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President Samia Suluhu Hassan (2021-present) makes changes to her cabinet, notably removing foreign affairs and East African cooperation minister January Makamba and information, communication and information technology (ICT) minister Nape Nnauye. The ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) party announces on 29 July that vice chairperson Abdulrahman Kinana has resigned. The Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) chairman, retired judge Mathew Mwaimu, on 19 July announces the findings of the CHRAGG's report, highlighting ongoing human rights violations. President Hassan on 1 August officially launches passenger services on Tanzania's new Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) line between Dar es Salaam and Dodoma.

Hassan drops foreign affairs and information ministers in cabinet reshuffle

The presidency announced on 21 July that President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** (2021-present) had made changes to her cabinet, notably removing foreign affairs and **East African** cooperation minister **January Makamba** and information, communication and information technology (ICT) minister **Nape Nnauye**. The announcement was preceded by the resignation of deputy foreign affairs and East African cooperation minister **Mbarouk Nassor Mbarouk**, who cited personal challenges in his resignation letter.¹ Hassan appointed Tanzania's ambassador to **Italy**, **Mahmoud Thabit** as the new foreign affairs minister, while former lands, housing and human settlements development minister **Sharifa Nyanda** assumes the ICT docket.²

Nnauye's removal from cabinet was anticipated after he made remarks about the ruling **Chama Cha Mapinduzi's (CCM)** electoral strategies. On 15 July, a video surfaced on social media in which Nnauye said:

"Victory in the elections is not determined by the number of votes in the ballot box but depends on who counts and announces the results."³

Although Nnauye tried to play the comments off as a joke, they were particularly damaging. In 2020, opposition leaders, the international community and the **United States (US)** embassy condemned Tanzania's election process and results, citing voting irregularities (see *ARC Briefing Tanzania Nov 2020*).

Makamba's removal was more surprising. Although long considered a close ally of Hassan, he is rumoured to have political ambitions that could interrupt Hassan's ongoing efforts to solidify her position as the CCM's candidate for the 2025 presidential elections.⁴ Makamba tried to secure the CCM's presidential nomination in 2015 but lost to late former president **John Magufuli** (2015-2021).

At the time of the reshuffle, several rumours emerged on social media speculating that Makamba is planning to run for the **African Union (AU)** chairperson position and needed to be released to campaign for this. However, others speculated that he intended to run for the AU position without Hassan's explicit support.⁵

¹ IPP Media, 21 Jul 2024

² The Citizen, 21 Jul 2024

³ The Citizen, 17 Jul 2024

⁴ Ujasusi, 22 Jul 2024

⁵ Ujasusi, 22 Jul 2024

Makamba's removal alongside that of Nnauye hints at tensions that Hassan was seeking to stamp out. With this shuffle, Hassan has shown she is willing to push out former allies and party stalwarts to solidify her position within the CCM. The presentation to Tanzanians of the CCM as a united front ahead of the local elections this year is significant and could have spurred Hassan to address any party tensions. More shuffles are expected as Hassan continues not only to consolidate her position but also to ensure that the party is well prepared ahead of December's local elections.

CCM vice chairperson resigns

The CCM announced in a statement on 29 July that vice chairperson **Abdulrahman Kinana** had resigned from the party with immediate effect. While Hassan stated that Kinana had long requested to step down, the timing of his resignation hinted otherwise. Kinana is closely associated with Makamba and Nnauye and worked with them to help secure Magufuli's victory in the 2015 presidential election.⁶

Notably, Kinana resigned from his position as CCM secretary general in 2018 after clashing with Magufuli. The incident coincided with Magufuli's removal of Makamba and Nnauye from his cabinet. At the time, it was reported that Kinana was undermining Magufuli. Hassan reinstated the three to senior political positions after assuming the presidency in 2021.⁷ However, the recent series of events amid rumours of party factionalism, spearheaded by the trio, indicates that these divisions potentially remain within the ruling party.

