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20 Oct 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africanews*. Authorities raise concerns about \$700m in Ebola aid that remains unaccounted for and call on aid groups to provide more information about their finances;

20 Oct 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Africa Report*. The **United States (US)** is reportedly seeking to prevent a military confrontation between Ethiopia and **Eritrea**, pursuing de-escalation efforts without taking sides in the dispute.;

20 Oct 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *IOL*. Authorities say Kenya has detected a ninth case of Ebola in the country;

19 Oct 2026 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Semafor*. Burundi signs a \$1.4 billion electricity deal with **United States (US)**-backed **Anzana Electric Group's** local subsidiary, **Weza Power**, aiming to connect more than 1.2 million households and businesses;

19 Oct 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *New York Times*. **United States (US)** media report that the **White House** is investigating a \$17.6m transfer from a bank account linked to the Congolese government to a US-based security and defence company that may have been redirected;

19 Oct 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Business Insider Africa*. **South Africa**-headquartered **Nedbank** confirms it has cleared the outstanding conditions for its acquisition of a 66% stake in Kenya's **NCBA Group**;

19 Oct 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Police launch an investigation after the body of a former **Rwandan** soldier, Sergeant Major **Robert Kabera**, a known critic of the Rwandan government, was discovered in **Mpigi District**;

18 Oct 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africanews*. Government spokesperson **Patrick Muyaya** accuses former president **Joseph Kabila** of planning an attack after Kabila announced he would be joining forces with the **Rwanda**-backed **M23** to form a new group;

18 Oct 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Nation*. Director general for health **Patrick Amoth** confirms Kenya has confirmed an eighth **Ebola** case, a patient attendant who likely contracted it from Kenya's first Ebola case;

17 Oct 2026 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Business Insider Africa*. **United States (US)** secretary of state **Marco Rubio** says the US has eased sanctions on Eritrean targets to help bolster diplomatic access as tensions increase between Eritrea and **Ethiopia**, also calling for a de-escalation in tensions;

17 Oct 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Business Insider Africa*. Kenya reclaims its position as **East Africa's** largest economy after five years, surpassing **Ethiopia**, with Kenya's GDP standing at \$135.92 billion in 2025 against Ethiopia's \$126.35 billion;

17 Oct 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Visas News*. Tanzania implements a requirement for all travellers entering the mainland to complete an online health declaration, regardless of where they are coming from, as the government introduces tighter health screening measures as **Ebola** spreads to neighbouring **Kenya**;

16 Oct 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africanews*. Health officials report the **Ebola** outbreak has spread to **North Ubangi Province**, which borders the **Central African Republic (CAR)**, marking the eighth province affected by the outbreak;

16 Oct 2026 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Miningmx*. China's **Zijin Mining Group's Bisha** copper-zinc mine in Eritrea suspends ore processing because of a fuel shortage, potentially delaying concentrate shipments to customers;

15 Oct 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *AfDB*. **African Development Bank (AfDB)** board of directors approves a guarantee facility of \$8m to **Exim Bank Djibouti** to finance trade for large enterprises and local SMEs;

15 Oct 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. **Belgian** police raid the homes of several relatives and associates of President **Felix Tshisekedi** as part of an investigation into money laundering linked to mining revenues;

15 Oct 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera*. Foreign affairs minister **Therese Kayikwamba Wagner** says **Formula 1's** decision to host a race in **Rwanda** is indefensible, adding that Formula 1 will "*polish the image of an authoritarian leader*" if the race goes ahead;

15 Oct 2026 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *The Guardian*. Eritrea's government accuses the **United Kingdom (UK)** home secretary **Shabana Mahmood** of launching a "*perfunctory political gimmick*" after she threatened to block all Eritreans from UK unless a returns deal is agreed for rejected asylum seekers and criminals;

15 Oct 2026 **Gambella (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Gambella regional government confirms armed groups carried out another attack in Gambella city, reporting that they had to involve federal forces to contain the security situation, while also announcing a curfew between 6pm and 6am;

14 Oct 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Reuters*. **United Nations (UN)** resident coordinator **Jose Barahona** says Djibouti faces a "*perfect storm*" of refugees fleeing **Yemen**, stranded migrants and drought;

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