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Election candidates announced

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Notably, the INEC did not accept nomination forms from the candidate of the second-largest opposition party, **Alliance for Change and Transparency (ACT-Wazalendo)**, **Luhaga Mpina**. A party member had reportedly complained to the office of the registrar of political parties that the party had not complied with nomination procedures in the primaries. However, ACT-Wazalendo secretary general **Ado Shaibu** denounced the decision and called it shameful, adding that the decision [called](#) into question the “*integrity, seriousness, professionalism, and independence of the electoral commission*”. Mpina left the ruling **Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM)** in August.

Chadema leader **Tundu Lissu** remains in prison on charges of treason with his case yet to be heard. On 18 August, **Kisutu** magistrates court principal resident **Franco Kiswaga** banned live coverage of the trial, which Lissu had requested. Kiswaga maintained that the ban would help to protect civilian prosecution witnesses, but Lissu has said the ban will prevent his supporters from supporting the case and will allow the [court](#) to “*operate in darkness*”.

Lissu's ongoing detention on what are considered politically motivated charges has [resulted](#) in some pressure on the Tanzanian government, with the **Platform for African Democrats** – a group of prominent African leaders including **Botswana's** former president, **Ian Khama** (2008-2018), **Angola's** main opposition leader, **Adalberto Costa Jnr**, former **Zimbabwean** finance minister **Tendai Biti** and **Mozambican** presidential candidate **Venâncio Mondlane** – writing to Hassan to urge her to release Lissu. The letter [stated](#):

“These elections will be (and will be seen to be) nothing more than a sham, and will negatively come to define your presidency, which began with the promise of reform.”

Hassan officially launched her election campaign on 28 August, [outlining](#) plans to improve health and children's education, draft a new constitution and continue work on fostering national reconciliation. She affirmed that she would continue to be guided by her 4Rs philosophy – reconciliation, resilience, reform and rebuild. However, the clampdown on opposition, including allegations of arbitrary killings and kidnappings of opposition leaders and the disqualification of any meaningful opposition, has cast doubt on this 4Rs philosophy as well as Hassan's initial promises to work on Tanzania's democratic

space. Nevertheless, the elimination of opposition and the degree to which the CCM is entrenched in the electoral system guarantees a win for Hassan.

Nyanzaga Gold Mine breaks ground

Australia-headquartered **Perseus Mining**'s subsidiary, **Nyanzaga Mining Company**, [signed](#) its final addendum agreement with the government on 20 August, following its final investment decision, announced in April, to develop the \$524m Nyanzaga gold mine. Perseus Mining secured the mine in 2024 under a takeover bid of fellow Australian company **OreCorp** for \$180m.

Following the takeover, Perseus Mining entered negotiations with the government to amend the original contract between OreCorp and the government. Under the agreement, the government has increased its shareholding in their new joint venture, **Sotta Mining Corporation**, from 16% to 20% and has outlined how to govern operations at the mine.

The agreement announcement was made at a ceremony marking the start of construction, which is expected to be completed by 2027. Several government officials were present, including minerals minister **Anthony Mavunde** and **Mwanza** regional commissioner **Said Mtanda**, who [added](#) that under the project, \$500m had been allocated for project construction, which will be transformative for the regional economy.

Treasury registrar **Nehemia Mchechu** [called](#) the project one of the country's most significant mining ventures. It is expected to contribute TSh 400 billion (\$160.55m) in revenue. The mine will produce approximately 200,000 ounces of gold from 2028 until 2035.

Tanzania is **Africa's** fourth-largest gold producer and has estimated gold reserves of 45 million ounces. The country is also [benefiting](#) from the global increase in the gold price. In 2023, sales reached TSh 7.27 trillion (\$2.94 billion), up from TSh 6.49 trillion (\$2.59 billion) in 2022, despite production decreasing slightly from 56.943 kilogrammes (kg) to 54,760 kg. **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) [data](#) show that gold exports increased to \$3.97 billion in the year to July 2025 and have been one of the driving forces behind the increase in Tanzania's exports, which rose by 19.7% to \$9.47 billion in the year to July 2025.

Tanzania and Burundi launch SGR

Prime minister **Kassim Majaliwa** and **Burundi's** President **Évariste Ndayishimiye** (2020-present) launched construction of a cross-border Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) on 16 August, a key infrastructure development for both countries and the region. The [line](#) will run 282 km from **Uvinza (Kigoma Region)** in Tanzania to **Musongati** in Burundi and is being [developed](#) by the **China Railways Engineering Group** and **China Railways Engineering Design and Consulting Group**. Construction is expected to take 72 months.

