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20 May 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Addis Standard*. **China's** defence ministry announces the deployment of the 11th and largest **People's Liberation Army (PLA)** medical aid team to Ethiopia, as part of broader non-combat military cooperation efforts that have seen China send over 100 military medical experts to Ethiopia since 2015;

20 May 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania unveils its revised **Foreign Policy 2024**, shifting significantly towards engaging its diaspora as strategic partners in national development by establishing dedicated divisions focusing on diaspora engagement, investment facilitation and international employment opportunities;

19 May 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **Ethiopian Health Professionals Movement** launches a nationwide strike, reporting that government has responded to its peaceful protests with arrests and harassment;

19 May 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Professor **Mohamed Yakub Janabi** is nominated as the next **World Health Organization (WHO)** regional director for **Africa**, pending WHO executive board approval;

19 May 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Africanews*. Former justice minister **Martha Karua** says she and two colleagues have been deported from **Tanzania** to prevent her from attending the court case of Tanzanian opposition leader **Tundu Lissu** as former Kenyan chief justice **Willy Mutunga** also reports that he has been detained and is awaiting deportation for similar reasons;

19 May 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Club of Mozambique*. Opposition **Chadema** party leader **Tundu Lissu** appears in court to face charges of treason, which carries a potential death penalty under Tanzanian law;

17 May 2025 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Burundi Times*. The **East African Community (EAC)** unveils a comprehensive regional payment systems plan aimed at modernising and harmonising cross-border payments among its member states, including Burundi;

17 May 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Addis Standard*. The **Committee to Protect Journalists** reports that at least seven journalists were arrested in Ethiopia in April as diplomatic missions criticise Ethiopia's declining media freedom, with the country falling to 145 place in the 2025 **World Press Freedom Index**;

15 May 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Ethiopia and **Djibouti** reaffirm their longstanding partnership amid rising political and security tensions in the **Horn of Africa**, focusing on deepening cooperation in economic, cultural and regional security matters;

15 May 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Minerals minister **Anthony Mavunde** announces that Tanzania's mining sector is on track to surpass its 2024/2025 revenue target of TSh 1 trillion (approximately \$385m), having achieved 90.2% of the goal by May;

15 May 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The Monitor*. **Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS)** says findings of the **Uganda National Household Survey (UNHS) 2023/24** show a notable decline in Uganda's overall poverty rate in recent years, thanks to sustained economic growth, improved social services and targeted government programmes aimed at poverty reduction, but disparities are growing in certain regions, particularly **Karamoja**;

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