Addressing these ahead of the October local elections is important. If the CCM underperforms, it places Hassan's leadership in question.⁸ She also faces a challenge in replacing Kinana, who had the proven political acumen and experience to deliver an election. The local elections will be a critical test for the CCM and will reflect whether Hassan's decisions have harmed or invigorated the dominant ruling party. Meanwhile, the opposition will seek to capitalise on the perceived instability and discord in the CCM.

Human rights in focus

The **Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG)** chairman, retired judge **Mathew Mwaimu**, on 19 July announced the findings of the CHRAGG's report covering 2022/2023 and 2023/2024. Mwaimu said that investigations into human rights violations and governance revealed that police stations exist where suspects are illegally subject to torture and harsh interrogation techniques before legal arrest procedures are initiated.⁹ Mwaimu cited specific examples, including an incident in **Morogoro** where a police officer was accused of arresting, whipping and harassing an individual, resulting in severe injuries and disability.¹⁰

In another notable accusation, Mwaimu said that **Arusha** regional commissioner (RC) **Paul Makonda** abused his power when he ordered police to arrest and detain an individual for 96 hours without pressing any charges.¹¹ He confirmed that the commission had summoned Makonda to provide a defence against the allegations but he had refused to do so.

The commission recommended several measures, including providing training to law enforcement personnel on human rights and good governance, installing CCTV cameras and extending disciplinary measures against guilty parties.¹²

While the commission seems to have been able to carry out its work without influence, the findings have highlighted that human rights abuses are still too common an occurrence in Tanzania. This does

⁶ The East African, 30 Jul 2024

⁷ The East African, 30 Jul 2024

⁸ The Africa Report, 1 Aug 2024

⁹ The Citizen, 20 Jul 2024

¹⁰ The Citizen, 20 Jul 2024

¹¹ The Citizen, 20 Jul 2024

¹² The Citizen, 20 Jul 2024

not bode well amid an increasing crackdown on freedom of expression which saw the arrest of several people in June/July (see *ARC Briefing Tanzania Jul 2024*). Hassan has sought to distance herself from the repressive tactics adopted under Magufuli, but the results of reports such as this one indicate that these and other tactics are entrenched in Tanzania and will take longer to undo.

Hassan launches standard gauge railway

President Hassan on 1 August officially launched passenger services on Tanzania's new **Standard Gauge Railway (SGR)** line between **Dar es Salaam** and **Dodoma**. The train line started pre-official services between 24 and 28 July. The trip between the two cities, which are 460km apart, will now take approximately three and a half hours versus over eight hours by road. In June, the SGR line connecting Dar es Salaam and Morogoro made its maiden journey.

Hassan hailed the new SGR as a way to enhance intra-Africa trade and announced plans to connect the line to **Burundi** and the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**.¹³ She emphasised the importance of linking Dar es Salaam as a port city to landlocked neighbouring countries to move fuel and cargo, with plans for the SGR to fulfil this need.

Tanzania Railway Corporation (TRC) director general **Masanja Kadogosa** hailed the benefits for local companies involved in the SGR. He noted that at least 30,146 direct jobs were created, 150,000 indirect jobs and that local firms supplied materials and services worth TSh 3.7 trillion (\$1.37 billion).¹⁴

The entire SGR route is a network of approximately 2,000 km and will connect Dar es Salaam to the port of **Mwanza** as well as DRC and Burundi. There are six phases of construction, each in varying stages of progress. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$10.4 billion, which is being supplied by various project partners including the **African Development Bank (AfDB)**. Construction began in 2017 but has faced several delays due to funding gaps and issues with contractors, including **Turkey's Yapi Merkezi** (see *ARC Briefing Tanzania Oct 2023*). The project, and its successes so far, showcase Tanzania as a modernising nation set on playing a key role in the region.



