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3 Jun 2025 **Gitega (Burundi)** *Burundi Times*. The **East African Legislative Assembly** resumes its sessions amid a significant funding crisis affecting the **East African Community**, including Burundi;

3 Jun 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Algeria Press Service*. President **Paul Kagame** meets with **Algeria's** President **Abdelmadjid Tebboune**, emphasising Algeria and Rwanda's shared commitment to resolving conflicts peacefully and rejecting foreign interference in African affairs;

3 Jun 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Health minister **Jenista Mhagama** announces that Tanzania is working toward self-sufficiency by locally manufacturing antiretroviral medications to improve access and reduce dependency on imports;

3 Jun 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Finance ministry says it is intensifying its borrowing efforts to address mounting fiscal pressures as the 2024/25 financial year concludes;

2 Jun 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *All Africa*. President **Ismail Omar Guelleh** meets with **Somali** prime minister **Hamza Abdi Barre** to strengthen political, economic, and security ties between the two nations, as Barre praises Djibouti's pivotal role in Somalia's state-building process

2 Jun 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. **United States**-headquartered **Human Rights Watch** reports that **Rwanda**-backed **M23** rebels allegedly executed at least 21 civilians in **Goma (North Kivu Province)** over two days in February;

2 Jun 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Swissport Tanzania PLC** reports financial results, distributing TSh 2.5 billion (\$1.06m) in profits to shareholders;

2 Jun 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. The Ugandan army reports that a suspected bomb explosion near the **Munyonyo Martyrs' Shrine** in Kampala killed two people on Martyrs' Day;

1 Jun 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The private sector welcomes the government's ambitious goal of reaching \$2 billion in horticulture exports, viewing it as a major boost for economic growth and agricultural development;

29 May 2025 **Gitega (Burundi)** *Burundi Times*. President **Évariste Ndayishimiye** transfers leadership responsibilities to **Uganda's** President **Yoweri Museveni** concerning regional peace efforts with regards to the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** and the **M23** rebel group;

29 May 2025 **Goma (DRC)** *AP News*. Former president **Joseph Kabila**, accused of supporting **Rwanda**-backed **M23** rebels, meets with religious leaders in Goma (**North Kivu Province**) in his first public appearance since his immunity was lifted amid a treason investigation;

29 May 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *CPJ*. **Committee to Protect Journalists** and other nongovernmental organisations (NGOs) urge the **United Nations Human Rights Council** to

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condemn Eritrea for serious human rights abuses, including arbitrary arrests, torture, and the detention of journalists without fair trials;

29 May 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Bloomberg*. The **United States (US)** is reportedly considering a plan to deport asylum seekers to Rwanda;

29 May 2025 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *Burundi Times*. The **East African Community** is facing increasing pressure to present a unified front in trade negotiations, both within the region and on broader continental platforms like the **African Continental Free Trade Area** and the **Tripartite Free Trade Area**;

29 May 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Land, housing and human settlements development minister **Deogratius Ndejemb**i announces that Tanzania is undertaking reforms to address land conflicts and improve settlement planning, aiming to enhance land governance and support sustainable development for the 2025/26 fiscal year;

29 May 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. The **National Social Security Fund** reports that approximately 81% of its total contributions originate from the **Central Region**, underscoring the region's pivotal role in the country's formal employment sector;

28 May 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *News 24*. Twelve **African** countries, including Rwanda, condemn the **M23** rebel group for establishing parallel administrations in eastern **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** and called for the disarmament of all foreign armed groups in the region;

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