The line will help to reduce transport costs and the time to transport goods from the **Port of Dar es Salaam to Bujumbura** (Burundi). At present, it costs approximately \$3,800 to move a 20-foot container from **Dar es Salaam** to Bujumbura but this will decrease to \$2,000. Currently it takes a week to transport goods from Dar es Salaam Port to Bujumbura, and this is expected to decrease to one day. The railway will also help to ease the movement of passengers, which will promote business and regional integration.

The project aligns with the **Central Corridor** project that [aims](#) to bolster East and Central Africa's integration, and will further bolster the Port of Dar es Salaam's activity (which currently handles about 80% of the Central Corridor's cargo) as it seeks to become a regional hub.

Planner

29 Oct 2025 **(Tanzania)** General elections

Dec 2025 **(Tanzania)** Labour Mobility Dialogue between African Union (AU) and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)

2025 **(Tanzania and Uganda)** Completion of East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)

19-21 Nov 2025 **(Tanzania)** 7th Tanzania Mining and Investment Conference

Chronology

9 Sep 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. A high-level delegation of 22 **Omani** business leaders and investors arrive in Tanzania for a week-long mission to explore significant investment opportunities in key sectors, including energy, agriculture, fisheries and logistics;

8 Sep 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Outgoing **National Assembly** speaker and **Uyole (Mbeya Region)** parliamentary candidate **Tulia Ackson** urges residents of **Rungwe (Mbeya)** to support ruling party **Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM)** candidates;

6 Sep 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) **Consolidated Zonal Economic Performance** reports natural gas production has declined as Tanzania increasingly relies on expanding hydropower capacity;

4 Sep 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) highlights that Tanzania's charcoal trade is expanding despite government and international efforts to promote clean energy, driven by rapid population increase and the high cost of alternatives such as gas and electricity;

3 Sep 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority** announces a decrease in fuel prices, with petrol in Dar es Salaam now costing TSh 2,807 (\$1.19) per litre, a decrease of TSh98 (\$0.042), while diesel prices have fallen to TSh 2,754 (\$1.17) per litre, and kerosene is priced at TSh 2,774 (\$1.18);

1 Sep 2025 **Dodoma (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Opposition party **Civic United Front** makes the push for a new constitution the focus of its campaign for the 2025 elections, as highlighted during the handover of presidential nomination forms to its candidate, **Gombo Samandito Gombo**, and running mate **Husna Mohamed Abdalla** by the **Independent National Electoral Commission**;

1 Sep 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Regional and international stakeholders meet in Dar es Salaam to discuss strategies to combat illegal fishing, which costs Tanzania an estimated \$142.8m annually;

27 Aug 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)** approves the candidacy of President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** and her running mate, **Emmanuel Nchimbi**, for the October presidential election, barring opposition **Alliance for Change and Transparency (ACT-Wazalendo)** candidate **Luhaga Mpina**;

26 Aug 2025 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Zanzibar plans to invest \$400m to modernise its port infrastructure;

21 Aug 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Vodacom Tanzania** reports a net profit of TSh90.5 billion (\$34.6m) for the year, driven by strong operational performance;

20 Aug 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Political activity increases ahead of the October presidential election, including candidate selection and party preparations, with ten key regions, including **Dar es Salaam, Mwanza** and **Morogoro**, likely to shape the election;

19 Aug 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) data show that Tanzania is rapidly shifting toward a cashless economy, driven by the widespread adoption of digital payment systems and mobile money services;

18 Aug 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Industry and trade ministry reports that Tanzania is driving a \$3 billion regional investment boom in the cement industry, positioning itself as a key player in **East Africa's** infrastructure and construction growth;

17 Aug 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania introduces new satellite-to-phone guidelines that could significantly impact the country's telecommunications landscape by enabling satellite operators to deliver mobile services directly to smartphones;

14 Aug 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania revives its \$3 billion **Mchuchuma-Liganga** mining and energy project, aiming to boost industrial development and energy production;

13 Aug 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Denmark's** ambassador to Tanzania and the **East African Community (EAC)**, **Jesper Kammersgaard**, emphasises the country's interest in strengthening trade and investment ties with Tanzania;

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;

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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