Source: Tanzania Invest

¹³ The Citizen, 1 Aug 2024

¹⁴ Daily News, 2 Aug 2024

Planner

21 Aug 2024 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** Energy Connect 2024

11- 12 Sep 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** Tanzania Energy Congress

12-13 Sep 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** East African Investment Forum (EAIF) 2024

12-14 Sep 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** 8th Minexpo Africa

Dec 2024 **(Tanzania)** Local elections;

2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** Tanzania Mining and Investment Forum

5-7 Mar 2025 **(Tanzania)** 11th **East African** Petroleum Conference and Exhibition 2025 (EAPCE'25)

Oct 2025 **(Tanzania)** General elections

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

Chronology

8 Aug 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The **African Development Bank (AfDB)** in its **2024 Country Focus Report** highlights the urgent need for Tanzania to address its development financing challenges by focusing on global financial reforms, including enhancing stability, accessibility and reducing volatility in finance and markets;

7 Aug 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. With several **British** cities experiencing a surge in racist attacks, the **Tanzania High Commission** has issued an alert to its citizens living in the **United Kingdom (UK)**;

7 Aug 2024 **Ngorongoro (Tanzania)** *Amnesty International*. International human rights group **Amnesty International** reports that since 2009, private businesses have been complicit in forced evictions of Maasai Indigenous communities from their ancestral lands in **Loliondo (Ngorongoro district)** by Tanzanian authorities;

6 Aug 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The **Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA)** announces the fuel price caps for August 2024, reflecting a slight increase in retail prices compared to July, with motorists in **Dar es Salaam** paying up to TSh3,231 (\$1.20) per litre for petrol and TSh3,131 (\$1.16) per litre for diesel;

5 Aug 2024 **Morogoro (Tanzania)** *State House*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** says the government has allocated more than \$300m to repair transport infrastructures damaged by floods as a result of rains, which hit the country in the last long rainy season;

31 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Al Jazeera*. **United States (US)**-headquartered **Human Rights Watch (HRW)** reports that the Tanzanian government has been forcibly evicting indigenous **Maasai** from their ancestral lands;

31 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Minister in the president's office (planning and investment) **Kitila Mkumbo** signs a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **Indonesia's PT ESSA Industries Indonesia Tbk** to establish a \$1.3 billion natural gas to urea fertiliser manufacturing plant in the **Mtwara** region, with construction set to take five years;

31 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Deputy prime minister and minister for energy **Doto Biteko** unveils a new national trade policy aimed at streamlining business processes and significantly enhancing the sector's economic impact, emphasising the policy's role as a key driver for socio-economic transformation;

30 Jul 2024 **Njombe (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Industry and trade minister **Selemani Jafo** says the government will sign a \$77.4m contract on 2 August with **Chinese firm Fujian Xho Company Limited** to implement the **Maganga Matitu** iron ore project in **Ludewa** district in Njombe;

30 Jul 2024 **Dodoma (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. The ministry of minerals has banned foreign mineral dealers from buying precious stones, especially gemstones, directly from local small miners and has directed them to go through registered mineral markets;

30 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Deputy prime minister and minister for energy **Doto Biteko** says that once completed, the **Tanzania-Zambia (TAZA)** power project will enable Tanzania to connect with 13 member countries of the **Southern Power Pool (SAPP)** via **Zambia**, and the **Eastern African Power Pool (EAPP)** via **Kenya**;

29 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** will chair the 15th **Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC)** in Dar es Salaam, where participants from the public and private sectors will deliberate on ways of improving Tanzania's business environment;

29 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania agrees to pay \$90m to settle the **International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes** case with **Australia's Indiana Resources Limited**, resolving the dispute over the expropriation of the **Ntaka Hills Nickel Project**;

24 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** dismisses various board members and directors general of the **Tanzania Telecommunications Corporation (TTCL)**, **Tanzania Posts Corporation** and **Universal Communications Service Access Fund (UCSAF)**;

