

## ARC East Africa Weekly Chronology 19 – 26 July 2023

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26 Jul 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. President **William Ruto** offers to meet opposition leader **Raila Odinga** for face-to-face talks in a bid to end opposition protests that have rocked Kenya on and off since March;

25 Jul 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Zawya*. Finance minister **Matia Kasaija** and **Bank of Uganda (BoU)** (central bank) executive research director **Adam Mugume** report that printing costs for banknotes continue to escalate, necessitating a market study to see what notes can be replaced with coins. BoU also plans to phase out the USh 1,000 shilling (\$0.00027) note;

25 July 2023 **Victoria (Seychelles)** *Seychelles News Agency*. Finance authorities confirm they will undertake further discussions with the cabinet of ministers on the environment levy for tourism accommodation expected to start on 1 August. The levies are set at SR25 (\$) for small hotels, SR75 (\$) for medium hotels and SR100 (\$) for large hotels and yachts;

25 July 2023 **Victoria (Seychelles)** *Seychelles News Agency*. President **Wavel Ramkalawan** addresses the nation on the **African Day of Seas and Ocean**, stating that Africa's adoption and implementation of the **Blue Economy Continental Strategy** shows the continent is responding to calls to review and rethink the way it operates within the natural environment;

25 Jul 2023 **Mogadishu (Somalia)** *DW*. **Al-Shabab** suicide bomber kills between 20 and 30 Somali soldiers and injures at least 60 others in an attack on the **Jaalle Siyaad Military Academy** in Mogadishu;

24 Jul 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. Employment, labour and social welfare minister **Claudine Ndusi** appoints **Mboma Mayuku Jean-Paul** as inspector general of labour following the creation of the inspectorate as a specialised public service with administrative and financial autonomy to improve the working conditions of labour inspectors and controllers;

24 Jul 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *MenaFN*. **United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)** reports that the number of people entering Ethiopia from conflict-affected **Sudan** exceeds 68,000, with Ethiopian returnees accounting for about 49% and **Sudanese** nationals 30%;

24 Jul 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania's regional business competitor, **Kenya**, is set to enter into an investment agreement with the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** over UAE investments in Kenyan ports;

23 Jul 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The Citizen*. Transporters and commodity exporters express concern over the deteriorating situation in Kenya as the ongoing cost of living protests backed by the opposition in **East Africa's** largest economy has a ripple effect in the entire region;

23 Jul 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Medical Stores Department** encourages members of the private sector to invest in the manufacturing of drugs and medical devices in order to build a vibrant, sustainable, and locally driven sub-sector and reduce the country's reliance on the importation of medicines, save much-coveted foreign currency, and create jobs for Tanzanians;

21 Jul 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** meets with **Chinese Communist Party** central committee foreign affairs commission office and its director, **Wang Yi**;

20 Jul 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Africanews*. Independent watchdog **Medico-Legal Unit** says police killed at least six people during demonstrations on 19 July, while the police claim they have been ordered not to report such deaths;

20 Jul 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The Tanzanian passport advances seven positions in the latest **2023 Henley Passport Index**, now securing the 69th spot among the world's most powerful passports;

19 Jul 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Government says it will appeal a recent **International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes** ruling that ordered Tanzania to pay **Australia**-headquartered **Indiana Resources Limited** \$109.5m as compensation for breach of obligation to a foreign investor;

19 Jul 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Soko Directory*. **Dfcu Bank, Mastercard and Rabo Partnerships** announce a strategic partnership aimed at digitising the agricultural ecosystem and uplifting smallholder farmers and other agricultural value chain actors by enhancing their access to markets and credit;

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