

## ARC East Africa Weekly Chronology 2 - 8 May 2024

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7 May 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *The Peninsula*. **Qatar** and Djibouti sign an agreement to enhance collaboration in the tourism sector;

7 May 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *The East African*. **Ethiopian Coffee and Tea Authority (ECTA)** says coffee exports earned \$835m in revenue over the past nine months;

6 May 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *News24*. **Southern African Development Community Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (SAMIDRC)** says it will conduct an armed operation to reopen humanitarian corridors that the **M23** rebels have blocked in **North Kivu** province;

6 May 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. **Kenya Airways** confirms that its two staff members detained in **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** have been released, allowing flights to DRC to resume;

6 May 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *SABC News*. Former opposition leader **Victoire Ingabire Umuhoza** files a case before the **East African Court of Justice (EACJ)** seeking the re-establishment of her civic rights, including the right to stand in the upcoming July election;

6 May 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Reuters*. Finance minister **Uzziell Ndagijimana** announces the 2024/2025 budget, which increases spending by 11% to RF 5.69 trillion (\$4.43 billion);

6 May 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Xinhua*. Tanzania's 396-kilometre major highway connecting the port city of **Dar es Salaam** and the southern regions of **Lindi** and **Mtwara** is closed until further notice after flash floods the previous day washed away at least four main bridges;

4 May 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera*. Twin bombs kill at least 12 people in two displacement camps near **Goma (North Kivu)**, with the DRC government subsequently accusing **Rwanda** of being behind the attacks;

4 May 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Financial Times*. Government introduces a series of emergency measures as floods continue to plague the country, killing at least 200 people and displacing more than 160,000;

4 May 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *BBC*. **United States (US)** blames the Rwandan army and **M23** rebels for the bombing of displacement camps near **Goma (Democratic Republic of Congo)**;

4 May 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *AP News*. Meteorology department says **Cyclone Hidaya** has significantly weakened as it approaches the coastline but warns residents to remain cautious amid a blackout following heavy rains and strong winds;

3 May 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *BBC*. Government orders an evacuation of people living near 179 dams and reservoirs across the country as heavy rains continue across the country;

2 May 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Kun*. **Uzbekistan** and Djibouti sign a Joint Communiqué establishing diplomatic relations;

2 May 2024 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *APA News*. Eritrea says the **United States Department of State** 2023 human rights report of the country is slanderous and untrue;

1 May 2024 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *African Arguments*. Heavy rains causes **Lake Tanganyika** to overflow, displacing thousands of Burundians and submerging parts of Burundi;

1 May 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *BBC*. **Rubaya** spokesman **Willy Ngoma** says **M23** rebels have seized the key coltan mining town;

1 May 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Horn Observer*. **Somaliland** foreign affairs minister Dr **Essa Kayd** says Somaliland and Ethiopia are close to finalising the agreement that will see Ethiopia establish a naval base along Somaliland's coastline;

1 May 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Government confirms that floods and landslides have killed 181 people since March;

1 May 2024 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. The **East African Community (EAC)** releases a statement noting that Tanzania and **Kenya** have successfully resolved a longstanding dispute over the export of poultry and poultry products between the two countries;

30 Apr 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *RFI*. **French** President **Emmanuel Macron** says **Rwanda** must end its support for **M23** rebels in eastern DRC and withdraw all soldiers from DRC;

30 Apr 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The Africa Report*. **Kenya Airways** announces it will suspend flights to **Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo) (DRC)** over the detention of two employees by DRC's military intelligence unit;

30 Apr 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Government says it will no longer issue mining licences to investors who lack comprehensive plans for the value addition of minerals in Tanzania;

30 Apr 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *DW*. **United Kingdom** imposes sanctions on three members of Uganda's parliament over corruption claims, including parliamentary speaker **Anita Among**;

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