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7 May 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Bloomberg*. President **William Ruto** plans to scrap some tax breaks to help shore up the state's coffers, a change in strategy that comes after proposals to introduce new levies sparked deadly protests and nearly toppled his government last year before they were abandoned;

6 May 2025 **Johannesburg (South Africa)** *Moneyweb*. **Standard Bank**, Africa's largest bank, says it plans to grow the market share of its asset management business in **East Africa** to take advantage of the continent's fastest growing region;

6 May 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** appoints **Lazaro Jacob Twange** as the new managing director of **Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO)** amid ongoing power rationing in Tanzania, attributed to a 400-megawatt shortfall caused by aging infrastructure, low water levels in dams, and increased electricity demand;

6 May 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Bloomberg*. Finance minister **John Mbadi** says declining interest rates will lift Kenyan growth this year, after the economy expanded at the slowest pace in 2024 since the coronavirus pandemic;

5 May 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. **United States (US)** president **Donald Trump's** senior adviser for Africa, **Massad Boulos**, says DRC's and **Rwanda's** governments have submitted a draft peace proposal aimed at ending conflict in eastern DRC and unlocking significant Western investment but Rwandan officials note the drafts have not yet been consolidated;

5 May 2025 **Mogadishu (Somalia)** *Addis Standard*. Petroleum and mineral resources minister **Abdirizak Omar Mohamed** responds to criticism of the government's recent hydrocarbons agreement with **Turkey**, claiming that it is in line with international norms for emerging hydrocarbon producers and essential for unlocking Somalia's economic potential;

3 May 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Addis Standard*. Diplomatic missions in **Ethiopia** – including those of the **United Kingdom** and several **European Union** nations – raise concern about growing restrictions on press freedom as Ethiopia falls to 145th place globally in press freedom rankings reflecting a broader pattern of government actions such as harassment, detention of journalists, internet shutdowns, and restricted access to conflict zones, especially in **Tigray, Oromia, and Amhara**;

1 May 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *BBC*. DRC's military prosecutor is seeking to lift former President **Joseph Kabila's** immunity from prosecution after accusing him of backing **M23** rebels in the east;

1 May 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. The **United States** is pushing DRC and **Rwanda** to sign a peace accord at the **White House** in about two months, accompanied by a bilateral minerals deal that would bring billions of dollars of Western investment to the region, according to President **Donald Trump's** senior advisor for **Africa**;

1 May 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **South Sudanese** forces have reportedly made incursions into the **Gambella region** of Ethiopia;

1 May 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The Guardian*. Opposition politicians accuse President **Yoweri Museveni** of attempting to quash dissent by prosecuting opponents on politically motivated charges in military courts in the run-up to presidential and legislative elections next year, as the government pushes to introduce a law to allow military tribunals to try civilians despite a supreme court ban on the practice;

30 Apr 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Bloomberg*. Deputy prime minister **Doto Biteko** says the government wants to agree the terms of a long-delayed \$42 billion liquefied natural gas facility with international oil companies by October;

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