

ARC East Africa Weekly Chronology 5 - 11 July 2023

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- 11 Jul 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *NTV*. Opposition **Azimio la Umoja** leader **Raila Odinga** announces nationwide protests and calls for civil disobedience, with potential for major disruptions and a greater impact compared to previous demonstrations;
- 11 Jul 2023 **Mogadishu (Somalia)** *Garowe Online*. President **Hassan Sheikh Mohamud** opens a meeting with several politicians in the capital, focussing on fighting **Al-Shabaab** and upgrading Somalia's security;
- 11 Jul 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *BBC News.* **United States**-headquartered NGO **Human Rights Watch** reports that the planned **East African Crude Oil Pipeline Project (EACOP)** will have dire consequences for the environment and local communities;
- 10 Jul 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite.* President **Félix Tshisekedi** and his **South African** counterpart, **Cyril Ramaphosa**, sign a series of agreements in several sectors, including infrastructure, transport and electricity;
- 10 Jul 2023 **Victoria (Seychelles)** *Seychelles News Agency*. Investment, entrepreneurship and industry minister **Devika Vidot** discusses projects after meeting with representatives of local banks, including the **Regatta** site project and the **Kato Nwar** tourism project;
- 8 Jul 2023 **Moroni (Comoros)** *The East African*. President **William Ruto** is reportedly wooing Comoros to join the **East African Community (EAC)** in addition to inviting **Ethiopia** to join the bloc and has publicly supported **Somalia**'s verification process to join the bloc;
- 8 Jul 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Business Daily.* **Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS)** data reveals that Kenya's food import bill in the first quarter of the year rose 58.4% to hit KSh80.2 billion (\$569.4m), nearly matching what was earned from exporting food;
- 7 Jul 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite.* The DRC government calls on the permanent and non-permanent members of the **United Nations Security Council** to take concrete measures to punish external supporters of armed groups, including their sponsors and suppliers, through targeted sanctions;
- 7 Jul 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **East Africa Commercial and Logistics Center** director general **Cathy Wang** says the centre is expected to open to the public in June 2024;
- 6 Jul 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** makes a mini-cabinet reshuffle, dissolving two ministries and forming three new dockets, with the planning and finance ministry now a standalone finance ministry and the planning docket forming part of the investment and planning ministry;
- 5 Jul 2023 **Victoria (Seychelles)** *Seychelles News Agency*. Investment, entrepreneurship and industry minister **Devika Vidot**, accompanied by **Enterprise Seychelles Agency (ESA)** CEO



Lisa Lautoy, announces that the development of the **Beau Vallon** promenade on the main Seychelles island of **Mahe** is due to start in September;

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