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*Kenya's engagement with Sudan's Rapid Support Forces (RSF) strain bilateral ties, disrupt trade, and cast doubt on Kenya's credibility as a regional peace mediator. Kenya's simultaneous efforts to mediate renewed conflict in South Sudan through Raila Odinga's envoy mission is met with diplomatic friction and limited access, compounding regional instability, trade disruptions, and humanitarian pressures. Kenya and the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) cancellation of its ninth review of a \$3.6 billion loan programme shakes investor confidence and highlights the ongoing tension between economic reforms and domestic political resistance. The ambitious Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia Transport (LAPSSET) Corridor project continues to face major setbacks due to persistent al-Shabaab attacks, stalled infrastructure, and underutilised assets.*

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#### Kenya-Sudan rift threatens regional peace efforts and mediation role

Kenya's historically cooperative ties with **Sudan** have recently become strained, with diplomatic tensions escalating throughout the first quarter of 2025. The primary trigger was Kenya's hosting of the **Rapid Support Forces (RSF)**, a Sudanese paramilitary group embroiled in that country's internal conflict, to finalise a charter on 18 February.<sup>1</sup> Sudan's Foreign Ministry accused Kenya of being involved in a hostile "*conspiracy to establish a government*" for the RSF.<sup>2</sup> Kenya denied such intentions and during a quarterly diplomatic briefing, Mudavadi emphasised that "*no government of Sudan was declared or formed in Nairobi*," distancing the Kenyan government from the RSF's political ambitions.<sup>3</sup>

In retaliation, Sudan's trade and supply ministry suspended Kenyan imports including food stuffs and pharmaceuticals on 11 March. The ban notably included tea, a critical export commodity for Kenya. The **East African Tea Trade Association (EATTA)** has indicated that 207 containers of Kenyan tea, valued at over \$10m, are presently stranded along the supply chain.<sup>4</sup> In 2024, Sudan imported Kenyan tea worth \$37m, placing it among Kenya's top ten markets for the product.<sup>5</sup>

Diplomatic relations further deteriorated when Sudan recalled its ambassador to Kenya on 17 March, prompting Nairobi to respond in kind two days later.<sup>6</sup> The **South Africa-based Institute for Security Studies (ISS)** warned that the rift between Kenya and Sudan could weaken regional mediation frameworks, especially given Kenya's historical role in peace talks across the **Horn of Africa**, including hosting Sudanese negotiations in 2021.<sup>7</sup>

Cross-border tensions additionally provided fodder for domestic opposition to Ruto's government. In a two-hour live interview on **KTN News**, former deputy president **Rigathi Gachagua** made several claims against Ruto, including the accusation that Ruto was engaged in illicit gold trade with RSF leader **Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo (Hemedti)** with profits funnelled to arm the RSF, stating:

*"The real commander of the RSF is not Hemedti; it is William Ruto."<sup>8</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> BBC, 14 Mar 2025

<sup>2</sup> Eastleigh Voice, 9 Apr 2025

<sup>3</sup> Eastleigh Voice, 9 Apr 2025

<sup>4</sup> The Nation, 2 Apr 2025

<sup>5</sup> The East African, 1 Apr 2025

<sup>6</sup> Tuko, 21 Feb 2025

<sup>7</sup> The Standard, 8 Apr 2025

<sup>8</sup> Eastleigh Voice, 9 Apr 2025; The Standard 8 Apr 2025, The Nation, 8 Apr 2025

These allegations, though unsubstantiated, could significantly threaten Kenya's role as a regional peacekeeper and its standing in regional bodies like the **Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)**, which is actively working to de-escalate the Sudanese civil war. Foreign ministers will convene in **London (United Kingdom)** on 15 April to discuss the Sudanese conflict; notably absent from the discussions are representatives from Sudan and the RSF. Representing Kenya's position, Mudavadi is expected to reiterate Kenya's support for a unified Sudan and for ending the civil war.<sup>9</sup> However, the recent events have raised concerns about Kenya's neutrality which threaten the country's broader role in diplomacy on the continent.

