

## ARC East Africa Weekly Chronology 12 – 18 Oct 2023

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18 Oct 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *The East African*. Police arrest and detain opposition leader **Kefa Nibizi**, accused of undermining the internal security of the state;

18 Oct 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The Citizen*. Police spokesperson **Fred Enanga** confirms that suspected **Allied Democratic Forces (ADF)** rebels shot and killed a **South African** tourist and a **British** tourist in the **Queen Elizabeth National Park** in western Uganda;

18 Oct 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Business Wiz*. **Standard Bank Group** says that negotiations on the \$4 billion **East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)** can conclude as Tanzania has settled a disagreement with **Chinese** funders on a separate matter;

17 Oct 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperité*. Constitutional court decides to judge “*by default*” former prime minister and presidential candidate **Augustin Matata** for embezzlement of public funds;

17 Oct 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *France24*. Transport minister **Marc Ekila** confirms that at least 47 have died after a boat sank in the **Congo River** last week;

17 Oct 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Bloomberg*. President **William Ruto** says during the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in China** that he has held discussions with his counterparts in **Uganda**, **Democratic Republic of Congo** and **Republic of Congo** to extend Kenya’s **Standard Gauge Railway (SGR)** across the border, however, the extension would be reliant on additional Chinese investment;

17 Oct 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Government reaches an agreement with **Canadian** mining company **Winshear Gold Corp** to pay it \$30m to settle an investment dispute;

16 Oct 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Africanews*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** is set to hold talks with **Chinese** premier **Li Qiang** during the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation**;

15 Oct 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *New Vision*. DRC and **Uganda** agree to remove entry visa requirements at their respective borders in a bid to increase trade;

15 Oct 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** lays the foundation stone for the first 56.57 km of the road linking **Mkiwa-Itigi** and **Noranga (Singida Region)**. The road will eventually run 413 km and link Tanzania and **Zambia**, which Hassan says will help spur trade between Tanzania and the **Southern African Development Community (SADC)**;

14 Oct 2023 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *African Business*. Foreign affairs minister **Osman Saleh** meets with **Egypt’s** President **Abdel Fattah El-Sisi** to discuss bilateral ties;

13 Oct 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *The East African*. **East African Community (EAC)** expresses concern over renewed hostilities between armed groups fighting in **North Kivu** province in eastern DRC, which it says could signal a violation of a ceasefire;

15 Oct 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Government is working on legislation to impose restrictions on the import and export of some information technology products, citing national security concerns;

15 Oct 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. President **William Ruto** arrives in **Beijing (China)** to participate in the 3rd **Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation**;

15 Oct 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The East African*. **Uganda Airlines** relaunches its long-awaited direct flights to **Mumbai (India)**, the national carrier's second destination off the continent;

14 Oct 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *The Report Ethiopia*. **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** executive board confirms that Ethiopia's pursuit of debt treatment through the **G20 Common Framework** is dependent on Ethiopia and the IMF reaching a staff-level agreement;

14 Oct 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (Epra)** announces an increase in the price of petrol. which will be sold at a record KSh 217.36 (\$1.45) per litre, diesel KSh 205.47 (\$1.38) per litre and kerosene at KSh 205.06 (\$1.37) per litre in Nairobi;

13 Oct 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *The East African*. President **Felix Tshisekedi** announces that the government will gradually roll back its emergency measures in place in **North Kivu** and **Ituri** provinces, including a return to civilian governance;

13 Oct 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Anadolu Agency*. Ethiopia's permanent mission to the **United Nations (UN)** calls a statement from UN under-secretary **Alice Wairimu Nderitu** that there is a heightened risk of genocide in the country "*irresponsible and reckless*";

13 Oct 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. **United States** embassy in Kenya issues a statement once again noting that there is a high risk of terrorism activities targeting areas frequented by foreigners and tourists in Nairobi and elsewhere in Kenya;

13 Oct 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Africa.com*. **Climate Change Programme Manager** at the **Rwanda Environment Management Authority**, **Herman Hakuzimana**, says that Rwanda will launch its carbon market scheme at the November **United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28)**;

12 Oct 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *IMF*. **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** concludes a staff-level visit to Ethiopia to discuss Ethiopia's request for IMF support for a reform programme;

12 Oct 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Central Bank of Kenya (CBK)** governor **Kamau Thugge** says Kenya is planning to buy back up to a quarter of its \$2 billion 2024 international bond before year end after it secures new loans to help repay debt;

12 Oct 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Reuters*. **Petroleum Upstream Regulatory Agency (PURA)** director general **Charles Sangweni**, speaking at the **Africa Oil Week** in **Cape Town (South Africa)**, announces that Tanzania will launch its fifth oil and gas licensing round in Q1 2024;

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