

## ARC East Africa Weekly Chronology 19 December 2024 – 8 January 2025

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8 Jan 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *CCN*. **China**-headquartered **Bit Mining** signs a \$14m deal to acquire a 51MW Bitcoin mining facility in Ethiopia where it will house older machines and utilise low-cost electricity;

6 Jan 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Times of Oman*. Djibouti and **Oman** sign an air transport agreement to enhance bilateral cooperation in the area and facilitate movement of passengers and goods;

6 Jan 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. The **Nairobi Securities Exchange** lifts a suspension on trading shares of national carrier **Kenya Airways** following its profit recorded in 2024;

6 Jan 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *CNBC Africa*. **Bank of Uganda (BoU)** (central bank) says it will change the release of its benchmark policy rate from every two months to quarterly going forward;

5 Jan 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Jeune Afrique*. Officials confirm that **M23** rebels have seized **Masisi (North Kivu Province)**, located approximately 80km from the provincial capital, **Goma**;

4 Jan 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *eNCA*. Evacuations are underway after a series of earthquakes in the **Afar, Oromia and Amhara Regions**;

4 Jan 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. **Bank of Uganda (BoU)** (central bank) forecasts economic growth of 7% over the next three to five years if public infrastructure investment remains high;

2 Jan 2025 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *New Vision*. **Independent National Electoral Commission** rules that the candidates belonging to the four-party **Burundi for All** coalition cannot stand in the upcoming election scheduled for 5 June;

1 Jan 2025 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Radio Dalsan*. Burundi withdraws its soldiers from the **African Union Support and Stabilisation Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM)**, citing a dispute over the number of soldiers allocated to the mission;

31 Dec 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Fresh Plaza*. **National Institute of Statistics** reports Rwanda recorded an 82.5% increase in fruit export revenues, totalling \$34.7m in the 2023/2024 fiscal year;

30 Dec 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *DW*. Kenyans protest to demand the release of people they allege the police and intelligence services have abducted;

27 Dec 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *SABC News*. **United States**-headquartered **Apple** says it has suspended the purchase of minerals whose source can be traced to the DRC;

27 Dec 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *RFI*. **Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA)** launches an investigation into the rising number of abductions, allegedly perpetrated by the police;

- 25 Dec 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Arab News*. Djibouti and **Japan** sign a \$7m agreement in **Official Security Assistance (OSA)** to enhance maritime surveillance and security;
- 25 Dec 2024 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Borkena*. Eritrea rejects allegations that it is illegally smuggling gold from mining sites from **Tigray Region (Ethiopia)**;
- 24 Dec 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Business Insider Africa*. Tanzania cancels bank charges on card payments as a way to encourage more digital transactions;
- 23 Dec 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *APA News*. President **Felix Tshisekedi** visits **Burundi** to meet with President **Évariste Ndayishimiye** and discuss bilateral cooperation and regional security issues;
- 23 Dec 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. An internal **World Bank** memo reveals concerns over Ethiopia's debt assessment reached with the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**;
- 21 Dec 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *RFI*. **French** President **Emmanuel Macron** visits Djibouti, highlighting in a meeting with President **Ismail Omar Guelleh** the significance of France's military base in Djibouti as essential to its **Indo-Pacific** strategy;
- 21 Dec 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *VOA*. **France's** President **Emmanuel Macron** visits Ethiopia for a one-day visit, meeting with prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** to discuss debt restructuring and Ethiopia's bid for sea access;
- 20 Dec 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Reuters*. Health minister **Sabin Nsanzimana** officially declares Rwanda's Marburg virus outbreak over following the recovery of the last patient 42 days ago;
- 19 Dec 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Engineering News*. **African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank)** signs a project preparation facility financing agreement for an up to 200 MW private-sector, reservoir-based hydropower project to be located along the **Lufira River**;
- 19 Dec 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Nation*. President **William Ruto** reshuffles his cabinet, dropping agriculture cabinet secretary (CS) **Andrew Karanja** and ICT CS **Margaret Nyambura Ndungu'u**, nominating allies of former president **Uhuru Kenyatta**;
- 18 Dec 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africanews*. Civil society movements and opposition parties launch an awareness campaign called **Patriotes Engagés** against a planned constitutional amendment;
- 18 Dec 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Reuters*. Finance minister **Mwigulu Nchemba** and **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) governor **Emmanuel Tutuba** forecast economic growth of 6% in 2025, up from 5.4% in 2024;
- 18 Dec 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Tanzania and **Oman** have signed a landmark agreement aimed at eliminating double taxation, preventing tax evasion and strengthening bilateral ties;
- 18 Dec 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Sudan Tribune*. **Sudan** demands an official apology from Uganda over the "offensive and dangerous" comments made by Uganda's chief of army staff and President **Yoweri Museveni's** son, General **Muhoozi Kainerugaba**, who threatened in an **X** post to invade Sudan;
- 17 Dec 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Reuters*. DRC files criminal complaints against **United States**-headquartered **Apple's** subsidiaries in **France** and **Belgium**, accusing them of using conflict minerals in its supply chain;
- 17 Dec 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Parliament passes legislation that allows foreign banks to operate in Ethiopia in a bid to attract more foreign investment;
- 17 Dec 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *X*. State-owned **Kenya Power** says electricity supply has been restored following a widespread power outage that affected most the country;



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