### ... and failed mediation in South Sudan heightens diplomatic friction

While tensions with Sudan continue to dominate headlines, Kenya has simultaneously been navigating a diplomatic balancing act with **South Sudan** where conflict between South Sudanese President **Salva Kiir** (2011-president) and vice president **Riek Machar** has resurfaced, threatening the country's fragile 2018 peace deal.<sup>10</sup> Following an escalation of violence in the **Upper Nile Region** in the beginning of March, Kiir accused Machar of encouraging his supporters to stir up a rebellion.<sup>11</sup> On 26 March, authorities allegedly arrested Machar and placed him under house arrest.<sup>12</sup>

In response, Ruto appointed **Raila Odinga**, his former presidential opponent and current political ally, as special envoy to mediate the crisis.<sup>13</sup> Odinga's mission, conducted under the auspices of IGAD and endorsed by the **African Union (AU)** and **United Nations (UN)**, is aimed at averting a relapse into civil war.<sup>14</sup>

Odinga travelled to **Juba** (South Sudan) on 28 March to meet with both Kiir and Machar, but his request to speak with Machar was denied and Odinga was advised to rather meet with **Uganda's** President **Yoweri Museveni** (1986-present).<sup>15</sup> The South Sudanese government countered Odinga's claim that he was advised to meet with Museveni, adding that Odinga's visit to Uganda was prearranged, not directed by Kiir, and they additionally denied that Machar or his wife were under house arrest.<sup>16</sup> **David Amuor Majur**, South Sudan's presidential press secretary called Odinga's claims "*misrepresenting diplomatic norms and principles.*"<sup>17</sup>

Beyond diplomacy, the escalating crisis has severely disrupted trade. South Sudan is a key member of the **East African Community (EAC)** and a vital market for Kenyan exports. **Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS)** data shows Kenya exported \$227m worth of goods to South Sudan in 2024.<sup>18</sup> However, insecurity on the roads to Juba, including rebel threats to key infrastructure, have escalated logistical costs and reduced competitiveness for Kenyan exporters.

Whether Kenya's diplomatic tactics can de-escalate the crisis remains uncertain. The back-to-back fallout with both Sudan and South Sudan not only threaten diplomatic relations and trade but endangers regional security cooperation on refugee support and counter-terrorism missions. The humanitarian situation caused by the conflicts is notable with South Sudanese refugees accounting for nearly 25% of Kenya's total refugee population – as of October 2024, there are approximately 185,632 South Sudanese refugees in Kenya, compared to 6,280 from Sudan.<sup>19</sup> Despite trade barriers, such as Sudan's import ban or instability of routes into South Sudan, Mudavadi emphasised Kenya's

<sup>9</sup> The Star, 13 Apr 2025

<sup>10</sup> Reuters, 28 March 2025

<sup>11</sup> Reuters, 28 Mar 2025

<sup>12</sup> BBC, 11 Apr 2025

<sup>13</sup> Australian Institute of International Affairs, 10 Apr 2025

<sup>14</sup> Tuko, 29 Mar 2025

<sup>15</sup> Nile Post, 1 Apr 2025

<sup>16</sup> Citizen Digital, 1 Apr 2025

<sup>17</sup> Capital FM, 30 Mar 2025

<sup>18</sup> The East African, 7 Apr 2025

<sup>19</sup> UNHCR Refugee Population Statistics Database, 8 Oct 2024

commitment to supporting regional humanitarian crises and stated that Kenya “will continue to play its role in the international arena to support those efforts.”<sup>20</sup>

### Kenya and IMF cancel loan review amid reform setbacks and rising debt concerns

Kenya and the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** formally cancelled on 17 March the ninth review of Kenya’s \$3.6 billion **Extended Fund Facility (EFF)** and **Extended Credit Facility (ECF)** arrangements that were initiated in April 2021, marking a significant moment in Kenya’s economic trajectory and reigniting debates over the country’s approach to debt management and fiscal reform.<sup>21</sup>

