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28 Oct 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Hiiraan*. **Somalia** and Rwanda sign a General Cooperation Agreement to strengthen diplomatic relations and expand collaboration in sectors including justice, education, agriculture, ICT, trade and defence;

28 Oct 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Bloomberg*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** requests international mediation from the **African Union, European Union, United States, Russia** and **China** to ease rising tensions with **Eritrea** over Ethiopia's access to the sea, emphasising that the country does not intend to go to war;

28 Oct 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. The DRC's proposed 'minerals for security' deal with the **United States** continues stalling amid ongoing conflict and **Rwanda's** military presence;

28 Oct 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Trading on the **Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE)** slows as investors adopted a cautious, wait-and-see approach ahead of the 29 October general election;

28 Oct 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Uganda sees a recent surge in machete gang attacks across the **Kampala Metropolitan Area**, resulting in one death, three injuries, and significant property theft;

27 Oct 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. The **Global Amhara Coalition (GAC)** issues an urgent appeal to the international community regarding humanitarian violations in **Amhara Region**, citing drone and air strikes, extrajudicial killings, mass detentions, sexual violence and destruction of civilian infrastructure;

27 Oct 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Opposition **Orange Democratic Movement (ODM)** party announces it will remain part of President **William Ruto's** broad-based government until 2027;

27 Oct 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. **United States** vice president **JD Vance** confirms he will visit Kenya from 24 to 27 November following his attendance at the **G20** summit in **South Africa**;

27 Oct 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Mail&Guardian*. Political parties, except the ruling **Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM)**, hold their final presidential campaign rallies ahead of the 29 October general election;

26 Oct 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *The Peninsula*. Foreign minister **Abdoulkader Houssein Omar** and his **Qatari** counterpart **Sultan bin Saad Al Muraikhi** sign two memoranda of understanding establish a joint cooperation committee and hold political consultations on matters of mutual interest;

26 Oct 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Al Jazeera*. Parliament votes to remove the constitutional age limit for presidential candidates, allowing President **Ismail Omar Guelleh** – age 77 - to seek a sixth term in the April 2026 elections;

26 Oct 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Opposition party **Democratic Front** president **Mathias Mpuuga** outlines his party's plans of the 2026 general elections, calling for national renewal and redefinition of the country's political future;

25 Oct 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzanian media leaders, including **TBC** director general **Ayub Rioba** and **ITV** CEO **Joyce Mhavill**, pledge neutrality and professionalism ahead of the general election on 29 October, emphasising their role in promoting peace and trust during a tense political period;

23 Oct 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. The **Electoral Commission (EC)** concludes the two-day nomination process for parliamentary candidates ahead of the 2026 general election, clearing more than 500 candidates;

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