

## ARC East Africa Weekly Chronology 19 – 25 Oct 2023

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25 Oct 2023 **Goma (DRC)** *The Citizen*. Fighting between **M23 rebels** and armed forces intensifies near Goma, with the **United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)** reporting that over 200,000 people have been displaced from the region since the beginning of October;

25 Oct 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *The East African*. Rwanda accuses **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**-backed rebels of injuring a civilian after clashes broke out at the countries' shared border on Monday;

24 Oct 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africanews*. DRC once again accuses **Rwanda** of supporting **M23** rebels, with government spokesperson **Patrick Muyaya** posting drone images on social media which reportedly indicate incursions by Rwandan armed forces into **Tongo** and **Rutshuru**, cities in **North Kivu**, to support M23;

24 Oct 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. The shilling surpasses the 150-unit mark against the **United States** dollar, marking a 17.7% depreciation since the beginning of the year, more than twice the percentage shed in the previous year;

24 Oct 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Business Insider Africa*. **World Bank** indicates that **Kenya** and Rwanda are among the fastest growing economies in **Africa** in 2023;

23 Oct 2023 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Agence Ecofin*. **Dutch** internet exchange company **Amsterdam Internet Exchange (AMS-IX)** signs an agreement with local data centre operator **Wingu** to launch a new internet exchange point in Djibouti;

23 Oct 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *The East African*. Mines ministry grants **Manono Lithium**, a joint venture between a subsidiary of **China**-headquartered **Zijin Mining Group** and DRC company **La Congolaise d'Exploitation Minière**, an exploration licence and gives the company the rights to refurbish and operate the decommissioned **Mpiana-Mwwage** hydropower station to help ensure a low-carbon project;

23 Oct 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **China's** ambassador to Ethiopia, **Zhao Zhiyuan**, says the transformation of relations between Ethiopia and China to an “*all weather*” strategic partnership indicates growing political trust between the two countries;

23 Oct 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Treasury cabinet secretary **Njuguna Ndung'u** confirms that as of September, the **African Development Bank's (AfDB)** loans to Kenya have reached \$3.95 billion, making the AfDB a major financier of Kenya's infrastructure projects and private sector;

23 Oct 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Business Daily Africa*. **Communications Authority of Kenya** reports that cyberattacks have dropped 55.4% in the first quarter of the new financial year, attributing this decline to its ongoing cyber awareness campaigns;

23 Oct 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Business Daily*. International consulting firm **KPMG** reports that a survey of 150 C-suite level and senior executives in the region indicates that they would consider investing in Tanzania before **Kenya** in the next two years;

23 Oct 2023 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** *The Africa Report*. Zanzibar's first vice president in the **Government of National Unity (GNU)** and member of opposition party **ACT-Wazalendo**, **Othman Masoud Othman**, tells **France**-headquartered media outlet **The Africa Report** that President **Hussein Mwinyi** has continued to isolate the opposition in decision-making, risking political unrest if significant electoral reforms are not secured before the 2025 general election;

23 Oct 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *News24*. President **Yoweri Museveni** says security forces have tracked five **Allied Democratic Forces (ADF)** rebels who are responsible for the killing of a **British** tourist and a **South African** tourist in **Queen Elizabeth National Park** last week;

22 Oct 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africanews*. A military reshuffle sees former aide **Eddy Kapend**, who was convicted of involvement in the assassination of then-president **Laurent-Désiré Kabila**, promoted to the rank of general. Kapend has maintained his innocence and was pardoned by President **Felix Tshisekedi** in 2021;

22 Oct 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africanews*. **Kenya's** President **William Ruto** and his **Angolan** counterpart, **João Lourenço**, call on **M23** rebels, active in eastern DRC, to join a military garrison, stating that while there has been progress, the M23 cantonment still needs to be carried out;

22 Oct 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania and **Dubai**-headquartered **DP World** officially sign a 30-year concession agreement that will see DP World invest \$250m to upgrade **Dar es Salaam Port**. Under the contract is the **Host Government Agreement (HGA)**, the lease and operation of berths four to seven and the joint operation of berths zero to three between **Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA)** and DP World;

21 Oct 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Garowe Online*. Burundi donates four helicopters to **Somalia** to help aid its ongoing operations against **al-Shabaab** militants;

21 Oct 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Women, children and youth affairs office says that more than 30,000 children were separated from their parents during the **Tigray** conflict which has contributed to the growing number of street children in the region;

21 Oct 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. President **William Ruto** and his **Angolan** counterpart, **João Lourenço**, sign 11 memoranda of understanding. Ruto also agrees that Kenya will waive visa requirements for Angolan citizens;

21 Oct 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *The East African*. Rwanda sends 16 tonnes of humanitarian aid to **Gaza**;

21 Oct 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The Citizen*. Uganda will destroy 1,700 tonnes of maize after **East African Community (EAC)** standard tests find high aflatoxin levels in the maize worth \$2m;

20 Oct 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Daily Monitor*. Military confirms it has deployed additional forces to the border with **Democratic Republic of Congo** following an attack by suspected DRC-based rebel group **Allied Democratic Forces** on two tourists in the **Queen Elizabeth National Park**;

19 Oct 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Bloomberg*. **Djibouti** joins **Eritrea** and **Somalia** in rejecting an appeal by prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** to grant Ethiopia direct access to a port on the **Red Sea**;

19 Oct 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. President **William Ruto** signs into law the **Primary Health Care Act 2023**, the **Digital Health Act, 2023**, the **Facility Improvement Financing Act, 2023** and the **Social Health Insurance Act, 2023**. The four bills are aimed at promoting

universal health coverage; however, critics note that in order to do this, all workers will have to contribute 2.75% of their salaries towards a new health fund;

19 Oct 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **United Nations World Tourism Organisation** formally admits the **Tanzania Association of Tour Operations (TATO)** as a new affiliate member, increasing Tanzania's tourism profile;

19 Oct 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Africanews*. Military spokesman **Felix Kulayigye** says that a joint army, police and wildlife authority force has been deployed to track down the perpetrators who killed three people in the **Queen Elizabeth National Park**;

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