Initially conceived to help the country recover from the economic aftermath of the **Covid-19** pandemic, the IMF-supported programme tasked the government with carrying out stringent reform measures such as raising taxes, cutting subsidies – most notably on fuel and electricity - and streamlining public sector employment.<sup>22</sup> However, following the recent IMF mission, led by **Haimanot Teferra** between 6 and 14 March, the IMF concluded that Kenya had failed to meet key reform benchmarks, particularly in fiscal consolidation and tax collection.<sup>23</sup> As of October 2024, the IMF had disbursed \$3.12 billion under the EFF/ECF arrangement and an additional \$180.4m under the **Resilience and Sustainability Facility (RSF)**, a portion of a \$541.3m allocation. The ninth review could have unlocked a further \$800m.<sup>24</sup>

The termination of the IMF programme adversely affected investor confidence. Credit rating agencies including **United States (US)**-headquartered **Fitch** and **S&P Global**, reported increased financing risks stemming from Kenya’s diminished access to concessional funding. In a bulletin published on 24 March, S&P Global cited concern over the potential delay in disbursements from other lenders which would increase instability in the external debt market:

*“Since IMF funding often serves as a catalyst for other official and private flows, we expect there might be delays to **World Bank** (about \$800 million) and **United Arab Emirates’ (UAE)** \$1.5 billion) funding in first half 2025.”<sup>25</sup>*

Kenya faces an estimated \$26 billion in external debt servicing obligations over the next decade.<sup>26</sup> Finance ministry data shows that as of June 2024, Kenya’s total debt-to-GDP stood at 65.7%, exceeding 55%, considered a sustainable threshold.<sup>27</sup>

While President **William Ruto’s** (2022-present) administration has attempted to comply with IMF recommendations, the proposed reforms faced significant public resistance. Proposals such as the 2023 and 2024 Finance Bills triggered mass protests ultimately leading to their withdrawal. Furthermore, anti-government demonstrations in response to proposed tax-hikes in the 2024 bill resulted in dozens of fatalities and importantly highlighted the challenges of implementing externally mandated reforms in a politically sensitive environment.<sup>28</sup>

Following the current programme’s cessation, Kenya formally requested a new IMF arrangement. Prime cabinet secretary (CS) **Musalia Mudavadi** and **Central Bank of Kenya (CBK)** governor **Kamau Thugge** have said the proposed programme should align with the government’s **Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA)** which emphasises five pillars: agriculture, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), housing and settlement, healthcare, and the digital and creative economy.<sup>29</sup> In a further demonstration of the government’s commitment to fiscal reform,

<sup>20</sup> The Standard, 8 Apr 2025

<sup>21</sup> Bloomberg, 18 Mar 2025

<sup>22</sup> Tuko, 9 Apr 2025

<sup>23</sup> IMF, 16 Mar 2025

<sup>24</sup> Reuters, 18 Mar 2025

<sup>25</sup> S&P Global, 24 Mar 2025

<sup>26</sup> African Business, 19 Mar 2025

<sup>27</sup> Reuters, 17 Mar 2025

<sup>28</sup> Bloomberg, 3 Apr 2025

<sup>29</sup> The Star, 8 Apr 2025

finance minister **John Mbadi** launched the Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) system on 7 April, a key component of Kenya's reform strategy.<sup>30</sup>

The e-GP system, which is **IFMIS**-integrated, is part of the IMF-backed reforms to enhance transparency, reduce procurement costs, and combat corruption by processing all government tenders, bid bonds, and procurement approvals through this centralised platform.<sup>31</sup> Thugge told reporters that amounts under a new IMF lending arrangement “*are not known at this stage*” discussions are ongoing during the spring.<sup>32</sup> While a new IMF arrangement, coupled with **World Bank** and bilateral lending support, could stabilise public finances, success will still largely depend on the government's ability to implement reforms without inciting further domestic unrest and risking investor confidence.

