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14 Jan 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *PML Daily*. **State House Investors Protection Unit (SHIPU)** head Colonel **Edith Nakalema** announces aims to attract **Indian** investment to correct the imbalance in trade between the nations after meeting members of the **Indian Business Forum**;

14 Jan 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Bloomberg*. Kenya said it is in talks with the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** to expand a railway line to **Uganda** and **South Sudan**, after **China** cut infrastructure funding to the project.;

14 Jan 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Telecom Review Africa*. **France**-headquartered **Orange** and **South Africa**-headquartered **Vodacom** form a partnership to create **Build, Own, Operate (BOO)** solar-powered mobile base stations across rural DRC to extend coverage in less densely populated areas;

13 Jan 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Times Live*. Prominent activist **Maria Sarungi Tsehai** reports that she is safe after armed men reportedly kidnapped her in **Nairobi (Kenya)**;

13 Jan 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. Ugandan military prosecutors added a charge of “treachery”, which carries the death penalty, to the list of violations of military law they say were committed by a prominent opposition figure, **Kiiza Besigye**;

13 Jan 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera*. **Forces armées de la République démocratique du Congo (FARDC)** (DRC armed forces) reports it has recaptured several towns that fell to armed groups in eastern DRC including **Ngungu**, located near **North Kivu** provincial capital **Goma**;

12 Jan 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *eNCA*. Former attorney general and public service and human capital development cabinet secretary **Justin Muturi** speaks on the wave of abductions of young government critics since the protests in June 2024, stating that unknown armed men also abducted his son in June 2024;

12 Jan 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Bloomberg*. Ethiopia opened its stock exchange — part of a plan to lure investors to an economy recovering from a civil war — without any brokers and no initial public offering debuts;

11 Jan 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *The Africa Report*. Ethiopia and **Somalia** commit to restoring full diplomatic ties after a year of tensions over Ethiopia’s deal with **Somaliland** for access to the **Red Sea**;

9 Jan 2025 **Dodoma (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Transport minister **Makame Mbarawa** announces upgrades to the northern railway line as part of a general effort to improve efficiency and infrastructure around **Tanga** port;

9 Jan 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Barrons*. Hundreds protest against illegal mining in eastern DRC where authorities are investigating claims of illicit **Chinese** mining as **South Kivu** governor **Jean-Jacques Purusi** announces the arrest of three Chinese nationals who had large sums of cash and gold bars in their possession;

9 Jan 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Business Day*. Venture capital and private equity principals **Africa: The Big Deal** report that Kenya attracted the most start-up investments in 2024 with \$638m followed by **Nigeria, Egypt** and **South Africa**;

9 Jan 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Business Day*. President **Paul Kagame** said his country has nothing to do with M23 rebels operating in mineral-rich territories in eastern DRC, and dismissed a **United Nations** group of experts' findings that his forces were helping the militia seize territory and mines;

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