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17 Dec 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *News Central TV*. A doctor, speaking anonymously, condemns the government's handling of the ongoing mpox outbreak, accusing government of remaining silent and not providing vital information;

17 Dec 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. DRC files criminal complaints against **United States**-headquartered **Apple's** subsidiaries in **France** and **Belgium**, accusing them of using conflict minerals in its supply chain;

17 Dec 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Parliament passes legislation that allows foreign banks to operate in Ethiopia in a bid to attract more foreign investment;

17 Dec 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *X*. State owned **Kenya Power** says electricity supply has been restored following a widespread power outage that affected most the country;

16 Dec 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *AFP*. A court sentences journalist **Sandra Muhoza** to one year and six months in prison on security-related charges which rights group call false and that she is being punished for sharing information in a private **WhatsApp** group;

16 Dec 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *France24*. Local and military sources report the army has lost control of **Matembe (North Kivu Province)**, located close to key commercial hub **Butembo**, to **M23** rebels;

16 Dec 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *IMF*. **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** executive board completes Tanzania's fourth review of its **Extended Credit Facility (ECF)** arrangement, approving an immediate disbursement of \$204.5m;

16 Dec 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Africanews*. A court orders the government to pay \$2,740 in compensation to each victim of **Lord's Resistance Army (LRA)** rebel group commander **Thomas Kwoyelo**, who was sentenced to 40 years in prison in October;

16 Dec 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Nile Post*. The **Eritrean** community in Uganda organises the 2nd **Eritrean Diaspora Investment Conference**;

15 Dec 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *SABC News*. The peace summit between DRC and **Rwanda**, set to take place in **Angola**, is cancelled at the last minute as both sides refuse to negotiate on certain requests;

15 Dec 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Anadolu Agency*. **Turkey's** President **Recep Tayyip Erdogan** announces he will visit Ethiopia and **Somalia** in the first two months of 2025 after mediating an accord between the two countries to deescalate tensions;

14 Dec 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *IMF*. **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** executive board approves Rwanda's fourth review of its **Policy Coordination Instrument and Resilience and Sustainability Facility** and second review of its **Stanby Credit Facility**, disbursing \$181.7m;

14 Dec 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. National carrier **Air Tanzania** has been placed on the **European Union (EU) Air Safety List**, effectively banning the airline from

operating within the EU, even though it currently does not operate any flights to the **European** region;

13 Dec 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Punch*. President **Félix Tshisekedi** and **Rwanda's** President Paul Kagame are set to meet in **Angola** on the 15 December to discuss the ongoing conflict with the **M23** rebel group in Eastern DRC;

13 Dec 2024 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Addis Standard*. **Ethiopia's Immigration and Citizenship Service (ICS)** denies allegations that Eritrean nationals in Ethiopia are being subject to arbitrary fees or deportation practices;

13 Dec 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Freight News*. **African Development Bank (AfDB)** signs an agreement with **Germany**-headquartered **Deutsche Bank** and **France**-headquartered **Société Générale** to fund \$1.2 billion for the construction of the standard gauge railway, contributing to the 411km railway line connecting **Tabora** and **Kigoma**;

12 Dec 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Al24News*. President **Evariste Ndayishimiye** hosts **Algeria's** foreign affairs minister **Ahmed Attaf** to discuss cooperation;

12 Dec 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Al Jazeera*. **Turkey's** President **Recep Tayyip Erdogan** says Ethiopia and **Somalia** have agreed on a joint declaration to resolve their dispute over Ethiopia's maritime deal with **Somaliland**;

11 Dec 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Africa Intelligence*. **France's** President **Emmanuel Macron** will visit Djibouti and **Ethiopia** between 20 and 22 December;

11 Dec 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Amnesty International*. **United Kingdom**-headquartered **Amnesty International** calls for an investigation into senior army officials for possible crimes against humanity committed while suppressing a demonstration in **Goma (North Kivu Province)** in August 2023 in which 56 people were killed;

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