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25 Feb 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *AP News*. **World Health Organisation (WHO)** announces 50 deaths from an unknown illness in northwest Congo;

25 Feb 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *AP News*. **United Kingdom (UK)** says it will pause some bilateral aid to Rwanda and impose other diplomatic sanctions over Rwanda's role in the conflict in eastern **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**;

25 Feb 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *AP News*. Interior minister **Kipchumba Murkomen** announces government collaboration with **Ethiopia** to recover 20 people reportedly missing following clashes at their border;

24 Feb 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. The agriculture ministry says Uganda, **Africa's** largest exporter of coffee, has seen the value of its coffee exports surge 83.4% in January, compared to the same month a year ago, boosted by high global prices of the commodity;

24 Feb 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Financial Times*. Government announces cobalt exports are to be stopped in an attempt to reduce the overabundance of supply and halt the price of the mineral falling;

24 Feb 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Bloomberg*. Kenya plans to sell new dollar bonds to finance the repurchase of \$900m Eurobonds due in 2027;

24 Feb 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Bloomberg*. State carrier **Kenya Airways** plans to acquire bigger cargo aircraft as intra-African trade expands and exports from the region bounce back from the Covid-19 pandemic slump;

22 Feb 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. Prime minister **Judith Suminwa** tells a high-level meeting of the **United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)** in **Geneva (Switzerland)** that some 7,000 people have died since January in fighting in eastern DRC;

22 Feb 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *DW*. Presidency spokesperson **Tina Salama** says President **Felix Tshisekedi** will launch a unity government, as he faces domestic pressure over his handling of an offensive by **Rwanda-backed M23** rebels in eastern provinces;

21 Feb 2025 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Reuters*. The **United Nations (UN)** says that Burundi is facing a rapidly worsening humanitarian situation as more than 40,000 people have fled there in two weeks to escape fighting in eastern DRC;

21 Feb 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *SABC*. A magistrates' court charges detained opposition politician **Kizza Besigye** with treason, rejecting his lawyer's pleas that he be transferred to hospital to help him recover from ill health stemming from a hunger strike;

21 Feb 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *MSN*. President **Yoweri Museveni** dismisses **Qatar-based Al-Jazeera's** claims that Uganda deployed troops in **Bunia** to support the DRC against **M23** rebels, clarifying that the **Uganda Peoples Defence Forces (UPDF)**'s presence is solely to combat the

**Allied Democratic Forces (ADF)**, which have been wreaking havoc in both Uganda and the DRC;

21 Feb 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Bloomberg*. Ahead of a key meeting of **European** foreign ministers next week, the **Belgian** government says a growing international consensus is emerging in favour of sanctions against Rwanda's government over its role in the conflict in eastern **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**;

21 Feb 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. The **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)** calls on **Rwanda's** military to stop supporting the **M23** rebel group in eastern DRC and immediately withdraw all troops from Congolese territory "*without preconditions*";

21 Feb 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Bloomberg*. Kenya expects to receive a \$1.5 billion loan from the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** by the end of next week;

20 Feb 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Maverick*. **Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA)** says it is investigating evidence of a \$28m tax discrepancy related to **British American Tobacco Kenya's** declared profits between 2017 and 2018;

20 Feb 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Bloomberg*. Kenya expects earnings from tourism, one of its main sources of foreign currency, will surge 24% to 560 billion shillings (\$4.33 billion) this year;

20 Feb 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *US Department of State*. **United States (US)** sanctions regional integration minister of state, **James Kabarebe**, and **M23's** spokesperson, **Lawrence Kanyuka Kingston**, alongside two of Kanyuka's companies, **United Kingdom-based Kingston Fresh** and **France-based Kingston Holding**, for links to violence and human rights abuses in eastern **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**;

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