

## ARC East Africa Weekly Chronology 3 – 9 August 2023

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9 Aug 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The East African*. **World Bank** announces it will suspend funding for any future projects in Uganda citing human rights violations stemming from its enactment of one of the strictest anti-LGBTQ+ laws;

8 Aug 2023 **Ahmara (Ethiopia)** *Africanews*. **Ethiopian Airlines** cancels scheduled flights travelling to **Bahir Dar**, the capital of Ahmara region, until Friday amid increased fighting between the federal army and local militia;

8 Aug 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Pulse Kenya*. Inspector general of police **Japhet Koome** accuses the opposition of hiring bodies from morgues to plant during anti-government protests in recent weeks, allowing allegations of police brutality to run rife;

8 Aug 2023 **Victoria (Seychelles)** *Seychelles News Agency*. Finance minister **Naadir Hassan** reports that government expects to collect \$6.3m through the Seychelles tourism environmental sustainable levy for the period 1 August to 31 December, and at least \$15m in 2024;

8 Aug 2023 **Victoria (Seychelles)** *Seychelles News Agency*. Seychelles joins 14 other members of the **African** continent to share experiences and look for ways to better implement the African peer review mechanism reviewing process in their respective countries;

8 Aug 2023 **Mogadishu (Somalia)** *UniIndia*. Somali national army and international partners kill 45 **Al-Shabaab** militants after conducting a joint operation in **Hiiraan region** in central Somalia;

8 Aug 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Stanbic Bank Tanzania** and Tanzanian agricultural solutions provider **Agricom Africa (AA)** sign a memorandum of understanding to drive the modernisation and growth of Tanzania's agriculture sector through asset financing and access to agri-technology;

6 Aug 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Energy Minister **January Makamba**, meets with the leaders of the **Tanzania Association of Oil Marketing Companies (Taomac)** to discuss the hike in the price of fuel and future prospects;

5 Aug 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *SwissInfo*. Government begins to restore a branch of a century-old, **United Kingdom**-built railway line that is expected to cut the cost of shipping goods to the country's **North Sudan**, **South Sudan**, and the **Democratic Republic of Congo**;

5 Aug 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. Negotiators representing President **William Ruto** and opposition leader **Raila Odinga** meet to set a date for talks between Ruto and Odinga aimed at resolving Kenya's political dispute that has triggered several protests;

4 Aug 2023 **Kasese (Uganda)** *The East African*. Residents near the Uganda-**DRC** border in the Kasese district report they are facing starvation due to insecurity caused by suspected **Allied Democratic Forces (ADF)** rebels;

4 Aug 2023 **Amhara (Ethiopia)** *Al Jazeera*. Federal government declares a state of emergency in the Amhara region following days of fighting between the **Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF)** and **Fano** militia;

3 Aug 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. **Esther Misheng Mbidi**, founder of the banking and insurance consulting firm **CREDASSUR**, organises an international economic forum on finance and sustainable development under the theme “**Belgium** and the Democratic Republic of Congo for lasting business relations”;

3 Aug 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. The government shuts down internet services in most parts of the **Amhara region** with parts of **Gojjam, Gondar, Wollo, Sekota** and **Shoa** without internet since the previous day;

3 Aug 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **World Bank** reports that Tanzania's largest trading partners in terms of import value are **China**, the **United Arab Emirates, India** and **Saudi Arabia**;

3 Aug 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. The **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) says it will continue supplying **United States** dollars in the **Inter-Bank Foreign Exchange Market (IFEM)** to ensure oil marketing companies and other stakeholders have easy access to the foreign currency;

3 Aug 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation** embarks on the process to improve gas-producing well MB-1 at **Mnazi Bay** development area in **Mtwara Region** to expand gas production and help meet demand;

2 Aug 2023 **Gitega (Burundi)** *Russkiy Mir*. **Russia** delivers a mobile laboratory to combat pathogens of dangerous infectious diseases to Burundi as Russian president **Vladimir Putin** promises that African countries will receive another ten mobile laboratories by 2026;

2 Aug 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Vice president **Philip Mpango** says the export of agricultural products has become a vital source of increased foreign currency, affirming that Tanzania has exported maize worth \$71.5m this year, compared to \$57.09m in 2022;

2 Aug 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *International Monetary Fund*. **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** deputy managing director **Bo Li** completes a visit to Tanzania, thanking vice president **Philip Mpango**, finance minister **Mwigulu Nchemba** and **Bank of Tanzania** governor **Emmanuel Tutuba** for their hospitality and reiterating the IMF's commitment to supporting the authorities' effort to unlock Tanzania's development potential;

2 Aug 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *All Africa*. Minerals minister **Doto Biteko** tells attendees of the **2<sup>nd</sup> Russia-Africa Summit** that Tanzania is looking for the latest technology to develop its uranium resources and to explore new nuclear technologies from other countries to contribute to economic growth, particularly uranium exploration;

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