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5 Mar 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Mining Weekly*. President **Felix Tshisekedi** requests a meeting with **United States (US)** president **Donald Trump** to discuss a critical minerals agreement that would give the US exclusive access in exchange for security assistance;

4 Mar 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Jurist*. **Amnesty International** urges the **United Nations Human Rights Council** to condemn the forced return of Eritrean refugees to Eritrea, emphasising that they cannot safely return to their home country or live in host nations due to attacks and harassment;

4 Mar 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **Amhara Region Disaster Risk Management Commission** says it needs 102 billion birr (\$704.39m) to respond to the region's humanitarian crisis due to the ongoing conflict between government forces and the Amhara **Fano** militia;

4 Mar 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Business Day*. Rwanda is reportedly seeking £50m (\$64.21m) from the **United Kingdom (UK)** for their failed asylum deal;

4 Mar 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *News24*. **Germany** reports it will halt all new development aid to Rwanda and is reviewing its existing commitments in response to Rwanda's involvement in the conflict in eastern **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)**;

4 Mar 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. **United Nations** appeals for \$11.2m in funding to support Uganda's response to an **Ebola** outbreak that has killed two people as the country's health budget faces constraints following **United States (US)** aid cuts;

3 Mar 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *ENA*. Budget minister **Isman Ibrahim Robleh** meets with **Ethiopia's** ambassador to Djibouti, **Berhanu Tsegaye**, to discuss trade and economic cooperation;

3 Mar 2025 **Goma (DRC)** *Radio Okapi*. Sources report that **M23** rebels raided **Ndosho Hospital** in Goma on Sunday evening and kidnapped at least 112 people, including health staff;

3 Mar 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Africa Mining Market*. Government offers a mining licence to **British Virgin Islands**-registered **Helium One Global** for its **Rukwa** helium project, the first mining licence for helium to be issued in Tanzania;

3 Mar 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Mining Weekly*. Uganda signs its first mining production sharing agreement (PSA) to revive the **Kilembe** copper and cobalt mine;

2 Mar 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *AFP*. **Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF)** confirms it has sent soldiers to **Mahagi (Ituri Province)** in eastern **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)** at the request of the Congolese army following alleged massacres carried out by rebel group **Cooperative for the Development of Congo (CODECO)**;

1 Mar 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Egypt Today*. President **Isaias Afwerki** receives **Egypt's** foreign affairs minister, **Badr Abdelatty**, to discuss bilateral relations;

28 Feb 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Addis Standard*. **United Nations (UN) Human Rights Office** assistance secretary general **Ilze Brands-Kehris** says that **Eritrean Defence Forces (EDF)** remain in **Tigray Region (Ethiopia)** despite the 2022 peace agreement that mandated their withdrawal;

28 Feb 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *The East African*. President **Paul Kagame** replaces **National Bank of Rwanda** (central bank) governor **John Rwangombwa** with his deputy, **Soraya Hakuziyaremye**, after Rwangombwa's two six-year terms ended on Wednesday;

27 Feb 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Capital Ethiopia*. Djibouti, **Ethiopia**, **South Sudan** and **Uganda** sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the **Djibouti-Ethiopia-South Sudan-Uganda (DESSU) Corridor**, which aims to enhance regional integration;

27 Feb 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Business Day*. A bomb explosion at an **M23** rally in **Bukavu (South Kivu Province)** kills 11 people and wounds 65 others;

27 Feb 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** will arrive in **Mogadishu (Somalia)** today to hold talks with Somalia's President **Hassan Sheikh Mohamud**;

27 Feb 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *APA News*. Tanzania and **Malawi** conclude the 6th session of the **Malawi-Tanzania Joint Permanent Commission of Cooperation (JPCC)**, signing a series of agreements to strengthen relations in health, security, trade and information and communication technologies;

26 Feb 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Times Live*. Regional integration state minister **James Kabarebe** says international sanctions against Rwanda will reduce the incentive for the **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)** to engage in peace talks with **M23** rebels;

25 Feb 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *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 DRC;

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