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10 Dec 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *SABC News*. Fighting breaks out in **Lubero (North Kivu Province)** between government forces and the **M23** rebels, violating the peace deal that was brokered in **Angola** in August and casting doubt on the recent peace deal known as the **Concept of Operations Document** signed between DRC and **Rwanda**;

10 Dec 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *VOA*. **Somali** officials report Somali President **Hassan Sheikh Mohamud** will meet Ethiopia's prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** in **Turkey** to discuss ongoing tensions over Ethiopia's maritime agreement with **Somaliland**;

10 Dec 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC)** reports that it has registered 65 abductions of human rights defenders this year and calls for greater legal protection;

10 Dec 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The global aridity index indicates Tanzania, alongside **South Sudan**, are among countries with the largest percentage of land transitioning to drylands;

10 Dec 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Africanews*. A military court orders that opposition leader **Kizza Besigye** will remain in prison until January 2025;

9 Dec 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *VOA Africa*. **Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC)** says it is struggling to identify an unknown disease in DRC that has killed at least 79 people;

8 Dec 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** shuffles her cabinet, notably moving constitutional and legal affairs minister **Palamagamba Kabudi** to take over an expanded information, culture, arts and sports ministry and replacing him with Dr **Damas Ndumbaro**;

7 Dec 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *AFP*. A presidential decree declares legislative elections will be held in June 2025, but opposition politicians denounce the decision which also says that independent candidates will only be eligible if they have not been a member of a political party for at least one year;

7 Dec 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *New Vision*. Opposition leader **Kizza Besigye** petitions the **East Africa Court of Justice (EACJ)**, claiming that Uganda's military, aided by **Kenyan** security agencies, illegally arrested him in **Nairobi** (Kenya);

6 Dec 2024 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Nation*. **Kenya's** candidate for the **African Union Commission (AUC)** chairperson role, **Raila Odinga**, meets with President **Isaias Afwerki**;

6 Dec 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *France24*. **United Kingdom**-headquartered **Amnesty International** calls for the release of seven opposition members and a journalist whom Rwandan put on trial on 5 December on charges of undermining the government;

6 Dec 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Vice-president **Philip Mpango** said that government is actively engaged in discussions on its potential participation in developing the **Lobito Corridor**;

5 Dec 2024 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Ahram Online*. Foreign affairs minister **Osman Saleh** holds a phone call with his **Egyptian** counterpart **Badr Abdelatty** to discuss regional issues, including affirming support for **Somalia's** sovereignty, unity, and territorial integrity as a necessity for maintaining security and stability in the **Horn of Africa**;

5 Dec 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Business Daily*. **Central Bank of Kenya (CBK)** cuts its benchmark lending rate by 75 basis points to 11.25%, citing lower inflation and room to support economic growth;

5 Dec 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC)** reports it registered \$3.5 billion in foreign direct investment and \$3.1 billion in domestic direct investment in the 2023/2024 financial year;

4 Dec 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *AfDB*. **African Development Bank (AfDB)** approves a \$100m loan to Rwanda to enhance urban transport in Kigali;

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