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23 Apr 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Egypt Today*. President **Ismail Omar Guelleh** will host his **Egyptian** counterpart, **Abdel Fattah El-Sisi**, today to discuss regional issues in the **Red Sea** and the **Horn of Africa**;

22 Apr 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Africanews*. President **William Ruto** arrives in **China** for a four-day state visit;

22 Apr 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *AfDB*. **African Development Bank (AfDB)** says it concluded a mission to Djibouti on 11 April during which the bank and authorities renewed their development partnership;

22 Apr 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *WFP*. **World Food Programme (WFP)** warns that hunger and malnutrition are rising in Ethiopia but that humanitarian needs are outpacing resources;

22 Apr 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Addis Standard*. **Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF)** announces a series of “military victories” against the **Fano** armed group in the **Amhara Region**, claiming to have killed more than 300 fighters in one day;

20 Apr 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera*. DRC suspends the political party of former president **Joseph Kabila** and orders the seizure of his assets, accusing him of high treason over alleged ties to **M23** rebels;

19 Apr 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *APA News*. Information ministry says 85% of the population has access to safe and clean water, up from just 13% in 1991, a milestone in national development;

19 Apr 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Africanews*. Opposition party **Chadema** says it has failed to meet with its leader, **Tundu Lissu**, as well as his family and lawyers;

18 Apr 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *RFI*. A **Global Witness** investigation reports that coltan linked to the conflict in the eastern **Democratic Republic of the Congo** has likely entered the **European Union** market after being smuggled out through Rwandan smuggling routes and sold to commodities traders, including **Luxembourg**-based **Traxys**;

18 Apr 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *The East African*. Rwanda says it will grant **Southern African Development Community (SADC)** soldiers based in **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)** safe passage to withdraw from the conflict zone;

18 Apr 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *RFI*. Government says it is planning to reintroduce military trials for civilians despite a supreme court ruling in January that banned the practice;

16 Apr 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Times Live*. **Central Bank of Kenya (CBK)** says it will lift a decade-long moratorium on licensing new commercial banks on 1 July, stating that significant strides have been made in strengthening legal and regulatory framework for Kenya's banking sector;

16 Apr 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Reuters*. Opposition **Chadema** calls its disqualification from the upcoming elections “unconstitutional”;

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