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22 Sep 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Al Jazeera*. Renewed fighting between **Houthi** rebels and **Yemeni** government forces has displaced more than 130,000 people internally, with the **United Nations (UN)** warning that this could rise to over 230,000, while up to 10,000 people may flee across the **Red Sea** to Djibouti;

22 Sep 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. **International Cocoa Council** elects Madagascar's **Philippe Fontayne** as president for the 2026–2027 season, as the sector faces price volatility, climate change, traceability requirements and concerns over producer incomes;

22 Sep 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. Rwanda and **Belgium** agree to resume diplomatic relations, which had been suspended since March 2025, with both countries planning to reopen their embassies initially under chargé d'affaires;

22 Sep 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. President **Paul Kagame** meets with **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** managing director **Regis O. N'Sonde** to discuss Rwanda's economic development and continued cooperation with the IMF;

21 Sep 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. Seven Ethiopian armed groups, including the **Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF)** and the **Amhara Fano National Movement**, announce they have formed an alliance, **Ethiopian Peoples' Forces Alliance for Survival**, aimed at overthrowing prime minister **Abiy Ahmed**;

21 Sep 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Borkena*. **Kenya Power** renews its electricity supply agreement with **Ethiopian Electric Utility**, doubling contracted electricity imports from Ethiopia from 200MW to 400MW, with the additional supply expected to reach Kenya's grid in December;

21 Sep 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. Environment ministry notes that illegal gold and precious-stone mining is increasingly encroaching on Madagascar's protected areas, with recent arrests reported in the **Torotorofotsy Ramsar** site, **Zahamena National Park**, the **Ankeniheny-Zahamena** corridor and **Makira** protected area;

21 Sep 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Kigali Today*. The **World Health Organisation (WHO)** launches an Ebola vaccine trial in the DRC, beginning with healthcare workers in **Ituri Province**, using 20,000 donated doses of the **Ervebo** vaccine to assess its effectiveness against the **Bundibugyo** strain;

21 Sep 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC)** managing director **Mussa Makame** says Tanzania and **Uganda** are expected to begin their first crude oil shipments in February 2027 as the **East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)** is officially 92.7% complete;

21 Sep 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. The **European Investment Bank Global (EIB Global)** agrees to provide a €20m (\$23m) credit line to Ethiopia's **Zemen Bank**, which will match the funding, creating €40m (\$45.9m) in financing for agricultural businesses in Ethiopia;

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21 Sep 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. Mines minister **Andriamparany Carl** confirms that Madagascar has resumed legal gold exports after a 16-year suspension;

20 Sep 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Energy and petroleum cabinet secretary **Opiyo Wandayi** defends local oil marketers after **Uganda's** President **Yoweri Museveni** accused Kenyan middlemen involved in the government-to-government fuel arrangement of inflating fuel costs through high premiums;

20 Sep 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Africanews*. **Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF)** suspends military cooperation with **Türkiye**, over Türkiye's ongoing refusal to extradite prominent political blogger and fierce critic of President **Yoweri Museveni**, **Fred Lumbuye**;

19 Sep 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Al Jazeera*. More than 2,700 **Yemenis** flee to Djibouti, making dangerous **Red Sea** crossings to escape renewed fighting in **Yemen**;

17 Sep 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **Sudan's** deputy head of the **Sovereign Council**, **Malik Agar**, reaffirms that Sudan does not intend to enter a military conflict with Ethiopia and calls for diplomatic stability amid escalating border tensions and allegations over cross-border security threats;

17 Sep 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Investment and Special Economic Zones Authority (TISEZA)** investment promotion manager **Daudi Riganda** notes that Tanzania is seeking increased investment from **South Korean** companies to support its industrialisation and economic growth;

17 Sep 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Uganda's government projects face significant delays, with 87% reportedly behind schedule, including the **Standard Gauge Railway**, **Kampala-Jinja Expressway**, **Busega-Mpigi Expressway** and **Entebbe Airport Rehabilitation** phase one;

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