

## ARC East Africa Weekly Chronology 9 – 15 November 2023

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15 Nov 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Graphic Online*. **Saudi Fund for Development (SFD)** signs over \$580m development loan agreements with 12 **African** countries including Burundi (\$50m), **Rwanda** (\$20m) and **Tanzania** (\$13m);

15 Nov 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Africa.com*. **Africa Finance Corporation** announces Burundi and **São Tomé and Príncipe** are its newest member countries, and will assist with infrastructure development and financing;

15 Nov 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Africanews*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** reiterates his pledge to not invade any neighbouring countries over **Red Sea** port access but says Ethiopia will not abandon its request for port access;

15 Nov 2023 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Agence Ecofin*. Djibouti announces plans to launch a second satellite into orbit in quarter one of 2024 following the successful 1 November launch of its **Djibouti 1A** from the **Vandenberg Space Force Base** in the **United States (US)**;

15 Nov 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *CNN*. **Supreme Court of the United Kingdom (UK)** rules that the controversial plan to send asylum-seekers to Rwanda is unlawful;

15 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Government in collaboration with the **United Nations Women (UN Women)** and **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** will host a three-day international conference focused on gender financing, bringing together finance and gender ministers from 22 **African** countries;

14 Nov 2023 **Kishishe (DRC)** *Africanews*. **M23** rebels have reportedly retaken the village of Kishishe in eastern DRC, where the group is accused of having committed a massacre at the end of November 2022;

14 Nov 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Africanews*. **Sosthene Munyemana**, a former doctor who fled Rwanda for **France** in 1994, starts his trial in the **Assize** court in **Paris** on charges of genocide and crimes against humanity committed during the Rwandan genocide;

13 Nov 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperité*. **M23** rebel group releases a statement saying that **Burundian** soldiers deployed in eastern DRC with the **East African Community Regional Force (EACRF)** are collaborating with armed groups that are being supported by **Rwanda**, citing great concern that Burundi is violating the current ceasefire;

13 Nov 2023 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *The Guardian*. Eritrea withdraws its football team from **2026 World Cup** qualifying matches, reportedly over fears that players will attempt to seek political asylum while abroad;

13 Nov 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Kenya appoints **United States**-headquartered **Citi** and **South Africa**-headquartered **Standard Bank** as joint lead managers to assess the potential of borrowing in dollars in international markets;

13 Nov 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Africanews*. Public prosecutor's office says it has charged **Allied Democratic Forces (ADF)** rebel group leader **Abdul Rashid Kyoto** with terrorism,

murder, aggravated robbery and membership of a terrorist organisation in connection with the murder of two tourists in the **Queen Elizabeth National Park** on 17 October;

12 Nov 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *The Citizen*. Infrastructure minister **Dieudonne Dukundane** says that with the completion of the **Standard Gauge Railway (SGR)** linking Burundi to **Tanzania**, Burundi will save \$70m a year in transport costs;

11 Nov 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *KT Press*. Defence minister **Juvenal Marizamunda** and **Rwanda Defence Force (RDF)** chief of defence staff Lieutenant General **MK Mubarakh Muganga** host a delegation from **Burkina Faso's** armed forces to discuss strengthening cooperation;

11 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *IPP Media*. **National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)** reports that annual inflation declined slightly from 3.3% in September to 3.2% in October;

10 Nov 2023 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Arusha regional commissioner **John Mongera** announces that direct flights between the **United States** and Tanzania will commence in 2024;

9 Nov 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Africanews*. Prosecutors in the trial of former prime minister **Alain-Guillaume Bynyoni**, who is facing charges of undermining national security among others, call for him to be sentenced to life in prison;

9 Nov 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africanews*. **French** judges conclude they have enough evidence to charge and prosecute former militia leader **Roger Lumbala** for complicity in crimes against humanity committed in **Ituri** and **North Kivu** provinces between 2002 and 2003;

9 Nov 2023 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Africa.com*. President **Isaias Afwerki** arrives in **Saudi Arabia** to attend the inaugural **Saudi Arabia-Africa Summit**;

9 Nov 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Africanews*. The government and **Oromo Liberation Army (OLA)** hold a fresh set of talks to try to end five years of insurrection in **Oromia** region;

9 Nov 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. President **William Ruto** states in his **State of the Nation Address** to parliament that Kenya will pay back in December \$300m of its \$2 billion Eurobond, which falls due in June 2024;

9 Nov 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Kenya's largest telecoms operator, **Safaricom**, reports a 19.1% fall in its earnings before interest and taxes to KES 41.45 billion (\$273.51m) for the first half of the year to the end of September, with the company's network roll-out in neighbouring **Ethiopia** reportedly dragging down its performance;

9 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania and **Uganda** sign a bilateral agreement to construct a natural gas pipeline between the two countries that will transport natural gas from Tanzania's southern regions to Uganda, helping to boost energy security and economic growth;

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