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6 Aug 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The EastAfrican*. **Kenya Seed Company's** **Rwandan** subsidiary is on the verge of collapse due to longstanding unpaid debts owed by the Rwandan government;

5 Aug 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *News24*. Rwanda signs an agreement with the **United States (US)** to accept up to 250 migrants deported from the US, with the deal finalised in June 2025 in Kigali and an initial list of ten individuals already under review;

5 Aug 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Addis Standard*. National carrier **Ethiopian Airlines** reports \$7.6 billion in revenue for the 2024/2025 fiscal year, but confirms that its bank account in **Eritrea** remains frozen and it is unable to recover seized funds;

5 Aug 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Ethiopia's new ambassador to **Somalia**, **Suleiman Dedefo**, officially presents his credentials to **Somalia's** President **Hassan Sheikh Mohamud**, signalling a strengthening of relations between the two countries;

5 Aug 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Fuel prices fall for the third consecutive month, with petrol now sold at TSh 2,843 per litre (\$1.11), diesel at TSh 2,777 (\$1.08), and kerosene at TSh 2,768 (\$1.08), providing relief to consumers at the pump;

5 Aug 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Chaos breaks out during youth elections in **Mukono District** after the venue was abruptly shifted from municipal offices to an army barracks with opposition party **National Unity Platform** candidates, including member of parliament (MP) **Betty Nambooze**, barred from accessing the polling station;

5 Aug 2025 **Gitega (Burundi)** *The EastAfrican*. **United States (US)** imposes a visa ban on certain Burundian individuals in response to concerns over governance and political issues in the country;

5 Aug 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. **Bank of Kigali** and **Rwanda Development Bank** jointly commit \$52m in loans to expand the **Bugesera Special Economic Zone**, a key industrial park aimed at boosting Rwanda's industrial transformation by 2050;

5 Aug 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. The **Rwanda National Police** spokesperson, **Boniface Rutikanga**, assures full security for people and property at **Expo 2025** in Kigali;

4 Aug 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *The Tanzania Times*. Djibouti becomes the first country in Africa to adopt a **Contingent Emergency Response Project** through the **World Bank**, aligning its crisis preparedness efforts with international best practices;

4 Aug 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *SABC*. DRC and **Rwanda** sign a new economic cooperation deal as part of the recently signed peace deal, agreeing to work together on key sectors like mining, infrastructure, tourism, and public health;

4 Aug 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. A boat carrying 154 Ethiopian migrants capsizes off the coast of **Yemen**, resulting in at least 68 deaths and 74 missing, with only 12 survivors rescued so far;

4 Aug 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Prime minister **Kassim Majaliwa** warns that corruption remains a significant threat to development across **Southern African Development Community** countries and emphasises the need for stronger regional cooperation and institutional reforms to combat graft effectively;

4 Aug 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Local residents report that trade at the **Bunagana Border** between Uganda and the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** remains stalled despite its official reopening on 10 July;

3 Aug 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Opposition coalition **Azimio la Umoja** says that President **William Ruto**'s recent meeting with former president **Uhuru Kenyatta** is a strategic move to consolidate public support;

2 Aug 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *APA News*. **United States (US)** President **Donald Trump** reverses the former US administration's sanctions-driven policy toward Eritrea, pledging to rebuild a "respectful and productive" relationship;

2 Aug 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **National Bank of Ethiopia** (central bank) accuses four **United States (US)**-based money transfer agents - **Shgey Money Transfer**, **Adulis Money Transfer**, **Ramada Pay (Kaah)** and **TAAL Money Transfer** - of operating illegally and engaging in money laundering and financing illegal activities using funds from the Ethiopian diaspora;

31 Jul 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. State portfolio minister, **Jean-Lucien Bussa**, holds a strategic meeting with **Equity Group** executives to strengthen economic integration between state-owned enterprises and **Equity BCDC**, the only commercial bank with government shareholding;

31 Jul 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *BNA*. **Somalia** and Djibouti sign a status of forces agreement to enhance defence and security cooperation between the two countries;

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