanzania;

4 Oct 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *VOA*. Chief of the defence forces, General **Muhoozi Kainerugaba**, tells **United States (US)** ambassador to Uganda **William Popp** he has until 7 October to apologise for reportedly disrespecting President **Yoweri Museveni** and undermining the constitution, or leave the country;

3 Oct 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *CNBC Africa*. Bondholders reject the outlines of a government debt restructuring proposal for Ethiopia's \$1-billion bond;

3 Oct 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** confirms Kenya has asked it to conduct an official assessment of corruption and governance issues after a push from **Western** nations;

3 Oct 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *IPP*. The **Bank of Tanzania (BoT)** (central bank)'s **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** maintains the central bank rate (CBR) unchanged at 6% for the quarter ending December 2024;

3 Oct 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Local publication **The Citizen** announces that it is ceasing publication across all its online media platforms with immediate effect due to the **Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA)** suspending all its online media services licences for 30 days, citing publication of prohibited content, particularly a widely circulated video that raised concerns about abductions and disappearances in Tanzania;

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