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10 Jun 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Reuters*. **United States** is reportedly pushing for a peace deal between Rwanda and **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** that would require to Rwanda to withdraw all soldiers from eastern DRC;

10 Jun 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Finance Minister **Ahmed Shide** proposes a 1.2 trillion birr (\$20.8 billion) regular budget for the 2025/2026 fiscal year, with key allocations including 450 billion birr (\$7.8 billion) for capital expenses, 315 billion birr (\$5.5 billion) for regional transfers, and 14 billion birr (\$243m) to support sustainable development goals;

10 Jun 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *RFI*. Kenyan activist and blogger **Albert Ojwang** dies in police custody shortly after being arrested for allegedly criticising the police on social media, sparking public outrage and street protests;

10 Jun 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** announces that recent gains in Tanzania's port sector have led the **World Bank** to reverse earlier pessimistic projections about the country's economy;

10 Jun 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. **Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group (CSBAG)** executive director **Julius Mukunda** voices concerns over Uganda's increasing reliance on both external and domestic borrowing to fund its national budget;

9 Jun 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. State minister for government communication **Tesfahun Gobeze** emphasises that private media needs to “*play their part*” in promoting government achievements to the public as the government increases pressure on private media outlets to align their content with state narratives;

9 Jun 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **World Bank** provides Tanzania with \$300m in funding to enhance its disaster preparedness capabilities;

9 Jun 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prospérité*. Opposition party **Conservateurs de la Nature et Démocrates** president **Moïse Moni Della** calls for the replacement of the ruling **Sacred Union of the Nation** with a new political coalition, the **Camp of the Nation**, to rally support around President **Félix Tshisekedi** amid growing unrest in eastern DRC;

8 Jun 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Africa News*. Rwanda withdraws from the **Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)**, accusing the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** of manipulating the organisation to serve its own interests;

8 Jun 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Kenya Ports Authority** reports that **Lamu Port** has recorded a robust performance in 2025, handling 34 container vessels by June, more than the total number of vessels handled in 2024;

8 Jun 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Opposition party **Chadema**'s “*No Reform, No Elections*” campaign gains significant traction on social media, with activists and citizens demanding comprehensive political and electoral reforms before the October general elections;

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7 Jun 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. **United Nations (UN)** member states elects five countries, including DRC, to serve as a non-permanent member of the **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)**;

6 Jun 2025 **Gitega (Burundi)** *Burundi Times*. Burundi's 5 June legislative elections feature over 6 million registered voters casting ballots across 14,156 polling stations—including 53 abroad and in peacekeeping areas—signaling high official turnout and civic enthusiasm;

6 Jun 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *African Union*. **African Union (AU) Commission** holds a meeting in Djibouti to conduct the mid-term evaluation of the "*AU Master Roadmap to Silence the Guns in Africa by 2030*";

5 Jun 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. Opposition party **Engagement pour la Citoyenneté et le Développement** leader **Martin Fayulu** declares that there is no military solution to the crisis in eastern DRC and insists on inclusive national dialogue as the only viable path to peace;

5 Jun 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Peace minister **Mohammed Endris** reports that the federal government has regained control over nearly all districts in the conflict-hit **Amhara Region**, with only two out of 265 still not fully under its authority;

5 Jun 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority** reports that fuel prices in Tanzania have risen for the third time in a row, with petrol reaching TSh 2,861 (\$1.23) and diesel TSh 2,692 (\$1.16) per litre, continuing a trend that is putting pressure on consumers;

5 Jun 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *BBC*. Rwanda confirms it is in early discussions with the **United States (US)** to accept migrants deported from the US, continuing a pattern after a similar, now-abandoned, agreement with the **United Kingdom**;

5 Jun 2025 **Washington DC (United States)** *Burundi Times*. United States (US) President **Donald Trump** signs a new presidential proclamation imposing expanded travel restrictions affecting multiple countries, including **Burundi** and **Eritrea**, effective 9 June;

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