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8 Jul 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **United States (US)** President **Donald Trump** threatens to impose a 10% tariff on **BRICS** countries, including Ethiopia, accusing the bloc of promoting "anti-American policies";

8 Jul 2025 **Gitega (Burundi)** *Burundi Times*. **Banque de la République du Burundi** (central bank) is pushing reforms to enable full digital payment interoperability, as it rolls out a national switch for cards, mobile wallets, QR codes, unstructured supplementary service data and offline use;

8 Jul 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Moses Kuria** resigns from his role as senior adviser to President **William Ruto**;

8 Jul 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) announces caps on transaction fees to encourage greater use of digital financial services and promote financial inclusion;

8 Jul 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. At the **Rwanda Convention USA 2025** held in **Dallas (United States)**, Rwanda's largest commercial bank, the **Bank of Kigali**, urges members of the Rwandan diaspora to invest in Rwanda's development, aligning with the country's vision 2050;

7 Jul 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. Government reaffirms its commitment to fully implementing the recently signed peace agreement with **Rwanda**, emphasising respect for the country's interests and territorial integrity;

7 Jul 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Opposition parties, the **All Ethiopian Unity Party**, the **Amhara Ghionian Movement**, **Enat Party** and **Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party**, raise the alarm over a leaked government document revealing plans to suppress political opponents ahead of the upcoming election;

7 Jul 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Nairobi experiences widespread protests during the annual **Saba Saba** demonstrations, leading to shutdowns and police blockades, especially around the central business district and surrounding estates;

7 Jul 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Ruling **Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM)** party proposes the creation of an **Independent National Bureau of Investigation** as part of its 2025–2030 election manifesto;

7 Jul 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Finance minister, **Matia Kasaija**, announces that Uganda's 2025/2026 national budget includes new tax measures aimed at raising US\$ 538.6 billion (\$142m) in additional revenue;

7 Jul 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Police block major roads and restrict traffic in Nairobi in preparation for annual pro-democracy protests marking the 1990 **Saba Saba** rally against single-party rule in Kenya;

5 Jul 2025 **Gitega (Burundi)** *Hiiraan*. **African Union (AU)** extends the deployment of Burundian troops in **Somalia** by six months to support operations against **al-Shabaab** and aid Somalia's state-building efforts;

5 Jul 2025 **Gitega (Burundi)** *AFP News*. **African Union (AU)** faces criticism for calling Burundi's June legislative and local elections credible despite reports of widespread irregularities and voter intimidation;

5 Jul 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** urges Tanzanians to maintain peace and unity as the country prepares for the 2025 general elections;

5 Jul 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Finance minister **Mwigulu Nchemba** introduces a mandatory travel insurance policy for all foreign nationals entering the country, effective immediately;

5 Jul 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *CNN*. **United States (US)** departs eight migrants from a US military base in Djibouti to **South Sudan**, despite legal efforts to block the move due to fears they may face torture or death;

4 Jul 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Mining mx*. A **United Nations** report names **Rwanda's Boss Mining Solution** as a key buyer of smuggled minerals from rebel-controlled areas in eastern **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**, marking the first such accusation since Rwanda-backed **M23** insurgents seized major mining zones;

4 Jul 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Al Jazeera*. **United Nations Human Rights Council** rejects Eritrea's attempt to terminate the mandate of the special rapporteur investigating its human rights abuses;

4 Jul 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Al Jazeera*. President **Paul Kagame** welcomes a **United States (US)**-brokered peace deal with the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** but warns that Rwanda would respond if DRC failed to uphold its commitments;

3 Jul 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Business Day*. DRC and **Rwanda**-backed **M23** rebels agree to return to peace talks in **Qatar**, following the recent signing of the **Washington Accord** which outlines a 90-day **Rwandan** troop withdrawal from eastern DRC;

3 Jul 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The **Bank of Tanzania (BoT)** (central bank) cuts its benchmark interest rate from 6% to 5.75% to stimulate lending, particularly to farmers and small traders;

3 Jul 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. **Uganda Railways Corporation** announces plans to significantly expand its passenger transport capacity, aiming to move 250,000 passengers per day as part of an ambitious urban mobility strategy;

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