### Security issues plague LAPSSET Corridor as government seeks to revive project

Kenya's **Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia Transport (LAPSSET) Corridor**, once touted as East Africa's most transformative infrastructure project, has faced ongoing challenges that threaten to undermine its potential.<sup>33</sup> Launched in 2012 as part of Kenya's **Vision 2030** development strategy, the corridor was designed to connect Kenya with South Sudan and **Ethiopia** via a network of roads, railways, pipelines, and ports. However, over a decade later the project remains incomplete and underutilised due to logistical hurdles, financial limitations, and escalating security concerns. US-based **The Wall Street Journal's (WSJ)** investigation, published on 9 April, revealed the extent of the dissonance between the project's promise versus reality.<sup>34</sup>

Critical sections of the corridor, particularly the **Lamu-Garissa** road, have been systematically targeted by the **al-Qaeda**-affiliated militant group **al-Shabaab**. Due to frequent attacks on construction workers and security forces along the road, only 10% of the 241km stretch has currently been paved.<sup>35</sup> **Nairobi-based Centre for Human Rights and Policy Studies'** head **Patrick Mutahi** reported that 16 workers, including Kenyan and **Chinese** nationals, were killed and another 40 injured between 2021 and 2023.<sup>36</sup> Al-Shabaab has also sabotaged infrastructure such as power lines and communication towers. Due to the persistent threat, construction proceeds in short heavily guarded segments. Member of parliament (MP) **Yusuf Hassan Abdi** told the WSJ “*there's no proper road, no railway, no pipeline*” and described the project as a “*white elephant*,” implying that the project could become more of a burden than a benefit due to its cost to build and maintain while delivering little practical value.<sup>37</sup>

Although Kenyan security forces have been conducting counterterrorism operations in the region since 2015, al-Shabaab easily exploits the porous borders and dense forests.<sup>38</sup>

In response to the persistent threat, the government intensified efforts under **Operation Amani Boni** through which the **Kenya Defence Forces (KDF)** and police have established multiple Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) along the corridor.<sup>39</sup> Transport CS **Kipchumba Murkomen** embarked on weeklong tour of the coastal region on 7 April to assess security, during which he engaged leaders, regional and county security teams, National Government Administration Officers (NGAOs) and peace committees in discussions on strategies to enhance security, peace and cohesion.<sup>40</sup>

Despite these measures to increase stability, key infrastructure components of the corridor remain underdeveloped. **Lamu Port** - envisioned as the maritime anchor of the project with 23 deep-water

<sup>30</sup> The Star, 8 Apr 2025

<sup>31</sup> Citizen Digital, 9 Apr 2025

<sup>32</sup> The Kenya Times, 9 Apr 2025

<sup>33</sup> Kenyans, 9 Apr 2025

<sup>34</sup> Wall Street Journal, 9 Apr 2025

<sup>35</sup> Wall Street Journal, 9 Apr 2025

<sup>36</sup> Money Control, 9 Apr 2025

<sup>37</sup> Wall Street Journal, 9 Apr 2025

<sup>38</sup> Hiiraan, 17 Mar 2025

<sup>39</sup> Ministry of Defence, 4 Dec 2024

<sup>40</sup> People Daily, 7 Apr 2025

berths - has been underutilised. Only three berths have been completed at a cost of approximately KSh 40 billion (\$306.5m), and port activity remains minimal, primarily focused on livestock exports.<sup>41</sup> However, the government has recently signalled that efforts to revitalise the port are underway. **Kenya Ports Authority (KPA)**, in collaboration with the **National Treasury** has indicated plans on 31 March to revive plans to lease KPA assets, including Lamu Port and **Mombasa** berths, to private investors for up to 30 years.<sup>42</sup> This follows a previous attempt in 2022 to invite **Dubai-based DP World** to manage port operations.<sup>43</sup> KPA and the National Treasury are currently finalising a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model to attract investment and enhance operational efficiency and seeking an international financial advisor to guide the leasing of port assets.<sup>44</sup>

