

## ARC East Africa Weekly Chronology 30 January – 5 February 2025

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5 Feb 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *IPP Media.* A delegation of **Angolan** investors arrive in Tanzania to explore potential partnerships and investment opportunities;

5 Feb 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Bloomberg.* Police detain nine finance ministry officials as part of a probe into a hacking of the **Bank of Uganda** (central bank), during which Ush 62 billion (\$16.93m) was stolen;

- 4 Feb 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera*. **Rwanda**-backed **M23** rebels announce a brief pause in their advances across DRC to allow humanitarian aid and civilian dispersal in the area to occur; however, the DRC military has not commented on whether they will respect the ceasefire;
- 4 Feb 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Business Recorder*. Partial collapse of gold mine in **Western Kenya** traps 12 miners;
- 4 Feb 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Addis Standard.* The **National Police Service** launches a security operation in **Marsabit** and **Isiolo** counties targeting hideouts allegedly used by Ethiopian armed opposition group, the **Oromo Liberation Army**;
- 4 Feb 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Channel Africa*. Uganda sends a further 1,000 troops to eastern **DRC** to support President **Felix Tshisekedi**, bringing the total number of Ugandan troops to between 4,000 and 5,000;
- 3 Feb 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Business Insider*. President **Félix Tshisekedi** and **South Africa**'s President **Cyril Ramaphosa** will attend the regional summit in **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** in the second week of February to discuss the escalating situation in eastern DRC;
- 3 Feb 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Business Insider*. President **Paul Kagame** denies any knowledge of **Rwandan** troops operating in eastern DRC despite **United Nations (UN)** estimates of 3,000-4000 troops in the region where escalating clashes with **M23** have led to over 900 deaths;
- 3 Feb 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Swiss Info.* **Switzerland** confirms it will end development aid to Eritrea, citing that little progress has been made with Eritrea on migration issues, namely Switzerland's request to return rejected asylum seekers to Eritrea;
- 2 Feb 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Daily News Egypt.* Foreign affairs minister **Mahmoud Ali Youssouf** meets with Egypt's President **Abdel Fattah El-Sisi** to discuss bilateral relations, a potential link between their ports and stability in **Somalia**;
- 2 Feb 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera*. Government spokesman **Patrick Muyaya** says provisional figures indicate at least 773 people were killed in clashes with the **M23** rebels in **Goma (North Kivu Province)**;
- 2 Feb 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *APA News.* Sources report a drone attack on 30 January in **Afar Region**, near the Ethiopia-**Djibouti** border, killed at least eight people and injured several others, with residents alleging the Djiboutian government carried out the attack;



- 2 Feb 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen.* **Tanzanian People's Defense Force (TPDF)** confirms that two Tanzanian soldiers were killed during clashes between **M23** rebels in **Sake** and **Goma** in the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**;
- 1 Feb 2025 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *eNCA*. President **Evariste Ndayishimiye** addresses regional tensions and the conflict in eastern **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**, warning that it could escalate into a broader regional war;
- 1 Feb 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The East African.* Tourism minister **Pindi Chana** says Tanzania welcomed 5.36 million tourists in 2024, ahead of its target of five million by 2025;
- 1 Feb 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *VOA.* Supreme court rules that trying civilians in General Court Martial and military courts is unconstitutional, a ruling that President **Yoweri Museveni** calls wrong;
- 31 Jan 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Bloomberg.* **Kenya National Bureau of Statistics** reports annual inflation rose from 3% in December to 3.3% in January;
- 30 Jan 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Weekly Times*. President **Felix Tshisekedi** announces a vigorous military response against the **Rwandan**-backed **M23** fighters following their capture of **Goma**;
- 30 Jan 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Pindula*. **South Africa**'s President **Cyril Ramaphosa** warns **Rwanda**'s President **Paul Kagame** that attacks on South African troops in DRC will be a declaration of war;
- 30 Jan 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Taarifa*. **East African Community (EAC)** heads of state call for President Felix Tshisekedi to engage in dialogue with his armed opponents to resolve the ongoing crisis and call for an urgent summit with the **Southern African Development Community (SADC)**;
- 30 Jan 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Tanzania times*. **East African Community (EAC)** heads of state convene for extra-ordinary summit meeting and call upon the DRC to protect foreign embassies from ongoing attacks;
- 30 Jan 2025 **Dodoma (Tanzania)** *Mining.com.* Tanzania signs a \$2.15 billion deal with **China**-based **China Railway Engineering Group Ltd** and **China Railway Engineering Design and Consulting Group Co** to construct a railway linking the port of **Dar es Salaam** to a nickel mine in **Burundi**;
- 30 Jan 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Business Day.* Health ministry confirms a patient has died of **Ebola** as the country records its ninth outbreak since 2000;
- 29 Jan 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *All Africa*. **South Africa**'s President **Cyril Ramaphosa** expresses deep sorrow following the loss of 13 South African soldiers in DRC as fighting intensifies with **M23** rebels and the **Rwanda Defence Force**;
- 29 Jan 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *The East African*. Foreign affairs minister **Thérèse Kayikwamba Wagner** states that the government regrets vandalism of embassies and says it is taking all practical measures to guarantee the protection of diplomatic missions following the capture by **M23** and the **Rwanda Defence Force** of **Goma**;
- 29 Jan 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *MSN*. Clashes between the **M23**, the **Rwanda Defence Force** and the DRC army in **North Kivu** province have displaced more than 500,000 people;
- 29 Jan 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *MSN*. Clashes between the DRC army, **M23** and the **Rwanda Defence Force** leave over 100 dead and 1,000 wounded as the forces move to seize **Goma**, capital of mineral-rich **North Kivu** province:
- 29 Jan 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *2 Merkato*. **Ethio-Engineering Group (EEG)** aims to partner with technology providers to utilise the country's vast lithium supply and move to produce electric vehicles for public transport;

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