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1 Jul 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. National assembly president **Vital Kamerhe** praises President **Félix Tshisekedi**'s leadership in securing the peace agreement between the DRC and **Rwanda** under **United States (US)** auspices;

1 Jul 2025 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *Burundi Times*. **East African Business Council** and the **African Development Bank** sign a \$1m grant agreement aimed at accelerating sustainable industrialisation and strengthening manufacturing value chains across East Africa;

1 Jul 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority** announces a slight drop in petrol prices in Dar es Salaam to TSh 2,877 (\$1.24) per litre, down from TSH 2,885 (\$1.24) in June;

1 Jul 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. **United States (US)** embassy in Kampala warns it will begin denying visa applications from Ugandans intending to travel for childbirth to obtain US citizenship for their children, a practice known as birth tourism;

30 Jun 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **National Bank of Ethiopia** (central bank) decides to maintain its key interest rate at 15% to continue its prudent policy stance aimed at curbing inflation, which remains high at 14.4%, though food inflation has significantly decreased to 12.1%;

30 Jun 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Kenyans*. President **William Ruto** calls for a global debt system reform at the **International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4)**, emphasising the need for responsible lending, debt transparency, and fairer credit assessments, while pushing for reforms in the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** to give developing nations more say in decision making;

30 Jun 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Club of Mozambique*. **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** approves a disbursement of over \$448m to Tanzania under its **Extended Credit Facility** and **Resilience and Sustainability Facility**, bringing total support to over \$1.25 billion;

30 Jun 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) indicates that Tanzania's Treasury bond (T-bond) market is reshaping the country's financial landscape by drawing significant capital away from private sector lending;

29 Jun 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *BNA*. **Saudi Arabia**'s foreign minister **Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud** meets with Djibouti's foreign minister **Abdulkadir Hussein Omar** to discuss bilateral relations and ways to enhance cooperation;

29 Jun 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Shabait*. The annual **Eritrean Community Festival** in **Italy** takes place in **Milan** on 28 and 29 June, opened by Eritrea's ambassador to Italy, **Fesehatsion Petros**, celebrating national identity and community solidarity;

29 Jun 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. A **World Bank** study identifies Ethiopia as one of 39 countries where extreme poverty is worsening, with about 40% of the population living on less than \$3 a day, a figure expected to rise by 2030;

28 Jun 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *BBC*. **United States (US)** President **Donald Trump** hosts DRC's foreign minister **Thérèse Kayikwamba Wagner** and her **Rwandan** counterpart **Olivier Nduhungirehe** following the signing of a peace agreement sign between the two nations at the US state department;

28 Jun 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Federal government deploys tens of thousands of troops to the **Gojjam (Amhara Region)** to weaken the ethnic militia forces, known as **Fano**;

28 Jun 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Al Jazeera*. Interior minister **Kipchumba Murkomen** is caught on video seemingly authorising police to shoot protesters after at least 16 people died during protests against police brutality;

28 Jun 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Uganda's coffee export prices plunge from US\$ 18,481 (\$4.92) per kilogramme in April to its current US\$ 9,689 (\$2.58), driven by global oversupply and weak demand;

27 Jun 2025 **Gitega (Burundi)** *The East African*. President **Évariste Ndayishimiye** inaugurates the 49.5 MW **Jiji Hydroelectric Power Plant** as part of efforts to boost electricity access and support economic growth;

26 Jun 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. The **United States (US)**, represented by ambassador **Lucy Tamlyn**, reaffirms its commitment to strengthening cooperation with the **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)** by supporting initiatives to improve the business climate and attract high-impact investments;

26 Jun 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. An **Austrian** delegation, led by the vice finance minister and including Austrian ambassador **Simone Knapp**, meets with Ethiopia's finance minister, **Semereta Sewasew**, to discuss enhancing economic and technical cooperation, focusing on modernising public finance and digitising government services;

26 Jun 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Speaking at Mozambique's 50th independence anniversary, President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** highlights a broader call for **African** nations to shift focus to sustainable economic development and strengthen regional trade;

26 Jun 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. The ruling **National Resistance Movement** is preparing to endorse President **Yoweri Museveni** as its sole presidential candidate for the upcoming election;

25 Jun 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Bloomberg Law*. **United States (US)**-headquartered **Anzana Electric Group** announces it will enter a partnership with Rwanda's **Ruzizi III Holding Power Company Limited (RHPCL)** to develop the \$760m **Ruzizi III Regional Hydropower Project** that will serve **Burundi**, the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** and Rwanda;

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