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14 Oct 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africanews*. Health authorities say the DRC's worst-ever Ebola outbreak has passed 9,000 cases and more than 4,000 deaths;

14 Oct 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Binance*. **Swiss**-headquartered **Mercuria Energy Group** agrees to a \$250m copper supply deal with units of **China**-headquartered **Shanghai Jayson New Energy Materials Group** in the DRC;

14 Oct 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Bloomberg*. Kenya is preparing reforms to combat money laundering and terrorism financing as part of an effort to exit the **Financial Action Task Force's (FATF)** grey list of countries under increased monitoring by April 2027;

13 Oct 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. Ethiopian government troops have advanced to the town of **Zalambessa** on the border with **Eritrea**, previously controlled by **Tigrayan** rebels;

13 Oct 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Reuters*. Finance minister **Khamis Mussa Omar** says Tanzania expects to finalise agreements on major investment projects in the coming months, including a \$42 billion LNG development that officials hope will underpin industrialisation;

13 Oct 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Investing*. The **Bank of Uganda** (central bank) will hold a special monetary policy committee meeting tomorrow after the shilling falls to a new 33-year low;

12 Oct 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. Former president **Joseph Kabila** launches a new political-military coalition known as the **Front pour la Refondation de la Nation (FRN)** to replace the **AFC/M23** alliance fighting government forces in eastern DRC;

12 Oct 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. Ethiopia launches its first gold refinery, a \$50m joint venture with **Dubai**-based **Sam Precious Metals** aimed at turning the country into a regional processing hub for precious metals;

12 Oct 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Business Insider Africa*. Kenya approves a \$350m financing package for national carrier **Kenya Airways**, seeking to return grounded aircraft to service while preparing a separate overhaul of approximately \$941m in existing government debt;

12 Oct 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Nation*. President **William Ruto** travels to the **North Rift Region** as part of his 2027 re-election campaign, using his addresses to accuse former president **Uhuru Kenyatta** of betraying him by backing the late **Raila Odinga** in the 2022 election;

12 Oct 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Business Insider Africa*. The Ugandan shilling falls to 4,134/USD, its lowest level since 1993 and marking a 10% loss in value since 25 August, as investors switch from local bonds to **United States (US)** dollar assets offering higher returns;

9 Oct 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. Forces operating under **Eric Prince**, a close associate of **United States (US)** President **Donald Trump**, reportedly suffered a major battlefield loss in

eastern DRC in mid-September when enemy forces ambushed them, killing and wounding at least 20 people;

9 Oct 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. Ethiopia says in a letter addressed to the **United Nations (UN)** that an “*all-out invasion*” by **Eritrean** forces left it with no option but to defend itself;

9 Oct 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Investing*. The finance ministry says Kenya’s budget deficit is expected to rise to 5.9% of GDP in the 2027/28 fiscal year from 5.5% in 2026/27;

8 Oct 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africa Intelligence*. **Eric Prince**, a close associate of **United States (US)** President **Donald Trump**, secures a \$65m contract to maintain army aircraft in the DRC through his US-based company, **Vectus Global**;

8 Oct 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Polity*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** appoints **Fitsum Assefa Adela** as finance minister in his new cabinet, replacing **Ahmed Shide**, who has become speaker of the lower house of parliament;

8 Oct 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Bloomberg*. Government gives state-owned power and water utility **JIRAMA** permission to bypass normal tender procedures and buy diesel generators directly from **Russian** company **Malmekhservice** as ties between the island and Russia grow;

8 Oct 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Market Screener*. The **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) keeps its benchmark interest rate unchanged at 6.25%, saying it expects inflation to remain within its target range of 3% to 5%;

8 Oct 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)**, *CNBC Africa*. The shilling is expected to set further record lows against the **United States (US)** dollar over the next week, driven by strong foreign-currency demand from merchandise importers, energy companies and the telecoms sector;

7 Oct 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Times Live*. An **African Union (AU)** delegation that met **Rwanda**-backed **M23** rebels in eastern DRC calls for continued engagement in the peace process, as fighting persists despite ongoing mediation efforts;

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