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13 Nov 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Africanews*. International NGO **Save The Children** reports that as of 3 November, mpox cases among children have risen to 1,100;

13 Nov 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Pune News*. The **World Food Programme (WFP)** announces it requires \$138m in net funding to provide humanitarian aid to one million food insecure Kenyans in the next six months;

13 Nov 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Business Insider Africa*. Kenya says it is optimistic that plans for a **Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership (STIP)** that were originally discussed with **United States (US)** president-elect **Donald Trump** in 2020 will continue following his victory in the recent election;

13 Nov 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Public-Private Partnership Centre (PPPC)** announces that Tanzania is mobilising TSh 25 trillion (\$9 billion) in private capital to fund mega projects under which there are currently 84 projects being implemented including major infrastructure projects and hydropower;

13 Nov 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Polity*. Finance ministry announces its intention to cut 98% of external borrowing in the financial year ending June 2026 due to its increasing public debt which is currently stands at \$25.6 billion;

10 Nov 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Egypt Today*. Foreign affairs minister **Mahmour Ali Youssef** meets with his **Egyptian** counterpart, **Badr Abdel Aty**, to discuss cooperation and coordination within the **African Union (AU)** and the **Arab League**;

10 Nov 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *VOA*. A senior **Somali** official insists again that Ethiopia will not participate in a new **African Union (AU)** peacekeeping mission for Somalia starting January;

9 Nov 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *News Central Africa*. **United States (US)** expresses concern over violations of the ceasefire agreement in eastern DRC;

9 Nov 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africanews*. Political and civil society leaders announce an alliance to rally against President **Felix Tshisekedi**'s plans to review the constitution;

9 Nov 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *AFP*. Rwanda says it is relying on **Russia** training its citizens to become specialists in nuclear energy, which Rwanda is seeking to use to boost energy supply;

8 Nov 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *News Central Africa*. **High Court of Kenya** Judge **Lawrence Mugambi** rules that genetically modified (GMO) crops will be allowed to be cultivated and imported, amid strong opposition from stakeholders who claim this will damage traditional farming practices in the region;

8 Nov 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Crypto News Flash*. **Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA)** reports that the real time tax monitoring system it implemented in an attempt to decrease tax evasion and fraud, has resulted in \$77m in tax from crypto trading in the 2023-2024 fiscal year;

7 Nov 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *ENA*. The **28th Ethio-Djibouti Joint Border Administrations' and Commissioners Meeting** begins;

7 Nov 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Shega*. Construction of a 20MW **Bitcoin** mining facility has broken ground at **Wolaita** as the **Hong Kong**-headquartered **West Data Group** invests an estimated \$15m into the facility, expected to house 6,000 dedicated Bitcoin mining machines;

7 Nov 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Anadolu Agency*. Rwanda delivers a shipment of humanitarian supplies to **Gaza**;

7 Nov 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Reuters*. **National Bank of Rwanda** (central bank) governor **John Rwangombwa** says Rwanda's monetary policy in 2025 can remain accommodative as inflation is expected to remain under 5%;

6 Nov 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Asharq al-Awsat*. Djibouti awards **Saudi Arabia** its highest honour – the **National Independence Order of June 27th, Commander Rank** – for its development support made available via the **Saudi Fund for Development (SFD)**;

6 Nov 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. **David Ndi**, chairman of President **William Ruto's Council of Economic Advisors**, says Kenya's economy is on the mend and the country is unlikely to need further assistance from the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**;

6 Nov 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *News24*. Rwanda closes its embassy in **Maputo (Mozambique)** ahead of planned opposition protests;

6 Nov 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Punch*. Rwanda high commission in **Nigeria** signs a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Nigeria's **Lagos Chamber of Commerce** and Rwanda's **Private Sector Foundation** to deepen economic ties and create new business opportunities;

6 Nov 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Deputy permanent secretary of the ministry of energy, **James Mataragio**, discloses at **African Energy Week in Cape Town (South Africa)** that Tanzania is set to auction 26 petroleum exploration blocks in its fifth licensing round in March 2025;

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