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5 Nov 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africa Business Insider*. The DRC is seeking investors to develop $12 billion worth of electricity projects over the next five years to combat shortages that are impacting economic growth;

5 Nov 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *X*. Finance minister **Fitsum Assefa** says that Ethiopia – with GDP for the fiscal year that ended in July equivalent to $210.7 billion - now ranks as Africa's fifth-biggest economy and Sub-Saharan Africa's third-largest economy, after the government revised its national accounts to account for emerging sectors such as the digital economy;

4 Nov 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Yahoo Finance.* The **World Bank** says Kenya could boost GDP by more than a fifth within a decade and significantly reduce debt as a percentage of GDP if it tackles corruption;

3 Nov 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters.* Ethiopia and **Sudan** close their respective consulates near their shared borders, as relations between the two continue to deteriorate;

2 Nov 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Africa Business Insider.* Djibouti and **France** sign a renewed defence agreement, with France set to pay Djibouti $85m annually while also returning 40% of France's naval installation on **Heron Island** to Djibouti;

2 Nov 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Africa Business Insider.* Two Chinese companies - **Hunan Research Institute for Nonferrous Metals** and **Jinan Yuxiao Group Co. Ltd** - withdraw from the race to develop Kenya's **Mrima Hill** critical minerals deposit, leaving five international bidders, including three **United States**-linked groups, competing for one of the country's most valuable untapped mineral resources;

2 Nov 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *The Eastleigh Voice.* Madagascar introduces a 21-day quarantine period for travellers from **Kenya**, **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)** and **Nigeria**, as authorities seek to prevent any spread of **Ebola**;

2 Nov 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Reuters.* **United States (US)** confirms it will suspend Rwanda and **South Africa** from its **African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)** from 1 January 2027, citing concerns over human rights, corruption and threats to US interests;

2 Nov 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *BBC.* Uganda begins withdrawing troops deployed under bilateral agreements to **Somalia**, with complete withdrawal of all forces, including those under the **African Union Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM)**, scheduled to conclude by the end of 2027;

1 Nov 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Business Day*. **France**-based **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** removes the DRC from its grey list of countries under enhanced monitoring, following increased efforts to tackle money-laundering and financial crime;

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30 Oct 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Anadolu Ajansi*. President **Felix Tshisekedi** calls on **Russia** to support a **United Nations**-backed resolution demanding the withdrawal of **Rwandan** troops from the DRC;

30 Oct 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *BBC*. Government data shows that the ongoing Ebola outbreak in the DRC has claimed more than 5,000 lives, with over 10,300 confirmed cases reported across eight of the country's 26 provinces;

30 Oct 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. Two sources involved in a rescue operation say drone strikes on a camp for displaced civilians in Ethiopia's **Amhara Region** killed at least 15 people, several of them children;

30 Oct 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Kenyans.* **Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS)** says inflation rate rose to 7.3% in October, up from 6.8% in September, driven largely by increases in food prices, transport costs and household energy expenses;

30 Oct 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Reuters.* President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** says Tanzania and **Angola** have agreed to connect their **Indian Ocean** and **Atlantic Ocean** transport corridors with a railway link via **Zambia** and the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**;

30 Oct 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Uganda Bureau of Statistics.* The **Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBS)** says Ugandan consumer prices increased 5.8% in October from 4.6% in September, mainly due to increases in energy and food costs;

30 Oct 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters.* **Russia**'s state-owned energy company **Rosatom**'s director general **Aleksey Likhachev** says the company is discussing the construction of large nuclear power plants with Uganda, **Ghana**, **Ethiopia** and **Egypt**;

29 Oct 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Moneyweb.* Genomic sequencing has linked Ebola cases detected in Kenya and **Nigeria** to the same transmission chain and to viruses circulating in eastern Democratic **Republic of Congo (DRC)**, while leaving open the possibility of an undetected chain in Uganda;

28 Oct 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *US Treasury.* **United States (US) Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)** imposes sanctions on Rwanda's defence ministry and **Zigama Credit and Savings Society**, a Rwandan financial institution that the US says has played a key role in facilitating Rwanda's support for the **M23** and its political wing, the **Congo River Alliance**, in eastern **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**;

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