Other infrastructure stalled under the LAPSSSET umbrella is the **Isiolo International Airport** which has yet to become operational due to flooding and soil instability. Despite a KSh 2.97 billion investment (\$22.7m), stakeholders are seeking an additional KSh 4.8 billion (\$37.3m) to upgrade the facility. While energy CS **Davis Chirchir** called the airport a “*strategic project for the whole country*”, lawmakers are currently demanding greater transparency regarding the additional funds required.<sup>45</sup>

Amid these challenges, the government is preparing to launch new oil and gas licensing rounds in September 2025, including both onshore and offshore blocks adjacent to the Lamu Basin, aiming to attract foreign direct investment and revive exploration efforts. Energy CS **Opiyo Wandayi** announced on 5 March that ten oil and gas blocks will be available supported by new legal frameworks and investor incentives, assuring that Kenya has restructured its petroleum exploration blocks to align with global best practices and its legal frameworks.<sup>46</sup> To further support the governments forward intentions, Wandayi stated that the Front-End Engineering Design (FEED) for the 852km Lokichar-Lamu crude oil pipeline is already completed and is currently pending **National Environment Management Authority (NEMA)** approval on its Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) report.<sup>47</sup> This move follows the scaling down of operations by **United Kingdom-**headquartered **Tullow Oil**, which recently wrote off KSh 18.8 billion (\$144m) in Kenyan assets citing lack of progress and unresolved regulatory issues.<sup>48</sup>

While oil licensing, port privatisation, and completed infrastructure could inject much-needed capital and expertise into the LAPSSSET project, its successful implementation will largely depend on addressing broader security issues. Although local MP **Monicah Marubu** remains optimistic that “*it is the most phenomenal thing that could happen to Lamu*”, observers warn that without sustained investment in security, community engagement, and infrastructure, the LAPSSSET corridor may remain a missed opportunity, particularly amid the growth of **Tanzania** as a regional competitor.<sup>49</sup>

### Planner

Apr 2025 (**China**) President **William Ruto** will travel to China for an eight-day state visit.

24 -26 Apr 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** Africa Sourcing and Fashion Week (ASFW)

1 May 2025 (**Kenya**) Labour Day (national holiday)

12-13 May 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** **European Union (EU) - Kenya Business Forum**

21-22 May 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** **Global Trade Review (GTR)** East Africa 2025 Conference

21-25 May 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** 2025 Africa Soft Power Summit

<sup>41</sup> Wall Street Journal, 9 Apr 2025

<sup>42</sup> Money 254, 1 Apr 2025

<sup>43</sup> Business Daily, 31 Mar 2025

<sup>44</sup> Business Daily, 31 Mar 2025

<sup>45</sup> People Daily, 10 Apr 2025

<sup>46</sup> Energy Capital & Power, 3 Apr 2025

<sup>47</sup> The Star, 26 Mar 2025

<sup>48</sup> Business Daily, 1 Apr 2025

<sup>49</sup> Wall Street Journal, 9 Apr 2025

1-2 Jun 2025 (Kenya) **Madaraka Day** (national holiday)  
 26-28 Jun 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) Africa Conservation Forum**  
 15-17 Jul 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) CLEAN-Air Forum**  
 Sep 2025 (Kenya) Launch of licensing rounds for ten new oil and gas blocks

### Chronology

12 Apr 2025 **Antalya (Türkiye) Republic of Yemen Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates. Yemen's Foreign Minister Shaya Zindani** meets with prime cabinet secretary **Musalia Mudavadi** on the sidelines of the fourth **Antalya Diplomatic Forum** to discuss enhancing bilateral relations and activating cooperation mechanisms between the two countries;

10 Apr 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) Business Daily**. The **Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)** and the shilling swing back into positive territory after the **United States (US)** announces a 90-day pause on reciprocal import tariffs above 10%;

11 Apr 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) The Star**. The defence ministry reveals that government is spending a total of KSh57 billion (\$436.7m) to construct and rehabilitate key sports facilities in preparation for the upcoming **AFCON** and **CHAN** championships;

