

## ARC East Africa Weekly Chronology 7 – 13 August 2025

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12 Aug 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Africa News*. Rwanda denies the **United Nations (UN)** allegations that its defence forces assisted **M23** rebels in killing at least 319 civilians in **Democratic Republic of Congo's North Kivu Province** in July, calling the claims “false” and lacking evidence;

12 Aug 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Monitor*. **United States (US)** imposes sanctions on Congolese armed group, **Coalition des Patriotes Résistants Congolais-Forces de Frappe (PARECO-FF)**, and several mining companies involved in the illicit trade of minerals from conflict zones in the DRC;

12 Aug 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **National Bank of Ethiopia** (central bank) governor **Mamo Mihretu** reports that Ethiopia is seeking **United States (US)** support to combat black market remittances, aiming to channel cross-border money transfers through formal and regulated financial systems;

12 Aug 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. **Central Bank of Kenya** cut its benchmark lending rate by 25 basis points to 9.5%, marking the seventh consecutive reduction, citing room to ease monetary policy further as inflation remains within the target range of 2.5% to 7.5%;

12 Aug 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Ruling party, **Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM)**, plans to hold a major fundraising drive to raise TSh 100 billion (\$40m) ahead of the upcoming election campaigns;

12 Aug 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. **Bank of Uganda** (central bank) governor **Michael Atingi-Ego** emphasises it will maintain its cautious monetary policy stance, stating that the current central bank rate remains appropriate for controlling inflation and supporting economic stability;

12 Aug 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Shabait*. An Eritrean delegation attends the 33<sup>rd</sup> session of the **United Nations Committee in Geneva (Switzerland)**;

12 Aug 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. Prime minister **Nsengiyumva Justin** announces a new five-year development plan, aiming to grow the national economy at an average annual rate of 9.3%;

11 Aug 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. **Ethiopian Airlines** and the **African Development Bank (AfDB)** sign a \$500m financing deal to develop a new international airport near **Bishoftu**;

11 Aug 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Vice president, **Philip Mpango**, directs the police to ramp up online monitoring and cyber patrols ahead of the 29 October general election, working closely with the **Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority** and other agencies to swiftly address any online content that could incite violence or spread misinformation;

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11 Aug 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Ahead of the 2026 general elections, governance experts warn of a growing trend of militarised electoral processes, where security forces, especially the army, are playing active roles that undermine peaceful political engagement and democratic norms;

11 Aug 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Ahead of the 2027 presidential election, the judiciary is currently handling key legal disputes, including electoral disputes and reform suggestions, that are expected to have a significant impact on the political landscape;

10 Aug 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The East African*. Chief of defence forces, General **Muhoozi Kainerugaba** meets with **South Sudan's** President **Salva Kiir** to discuss security issues, including clashes between the two countries' armies at the common border earlier this month;

10 Aug 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Presidential candidates begin submitting their nomination forms as the official nomination period continues, with a deadline set for 27 August;

9 Aug 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Ruling **Prosperity Party** accuses **Eritrea** of continuing to fuel conflict in the **Tigray Region** and propping up armed groups, including the **Fano** militia in **Ahmara Region** and the **Oromo Liberation Army (OLA)**;

9 Aug 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. Trade cabinet secretary **Lee Kinyanjui** is expected to lead a delegation to the **United States (US)** next week to restart negotiations on a bilateral **Free Trade Agreement (FTA)**;

8 Aug 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Al Jazeera*. **German** soccer club **Bayern Munich** announces it will scale back its 'Visit Rwanda' branding amid criticism linking Rwanda to support for the **M23** rebels in **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**, shifting the partnership toward a three-year programme focused on youth football development at an affiliated academy in Kigali;

7 Aug 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. Government condemns the killing of more than 300 civilians in **North Kivu Province** last month by **M23** rebels despite a ceasefire agreement;

7 Aug 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. President **William Ruto** and opposition party **Orange Democratic Movement (ODM)** leader **Raila Odinga** commit to holding quarterly parliamentary group meetings between their parties, a hint at a potential collation ahead of 2027;

7 Aug 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) launches a new initiative aimed at promoting responsible practices within the microfinance sector;

7 Aug 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. In the first half of 2025, foreign companies dominate trading on the **Uganda Securities Exchange**, accounting for 43% of activity, compared to 28% by domestic companies and 23% by local individuals;

6 Aug 2025 **Gitega (Burundi)** *News Central*. President **Évariste Ndayishimiye** swears in a new 13-member cabinet dominated by his ruling **Conseil National Pour la Défense de la Démocratie – Forces pour la Défense de la Démocratie (CNDD-FDD)** party following the disputed June election in which the party won all 100 parliamentary seats;

8 Aug 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *BBC*. Rwanda agrees to accept up to 250 migrants from the **United States (US)**, providing them with workforce training, healthcare and accommodation;

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