

## ARC East Africa Weekly Chronology 16 - 22 May 2024

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22 May 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Xinhua*. Government announces that the economy is on track to grow 7.9% in the current Ethiopian 2023/2024 financial year which began on 8 July 2023;

22 May 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The Africa Report*. **Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC)** CEO **Joe Sang** says a deal with **Rwanda** for it to import its oil via **Mombasa** port, and not **Tanzania**, could be finalised in the coming months;

22 May 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The East African*. State-run **National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA)** signs an agreement with **Democratic Republic Congo's (DRC) Quincy Company** to sell 500,000 tonnes of maize to DRC;

20 May 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *CAJ News*. Djibouti sovereign fund and **Netherlands-headquartered Paix Data Centres** sign a joint venture agreement to open a data centre in 2026;

20 May 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *EBC*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** shuffles his cabinet, notably dropping defence minister **Abraham Belay**;

20 May 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Business Daily*. **Kenya National Bureau of Statistics** officials confirm the economy grew by 5.6% in 2023, up from 4.9% in 2022, driven by strong performance in the agriculture sector;

20 May 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Africanews*. President **William Ruto** arrives in the **United States (US)** for a four-day state visit and is set to meet his counterpart, **Joe Biden**, on Thursday;

20 May 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *VOA*. Rwanda will deploy an additional 2,500 soldiers to **Mozambique** to help contain a resurgence in militant attacks;

20 May 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **British International Investment (BII)** signs a \$30m financing agreement with **TowerCo of Africa Tanzania** for the construction of 200 additional telecommunication sites throughout Tanzania;

19 May 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *BBC*. Army spokesperson Brigadier General **Sylvain Ekenge** says the army stopped a coup attempt early on Sunday morning, arresting 50 suspects including three **United States** citizens;

19 May 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. **Uganda People's Defence Forces** says it has captured a bomb expert commander of the **Islamic State**-allied **Allied Democratic Forces (ADF)** while carrying out an operation in **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**;

18 May 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Local sources report renewed fighting between government forces and rebels in **Amhara** region;

18 May 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** reaches a staff-level agreement with authorities, recommending the executive board approve a \$150m disbursement;

17 May 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *News24*. **United States**-headquartered **Human Rights Watch (HRW)** says Rwanda deported a senior researcher upon arrival in Kigali on 13 May;

16 May 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *AP*. Ethiopia lodges a complaint with the **United States (US)** over the recent speech of its ambassador, **Ervin Massinga**, calling for the release of political prisoners, saying it contained allegations and unsolicited advice;

16 May 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The Africa Report*. President **Yoweri Museveni** has tasked the attorney general with examining the legality of the **United Kingdom's** sanctions imposed on speaker of parliament, **Anita Among**, stating that the corruption allegations to which she is tied are an internal matter;

16 May 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Indian High Commission** holds talks with **Petroleum Upstream Regulatory Authority (PURA)** officials the government's plans to auction oil and gas blocks this year;

15 May 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *BNA*. President **Ismail Omar Guelleh** arrives in **Bahrain** to take part in the 33<sup>rd</sup> **Arab Summit**;

15 May 2024 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Tesfa News*. The second round of **Foreign Office Consultations (FOC)** between Eritrea and **India** on bilateral cooperation takes place;

15 May 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The first-ever high-level **Summit on Clean Cooking in Africa**, co-chaired by President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** in **Paris (France)** on 14 May, mobilises \$2.2 billion to support the provision of clean cooking access in Africa;

15 May 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The East African*. President **Yoweri Museveni** arrives in **Kenya** for a three-day state visit during which he will meet his counterpart, **William Ruto**;

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