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18 Nov 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. Transport minister **Fred Byamukama** says Uganda plans to reach financial close on its $2.97 billion **Standard Gauge Railway (SGR)** project in January next year and to extend the line to the country's north and west;

17 Nov 2026 **Mombasa (Kenya)** *Bloomberg.* Kenya signs a $692m deal with **Greece**-headquartered **Amaco Energy** for a liquefied natural gas electricity plant to power an upcoming industrial complex near the Mombasa port;

17 Nov 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Africanews.* International NGO **Human Rights Watch (HRW)** says criticises **Germany**, **Austria**, **Greece**, the **Netherlands** and **Denmark**'s decision to deport rejected asylum seekers to Rwanda, noting that these countries cannot guarantee the migrants rights will be respected in Rwanda, violating their obligations under international law;

16 Nov 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africanews.* A diplomatic dispute between the DRC and **Rwanda** has forced the **Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF)**, a major summit of French-speaking nations, to postpone the election of a new leader until the end of 2027;

16 Nov 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *CNBC Africa.* **Africa CDC**, Africa's top public health agency, says the Ebola outbreak in the DRC is still out of control six months after it was declared, citing problems including deadly attacks on health workers, unpaid staff and a lack of resources;

16 Nov 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Sudan Tribune*. The **United Nations (UN)** expresses deep concern over rising tensions between Ethiopia and **Sudan**, scaling up diplomatic interventions to avert a wider regional conflict;

16 Nov 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Defence web.* The **United States (US)** is seeking to expand security cooperation with Mozambique and **Madagascar**, warning that **Islamic State**-linked militants in northern Mozambique are developing stronger maritime capabilities that could threaten shipping in the strategically important Mozambique Channel;

16 Nov 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Reuters.* Five **European** countries - **Germany**, **Austria**, **Greece**, **Denmark** and the **Netherlands** - are set to announce plans today to send rejected asylum seekers to a deportation hub in Rwanda;

14 Nov 2026 **Badme (Eritrea)** *Anadolu Agency.* Fighting between **Ethiopian** and Eritrean forces has reportedly intensified near the disputed border town of Badme, with Ethiopian forces reportedly deploying drones and Eritrean troops using heavy artillery;

13 Nov 2026 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Anadolu Agency.* President **Evariste Ndayishimiye** presents his candidacy to the electoral commission, seeking nomination ahead of the 2027 presidential election;

13 Nov 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The Monitor*. The ruling **National Resistance Movement**'s**(NRM)** secretary general **Richard Todwong** rejects reports alleging that the

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party's **Central Executive Committee (CEC)** held a closed-door meeting and rejected a bid to position General **Muhoozi Kainerugaba** as Uganda's next president;

12 Nov 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *IMO.* Maritime and law enforcement officials from Djibouti, **Ethiopia**, **Somalia** and **Yemen** meet in Djibouti to discuss ways to strengthen port security, information sharing and preparedness for maritime security incidents;

12 Nov 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. **Canadian** miner **Barrick Mining** is temporarily furloughing some employees and subcontractors at its **Kibali** gold mine in DRC after officials reported two **Ebola** deaths in a nearby community;

12 Nov 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *CNBC Africa*. **Africa CDC**, Africa's top public health agency, says attacks on health workers and facilities are increasingly hindering efforts to contain the **Ebola** outbreak in eastern DRC that has killed more than 5,400 people;

12 Nov 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *AllAfrica*. Ethiopia accuses **Eritrea** and **Sudan** of supporting armed groups operating inside Ethiopia, including through repeated drone attacks;

12 Nov 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Business Insider Africa*. **Air Tanzania** warns passengers of widespread schedule disruption after the early removal of engines from its Airbus A220 aircraft reduced the availability of one of the airline's most important fleets;

11 Nov 2026, **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *X*. Media reports claim that Ethiopian and **Eritrean** forces exchanged fire along their shared border, raising fears of a dangerous escalation with potentially disastrous consequences for the wider region;

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