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11 Mar 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. Chief of the defence forces General **Muhoozi Kainerugaba** confirms that Uganda has deployed special forces to **Juba (South Sudan)** to “secure it” amid tensions in South Sudan;

11 Mar 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **Tigray Interim Regional Administration** president **Getachew Reda** reports that a faction within the **Tigray People’s Liberation Front (TPLF)** has launched military action in **Dega Hamus** and parts of **Mekelle** in Tigray Region;

11 Mar 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Addis Standard*. **Tigray Interim Administration** vice president and democratisation cabinet secretariat Lt. Gen. **Tsadkan Gebretensae** says that a war between Ethiopia and **Eritrea** “seems inevitable”;

11 Mar 2025 **Dodoma (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Finance minister **Mwigulu Nchemba** unveils a proposed TSh 57.04 trillion (\$21.58 billion) budget for the 2025/2026 financial year, a 13% increase compared to TSh 50.29 trillion (\$19.03 billion) budget for the current financial year;

10 Mar 2025 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Africanews*. Traders report that trade has slowed between Burundi and **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)** since the conflict in DRC has escalated, with approximately 89% of Burundi’s exports going to DRC in the fourth quarter of 2023, highlighting the importance of the route;

10 Mar 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Borkena*. President **Isaias Afwerki** sends a message to **Saudi Arabia’s** prime minister, **Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz**, via foreign affairs minister **Osman Saleh** who met with his counterpart, **Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah**;

10 Mar 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *eNCA*. Truck drivers and traders report difficulties in trading with **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)** customers amid the ongoing conflict in eastern DRC, also reporting stoppages in deliveries from DRC;

10 Mar 2025 **Mwanga (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** inaugurates the TSh 406.07 billion (\$153.64m) **Same-Mwanga-Korogwe** water project that will provide water to approximately 300,000 residents in **Kilimanjaro Region**;

9 Mar 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Sudan Tribune*. Djiboutian and **Sudanese** officials report that Sudan is seeking to join the regional bloc, **Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)**, and the **African Union (AU)** after a visit by Sudan’s deputy head of the ruling **Sovereign Council, Malik Agar**, to Djibouti;

9 Mar 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Engineering News*. **United States Department of State** says it is open to exploring a critical minerals partnership with the DRC;

8 Mar 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Jeune Afrique*. The government offers a \$5m reward to anyone who enables the arrest of **M23** leadership figures **Corneille Nangaa**, **Bertrand Bisimwa** and **Sultani Makenga**;

8 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *eNCA*. President **William Ruto** and opposition politician **Raila Odinga** sign a political cooperation agreement, a bid by Ruto to bolster his presidency after continuing to lose popularity;

7 Mar 2025 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Reuters*. **United Nations (UN)** says the conflict in **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)** has sent 63,000 refugees into Burundi, the largest influx in a decade;

7 Mar 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Al Jazeera*. **International Organisation for Migration (IOM)** says two boats capsized off **Yemen** and Djibouti, leaving at least two people dead and 186 missing;

6 Mar 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Bloomberg*. **Petroleum Upstream Regulatory Authority (PURA)** director **Charles Sangweni** says Tanzania plans to launch its fifth oil and gas licensing round for 26 exploration blocks in May, its first such round since 2014;

5 Mar 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Anadolu Agency*. **European Union (EU)** special representative for Africa's **Great Lakes** region **Johan Borgstram** calls on Rwanda to pull all military and logistical assistance out of DRC;

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