10 Apr 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) The Standard**. During the inaugural **World Chamber Forum Africa Summit**, President **William Ruto** urges the continent to actualise the **African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)**, stating that the **East African Community (EAC)**, the **Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa)**, and the **Southern Africa Development Community (SADC)** trading blocs have the potential to grow Africa into the single largest market in the world;

10 Apr 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) BBC**. Police release former **Kakamega** Senator **Cleophas Malala** from prison following his arrest in connection with the controversial play *Echoes of War*, sparking national outrage and viewed as a crackdown on freedom of expression. His arrest came hours before **Butere Girls High School** was scheduled to perform the play at the now-suspended **Kenya National Drama and Film Festival** in **Nakuru**;

10 Apr 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) The Star**. Health cabinet secretary (CS) **Aden Duale** announces the arrival of 10,700 doses of **Mpox** vaccines to control the ongoing outbreak through collaborative efforts by the government with support from **Africa CDC, World Health Organisation, UNICEF** and **GAVI**;

10 Apr 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) The Nation**. **Renton**, a firm associated with President **William Ruto**, retains possession of 1,643 acres in **Ruai** in Nairobi, after obtaining a court order suspending a decree that handed the land to squatters;

9 Apr 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) Capital News**. The **Teachers Service Commission (TSC)** alerts the **Constitutional Implementation Oversight Committee (CIOC)** about a massive shortfall 98,261 teachers, as well as qualification shortfalls, a number that is projected to increase with the rollout of senior secondary schools in 2026;

8 Apr 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) The Standard**. Former **Kiambu** governor **Ferdinand Waititu's Farmers Party** announces its intention to exit the **Kenya Kwanza** coalition;

7 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) Reuters**. Interior cabinet secretary (CS) **Kipchumba Murkomen** announces that the five local Kenyan officials have been released from captivity, two months after they were kidnapped by suspected **Islamist** gunmen in **Mandera** County;

7 Apr 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The Sunday Times*. **United Kingdom's (UK)** defence secretary **John Healey** meets with the family of **Agnes Wanjiru**, a Kenyan woman allegedly murdered by a British soldier in 2012, marking the first ministerial meeting with her family since her death;

5 Apr 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The Standard*. The **European Union (EU)** delegation to Kenya launches a recruitment initiative to attract Kenyan students to **European** universities;

4 Apr 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. **Stanbic Bank Kenya Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)** rises to 51.7 in March from 50.6 in February, indicating that private sector activity expanded at its fastest rate in 10 months;

3 Apr 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Kenyans*. The **United States (US) Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)** announces that it has cancelled a \$3.4m consulting contract for aviation advisors in Kenya;

3 Apr 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Nation*. High court rules that **United States-**headquartered **Meta** can be sued in Kenya over its alleged role in promoting content that led to ethnic violence in **Ethiopia** between 2020 and 2022, when its Ethiopia moderators were based in Kenya;

3 Apr 2025 **Washington DC (United States)** *BBC*. **United States (US)** President **Donald Trump** announces reciprocal tariffs for dozens of **African** countries, including 30% on imports from **South Africa**, 50% from **Lesotho**, 47% from **Madagascar**, 37% from **Botswana**, 40% from **Mauritius** and 13% from **Nigeria** while the tariff on goods imported from **Kenya, Ghana, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda, Senegal** and **Liberia** will be 10%;

2 Apr 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Kenya denies it has discussed debt restructuring with **China's** finance minister, **Lan Foan**, after a social media post hinted that talks had taken place;

2 Apr 2025 **Beijing (China)** *Tuko*. A Kenyan delegation led by treasury cabinet secretary (CS) **John Mbadi** arrives in China for a four-day state visit to discuss financial and trade ties centred on infrastructure, energy, and technology;

1 Apr 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Eastleigh Voice*. The government announces plans to introduce dedicated lanes for boda bodas (motorcycles) on the **Nairobi Expressway** at a cost of KSh12 billion (\$91.9m) project and set to begin in June 2025, a first of its kind in Africa

