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16 Sep 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. President **William Ruto** states that Kenya is banking on **Special Economic Zones** to accelerate economic growth and create jobs, with the initiative highlighted during the **ARISE-Kenya Investment Forum 2025**;

16 Sep 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Opposition leader **Tundu Lissu** refuses to proceed with his treason trial, insisting that the hearing be adjourned until his supporters are allowed back in the courtroom;

16 Sep 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. Rwandan troops serving under the **United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (CAR)** provide free medical care to over 200 patients at **Sam-Ouandja Hospital** in CAR;

16 Sep 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. **National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda** reports exports fell by 12.5% in quarter two of 2025 compared to the same quarter in 2024, with total exports valued at \$346.04m against imports of \$1.25 billion;

15 Sep 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Mining Weekly*. **United Kingdom**-headquartered **Aterian** launches expanded trading operations in Rwanda with the first shipment of responsibly sourced coltan to its global trading partner;

15 Sep 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. President **William Ruto** states that Kenya is weighing the introduction of a wealth tax regime as part of its broader fiscal reform agenda;

15 Sep 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)** upholds attorney general **Eliezer Mbuki Feleshi**'s objection barring opposition candidate **Luhaga Joelson Mpina** from the October presidential election;

15 Sep 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Uganda's major infrastructure projects, including the **Busega-Mpigi Expressway**, face significant delays, with many registering less than 50% physical progress despite substantial funding disbursements;

15 Sep 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. **National Assembly** condemns a **European** parliament resolution calling for the unconditional release of opposition figure **Victoire Ingabire**, arrested in June 2025 on charges including forming a criminal organisation, spreading false information and plotting against the government;

15 Sep 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzanian airlines are set to resume flights to **Europe** after meeting the **European Union**'s safety standards, signalling compliance with international aviation regulations;

14 Sep 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Business Live*. Rwanda and the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** draft an economic framework, backed by the **United States (US)**, to reform mineral supply chains, strengthen regulatory oversight and attract investment following a peace deal signed in the US in June;

14 Sep 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Nairobi-based **HassConsult Real Estate** indicates property prices are rising faster than those in the **United States** and **United Kingdom**, driven by strong demand in the real estate sector;

12 Sep 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *APA News*. Ethiopia inaugurates the \$5 billion **Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD)**, **Africa's** largest hydropower facility, with leaders from **Kenya, South Sudan, Somalia, Djibouti** and the **African** diaspora praising the project as an engineering triumph and a model of African unity;

12 Sep 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *APA News*. African leaders at the second **African Climate Summit (ACS2)** in Addis Ababa secure \$150 billion in pledges, launching initiatives like the **African Climate Innovation Compact** and the **African Climate Fund** to position the continent as a source of green solutions rather than an aid recipient;

11 Sep 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *International Monetary Fund*. The **International Monetary Fund** concludes its **2025 Article IV Consultation** with Djibouti, noting strong economic growth supported by **Ethiopia's** demand for port services, robust transshipment activity and moderate inflation, while fiscal consolidation in 2024 helped rebuild reserves despite high external debt;

11 Sep 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. President **Félix Tshisekedi** meets **Kazakhstan's** President **Kassym-Jomart Tokayev** to strengthen economic and diplomatic ties between the two countries;

11 Sep 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **European Union** launches a €350m (\$380m) credit line to support Tanzania's blue economy, aiming to boost sustainable use of marine resources and related industries;

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