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16 Sep 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *The New Times*. A delegation of 30 senior **Namibian** military officers are in Rwanda for a week-long study tour focused on defence and security, governance, and post-conflict recovery;

16 Sep 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Kenya's government will appeal a high ruling ordering the cancellation of its \$1.6 billion sale of an additional 15% stake in **Safaricom** to **South Africa's Vodacom**;

16 Sep 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *The New Times*. **Benin's** President **Romuald Wadagni** is visiting Rwanda for two days and will hold talks with President **Paul Kagame** on strengthening bilateral cooperation;

15 Sep 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Press release*. Uganda calls for stronger regional cooperation through the **Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)**, the eight-country trade bloc and regional economic community, to address interconnected political, security, humanitarian and climate challenges in the **Horn of Africa**;

15 Sep 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Monitor*. Police disperse protests in Kinshasa against proposed constitutional reforms backed by President **Félix Tshisekedi**;

15 Sep 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **Russia** and Ethiopia are seeking to deepen broader strategic ties, with President **Vladimir Putin** praising Ethiopia's role in **BRICS** and inviting prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** to the **Russia-Africa Summit** in **Moscow** in October;

15 Sep 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. **Russian** embassy confirms that Madagascar will send a delegation to the **Russia-Africa Summit** in Moscow on 28–29 October, with transitional president **Michael Randrianirina** reportedly expected to lead the delegation;

11 Sep 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Human Rights Watch*. **United States**-headquartered **Human Rights Watch (HRW)** reports that organised groups of unidentified armed men have carried out violent attacks on civil society and opposition gatherings across Kenya ahead of the 2027 elections, killing at least six people and injuring dozens;

10 Sep 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Bloomberg*. Authorities confirm **Ebola** has now spread to a seventh province in DRC, **Sud-Ubangi**, after a man travelled cross-country, raising concerns over the virus spreading along heavily travelled transport corridors;

10 Sep 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Kenya is expected to receive around \$400m in emergency **World Bank** financing within six weeks to help address economic and fiscal pressures linked to high energy prices, **Ebola** risks and **El Niño**-related disruptions;

10 Sep 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Kenya is courting **United States (US)** companies seeking access to landlocked markets in **East and Central Africa** to use **Lamu Port**, with the government promoting the Lamu corridor as an alternative trade route and access point to a larger regional market;

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10 Sep 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. **African Development Bank (AfDB)** reports that Madagascar must mobilise \$7.27 billion a year by 2030 to finance its development, accelerate economic growth, and support the structural transformation of its economy;

9 Sep 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. The **Tooro Kingdom** in western Uganda selects Prince **Edward Rukidi Kijanangoma**, a television news anchor, to succeed the late King **Oyo Nyimba**, who died aged 34 in August;

9 Sep 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. The **United States (US)** will support Kenya in developing a local critical-minerals processing industry, as the US seeks to reduce dependence on **China** and strengthen global supply chains;

9 Sep 2026 **Gitega (Burundi)** *East African Report*. Hundreds of Burundians in **Kenya** seek travel documents after President **William Ruto** orders foreign-owned small businesses to close, prompting concerns among migrants who rely on street vending and other informal businesses;

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