

## ARC East Africa Weekly Chronology 20 - 26 March 2025

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25 Mar 2025 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *BBC*. President **Évariste Ndayishimiye** says in an interview with **United Kingdom**-based media corporation **BBC** that he has seen “*credible intelligence*” that **Rwanda** is planning to attack Burundi;

25 Mar 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera*. Renewed fighting between **M23** and pro-government **Wazalendo** fighters in **North** and **South Kivu** provinces breaks out a day after the **East African Community (EAC)** and **Southern African Development Community (SADC)** hold a summit to address the failing ceasefire in eastern DRC;

25 Mar 2025 **Amhara (Ethiopia)** *Addis Standard*. Residents report a rising number of civilian casualties as fighting between government forces and **Fano** militia in **Central Gondar** and **North Gojjam** zones continues;

25 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. National carrier **Kenya Airways** says it made a pretax profit in 2023 of KSh 5.53 billion (\$42.82m) after recording pretax losses since 2013;

25 Mar 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *AFP*. Foreign minister **Olivier Nduhungirehe** describes **Burundi’s** President **Évariste Ndayishimiye’s** report that Rwanda plans to attack Burundi as “*unfortunate*”;

25 Mar 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) governor **Emmanuel Tutuba** rejects recent reports in international media that the Tanzanian shilling is the worst performing currency in 2025;

25 Mar 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Business Day*. **South Sudan’s** first vice president, **Riek Machar**, accuses Uganda of violating a **United Nations (UN)** arms embargo by entering South Sudan with armoured and air force units and conducting air strikes;

24 Mar 2025 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Africanews*. **World Food Programme (WFP)** says the increase in refugees from **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)** has placed significant strain on WFP food assistance programmes in Burundi;

24 Mar 2025 **Walikale (DRC)** *Daily Maverick*. The de facto ceasefire between DRC and **M23** rebels seemingly breaks down as M23 reneges on its pledge to withdraw from Walikale;

24 Mar 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Anadolu Agency*. **Azerbaijan** announces the return of 18 citizens after Azerbaijani-flagged vessels and their crew were detained by Eritrea upon entering its territorial waters in November 2024;

24 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *CNBC Africa*. Finance minister **John Mbadi** confirms Kenya has applied for a new **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** programme that could make use of the approximately \$800m that has been unused from its current programme;

23 Mar 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *RFI*. **M23** rebels confirm they will withdraw from **Walikale (North Kivu Province)** in support of peace efforts;

23 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *BBC*. **Garissa** county commissioner **Mohamed Mwabudzo** confirms that six police officers were killed near the border with **Somalia**, stating that the attack followed the style of **al-Shabab**;

22 Mar 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *RFI*. **Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF)** says it has killed more than 300 **Fano** militiamen in two days of fighting in **Amhara Region**;

20 Mar 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera*. **M23** rebels capture mining hub **Walikale (North Kivu Province)**, a day after President **Felix Tshisekedi** and his **Rwandan** counterpart, **Paul Kagame**, met in **Qatar** to call for a ceasefire;

20 Mar 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** says Ethiopia will not seek conflict with **Eritrea** over access to the **Red Sea**;

20 Mar 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Engineering News*. **Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority** managing director **Bruno Ching'andu** says **China Civil Engineering Construction Corp (CCECC)** will invest more than \$1.4 billion to revitalise the **Tanzania-Zambia Railway (TAZARA)**;

20 Mar 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Egypt's** foreign affairs minister, **Badr Abdelatty**, during a two-day official visit unveils plans to expand Egyptian investment in Tanzania;

20 Mar 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. Parliament approves a government request to borrow \$190m from **Stanbic Bank** to compensate the country's largest electricity distributor, **Umeme Limited**, for unrecovered investments after its concession expires;

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