31 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Business Daily*. Energy cabinet secretary (CS) **Daniel Kiptoo** lobbies members of parliament (MPs) to lift a ban on the signing of power purchase agreements (PPAs) by **Kenya Power** in a bid to boost electricity generation;

30 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Business Daily*. High court imposes a KSh50,000 (\$383) daily fine on **Fly540** CEO **Don Smith** and executives **David Cattermole** and **George Kivindyo** for failing to comply with a court order requiring aircraft inspection concerning an alleged KSh 775m (\$5.9m) breach of agreements over two Bombardier aircraft;

28 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The Star*. Leprosy cases in Kenya have been reported across various counties, with **Kilifi** leading at 35 cases in 2024 and other counties with notable cases include **Homa Bay** and **Kwale** (10 each), **Busia, Mombasa,** and **Siaya** (6 each);

27 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *People Daily*. Agriculture and livestock development cabinet secretary (CS) **Mutahi Kagwe** states that Kenya is moving to comply with the **European Union's (EU)** new phytosanitary regulations for flower exports as the EU accounts for over 70% of Kenya's flower exports, valued at KSh72.1 billion (\$552.5m);

26 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *NTV*. President **William Ruto** fires **Justin Muturi** as public service cabinet secretary (CS), nominating **Geoffrey Ruku** to take his place while **Aden Duale** has been moved to the health docket and **Deborah Barasa** now becomes environment CS;

26 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) Business Daily**. **Tanzania** hits Kenya with new levies on eggs, dairy, meat products, and confectionery, upsetting **East African Community (EAC) Customs Union's** rule and cutting exports earnings for traders, which report a \$32m loss;

26 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) Reuters**. Kenya officially recognises **Kosovo** as an independent state;

26 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) Capital News**. Chief justice **Martha Koome** unveils the **Anti-Corruption Strategic Guiding Framework** for the justice sector, aimed at fostering a robust, transparent, and accountable justice system capable of proactively tackling the complex challenges posed by corruption;

26 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) Business Daily**. Parliament summons the **Capital Markets Authority (CMA)** over the **National Social Security Fund's (NSSF)** involvement in questionable bond transactions in which KSh 2 billion (\$15.44m) is feared lost

25 Mar 2025 **Nyeri (Kenya) Capital News**. The **World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)** officially designates **Nyeri County** as a global scouting city of the world, WOSM's way of acknowledging Kenya's contribution to the advancement of scouting worldwide;

25 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) Business Daily**. Treasury cabinet secretary **John Mbadi** states that the Treasury plans to repay syndicated loans worth \$880m using the left over cash from last month's \$1.5 billion **Eurobond** buyback;

25 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) The Standard**. Senators call on the interior and national administration ministry to provide regular and detailed reports on the efforts being made to rescue the chiefs abducted in February and restore security in **Mandera County**;

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;

24 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) The Standard**. Opposition **Wiper Party** leader **Kalonzo Musyoka** maintains that **Azimio** remains the majority coalition in the **National Assembly**, despite the **Orange Democratic Movement** wing joining the government, asserting that the new broad-based government goes against the will of Kenyans and the ruling of the court;

21 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) People Daily**. **Standard Gauge Railway (SGR)** workers commence an intensive 11-week training as SGR operator **Africa Star Railway Operation Company Ltd. (Afristar)** partners with **China's Guangzhou Railway Polytechnic** to conduct the online course from 21 March to June in efforts to localise railway operations in Kenya;

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 **Nairobi (Kenya) Business Daily**. Banks reduce interest on deposits to an average 15-month low of 9.76% in February, signalling the continued reversal from the past two years when they were increasing the returns to attract savers;

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-Shabaab**;

19 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) The Standard**. **King Willem-Alexander** of the **Netherlands** urges President **William Ruto** to ensure rights and freedoms of Kenyans are respected and challenges him to uphold "*human rights, good governance and accountability*";

18 Mar 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya) BBC. World Health Organisation (WHO)** warns that eight countries, including **Nigeria**, Kenya and **Lesotho**, could run out of HIV drugs following the recent pause in **United States (US)** aid;

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