

## ARC East Africa Weekly Chronology 1 – 7 February 2024

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7 Feb 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *AFP*. **United States (US)** calls for dialogue between the government and **M23** rebels with the aid of former **Kenyan** president **Uhuru Kenyatta**;

7 Feb 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Central Bank of Kenya (CBK)** raises the benchmark lending rate by 50 basis points to 13% citing inflationary pressures and challenges facing the shilling;

7 Feb 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. **Kenya Ships Agents Association (KSAA)** says importers should expect higher charges from this week as insecurity in the **Red Sea** continues impacting shipping routes;

7 Feb 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Government says it is considering adopting artificial intelligence (AI) in its e-government system as a way to upgrade the system;

6 Feb 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Africanews*. Djibouti increases its coast guard patrols along the **Red Sea** as insecurity continues to plague the key shipping route;

6 Feb 2024 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Borkena*. Foreign affairs ministry summons the **United Kingdom's** charge d'affaires over what it alleges it continued and false accusations against Eritrea;

6 Feb 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Al-Monitor*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** again reiterates that Ethiopia will not go to war with **Somalia** over Ethiopia's quest for sea access;

6 Feb 2024 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *All Africa*. According to the **Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI)** published by **Transparency International (TI)**, Tanzania, with a score of 40, is the second least corrupt country in the **East African Community (EAC)** region after **Rwanda**, which has 53 points;

5 Feb 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *News24*. **M23** rebel group call out the **Tanzania** contingent of the **Southern African Development Community (SADC) Mission in the DRC** over using heavy artillery during fighting, adding that they have allegedly launched rocket attacks;

5 Feb 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *The Guardian*. **United Kingdom's Africa's** minister **Andrew Mitchell** says the risk of a humanitarian catastrophe in northern Ethiopia is growing driven by the **El-Nino** drought and ongoing conflict;

5 Feb 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *New Times*. President **Paul Kagame** arrives in **Washington DC (United States)** to commemorate **Rwanda Day**;

4 Feb 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Parliament votes to extend the state of emergency in **Amhara** region by an additional four months;

4 Feb 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Health officials implement measures at border points to help prevent the spread of cholera from neighbouring countries including **Zambia**;

4 Feb 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The East African*. Several insurance companies have opted not to insure the **East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)**, adding hurdles to the project that has already faced several delays;

3 Feb 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *AP News*. President **William Ruto** says corruption and officials' incompetence are what led to the recent explosion at a liquid petroleum plant that killed three people and injured over 280 others;

3 Feb 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Bloomberg*. **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) forecasts GDP growth of 5.5% in 2024 after a projected 5% in 2023;

3 Feb 2024 **Dodoma (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The **Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC)** increases its ownership stake in **Mnazi Bay** onshore conventional gas development (**Mtwara region**) from 20% to 40%, and **France-based Maurel & Prom** increase their take from 48.6% to 60% through the purchase of **UK-based Wentworth Resources Plc's** stake;

2 Feb 2024 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *AP*. **Ethiopia**, in a leaked memo, accuses Eritrean soldiers of abducting farmers and stealing livestock along the border in **Tigray** region nearly 15-months after a cease-fire was signed ending the Tigray conflict;

2 Feb 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Al Jazeera*. A gas explosion in Nairobi kills two people and injures nearly 300 others;

1 Feb 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The East African*. The **African Development Bank (AfDB)** urges **Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO)** and **Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Ltd (Ketraco)** to sign and implement a tripartite power exchange deal. AfDB, TANESCO and Ketraco were due to complete a 507.5km cross-border transmission line between **Isinya** substation (**Arusha**, Tanzania) to boarder town **Namanga** (Kajiado county, Kenya) in December 2023. The project has been delayed due to slow resettlement of families disrupted by new electricity infrastructure in Kenya;

1 Feb 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Mwananchi*. Finance minister **Mwigulu Nchemba** advises the leadership at **South Africa-based AngloGold Ashanti**, owners of the Tanzania-based **Geita Gold Mine**, to sell gold to the government via the **Bank of Tanzania (BoT)** (central bank) to enable government to boost its gold reserves;

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