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25 Jun 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Reuters*. Eritrea is seeking to terminate the mandate of **United Nations** special rapporteur, **Mohamed Abdelsalam Babiker**, who is tasked with investigating human rights abuses in the country;

25 Jun 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Nation*. Protestors gather today to mark the one-year anniversary of the protests against the **Finance Bill** in 2024, with reports of a high police presence in the CBD;

24 Jun 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Mining Technology*. **Australia**-headquartered **AVZ Minerals** resumes arbitration proceedings against DRC over a dispute concerning its majority stake and legal rights to the **Manono** lithium project;

24 Jun 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. National treasury indicates that 14 state departments and agencies, including the education ministry, health ministry and transport and infrastructure ministry, failed to spend their allocated budgets on projects over an 11-month period, raising concerns about inefficiency and delays in public service delivery;

24 Jun 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Chimp Reports*. President **Paul Kagame** meets with former **Nigerian** president **Olusegun Obasanjo** to discuss regional security and peace efforts in eastern **Democratic Republic of Congo**, marking Kagame's first public appearance in 20 days amid rumours of health issues;

24 Jun 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Permanent secretary in the energy and minerals ministry **Felchesmi Mramba** confirms Tanzania is preparing to liberalise its electricity distribution sector, allowing private firms to participate alongside state-owned **Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO)**;

23 Jun 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *The Eastleigh Voice*. The **Ethiopia**–Eritrea border near **Zalambessa** reopens;

23 Jun 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Club of Mozambique*. Police arrest opposition leader **Victoire Ingabire** is arrested in Kigali on allegations of inciting unrest and creating a criminal gang, linked to a case against nine people accused of trying to overthrow the government;

23 Jun 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. Finance minister **Doudou Fwamba** signs a \$1.9 billion financing agreement with the **World Bank** to support five strategic projects, including flood resilience, transport infrastructure, the **Grand Inga III** hydroelectric project, digital transformation, and major budgetary reforms;

23 Jun 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. President **Taye Atske Selassie** leads a delegation to **Luanda (Angola)** to participate in the **United States-Africa Business Summit**;

23 Jun 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Agriculture ministry reports that it is advancing the sector through ambitious initiatives like the **Agricultural Sector Development**

Programme, the **Agricultural Master Plan 2050**, and the **Vision 2030 Agenda**, focusing on boosting productivity and creating jobs, especially for youth and women;

22 Jun 2025 **Gitega (Burundi)** *Burundi Times*. Foreign affairs minister **Albert Shingiro** reports that Burundi and **Rwanda** have reignited parliamentary diplomacy, leveraging legislative channels and inter-parliamentary networks to de-escalate tensions rooted in mutual accusations concerning rebel support and border closures;

22 Jun 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Club of Mozambique*. DRC and **Rwanda** sign a draft peace agreement, with the deal including provisions for disarmament, disengagement of armed groups, and a joint security mechanism;

22 Jun 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. The **Uganda Human Rights Commission** warns of rising political violence ahead of the 2026 elections, citing ongoing crackdowns on opposition supporters and the lasting trauma faced by victims of past abuses;

21 Jun 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Ethiopia and **Denmark** sign a \$238.4m development agreement for 2025-2029, focused on sectors such as water, electricity, agriculture, social cohesion, and social safety nets;

19 Jun 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Senenews*. DRC and **Rwanda** are expected to formally sign a **United States (US)**- and **Qatar**-mediated peace agreement on 27 June in the US following the initialing of a draft accord on 18 June;

19 Jun 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Opposition **Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party** walks out of a scheduled meeting with prime minister **Abiy Ahmed**, protesting what it claims is discriminatory treatment and the forced participation in tours of government urban projects they criticise as harmful and ineffective;

19 Jun 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Club of Mozambique*. Rwanda and **Democratic Republic Congo (DRC)** initiate a draft peace agreement aimed at ending ongoing conflict in **eastern Congo**, with a formal signing expected on 27 June;

19 Jun 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Business and trade department country director **Andrew Mahiga** announces that the **United Kingdom (UK)** is significantly increasing its support for Tanzania's energy transition, especially in renewables;

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