23 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Mining Weekly*. **Australia's Peak Rare Earths** signs a nonbinding term sheet with **China's Shenghe** to support the development and funding of the **Ngualla** rare earths element (REE) project;

23 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **United States (US)** under secretary of state for political affairs **John Bass** arrives in Tanzania for a visit to meet with senior government officials and civil society representatives;

19 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Bank of Tanzania (BoT)** (central bank) says its 2024/2025 monetary policy stance will remain relatively tight to respond to recent exchange rate depreciation and high oil prices;

18 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Revenue Authority** commissioner general **Yusuph Mwenda** reveals plans to widen the tax base while balancing revenue collection tempo and addressing taxpayer complaints, noting there will be closer collaboration between the TRA and **Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF)** to work on challenges facing investors and traders;

18 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** calls on Tanzanians to diligently pay their taxes but acknowledges that occasional inefficiencies in tax collection exist;

18 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Deputy prime minister and energy minister **Doto Biteko** confirms that a third turbine at the **Julius Nyerere Hydroelectric Power Plant (JNHPP)** has been switched on;

17 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Deputy minister of state in the president's office (planning and investment) **Stanslaus Nyongo** reiterates the government's commitment to strengthening and creating a conducive environment for investment in the country;

17 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Treasury registrar **Nehemiah Mchechu** says his office has already initiated talks and negotiations with several mining companies operating in Tanzania for a review of their benefit-sharing partnership;

16 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) confirms it is looking to shore up foreign reserves by increasing gold purchases while hoping that expanding pulse exports will also increase foreign reserves;

15 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. In a 20-year-old case, the **High Court** has ordered the **Tanzania Electricity Supply Company Limited (TANESCO)** to pay **Ukonga (Dar es Salaam)** residents TSh548m (\$206,403) for land it acquired from residents to facilitate the implementation of electrification projects in Dar es Salaam, **Kilimanjaro** and **Arusha** Regions;

14 Jul 2024 **Unguja (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Opposition party **ACT Wazalendo** accuses the ruling party **Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM)** of lacking the moral authority to preach about safeguarding peace when it shows no sincere intentions, after **Zanzibar** President **Hussein Mwinyi** on 12 July urged citizens to remain vigilant, claiming certain opposition statements could lead to unrest as the country approaches general elections;

11 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Bloomberg*. The **United Kingdom's Benchmark Mineral Intelligence** reports that eight mines in countries such as Tanzania, **Angola**, **Malawi**, and **South Africa** are expected to start production by 2029 and contribute 9% of global supply of rare earth elements;

11 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Deputy prime minister and minister for energy **Doto Biteko** announces that the **Katavi** region will be connected to the national power grid for reliable electricity supply by October this year;

11 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Local company **Amsons Group** makes a \$180m bid to acquire **Kenya's Bamburi Cement** in what could be one of the largest takeover deals in **East Africa**;

11 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Energy ministry permanent secretary **Felchesmi Mramba** says power generation in Tanzania has surpassed increasing demand, mainly due to significant contributions from the partially operational **Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project Plant**;

10 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Africa Intelligence*. **France**-headquartered energy company **TotalEnergies** CEO **Patrick Pouyanné** has persuaded pan-**African** financial institution **Africa Finance Corp** to support the planned **East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)** between **Uganda** and Tanzania;

10 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *IPP Media*. Energy ministry permanent secretary **Felchesmi Mramba** says the **Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC)** has been tasked with increasing compressed natural gas (CNG) filling stations for motorists in **Dar es Salaam** and **Coast** regions from the current two stations to 30 during the current financial year;

8 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Petroleum Bulk Procurement Agency (PBPA)** head of petroleum inspection **Bruno Tarimo** says that implementation of the petroleum bulk procurement system in purchasing fuel for Tanzania has reduced losses by 0.2% from the previous 5%, surpassing the international requirement, and saved the daily cost of \$20,000-\$80,000 that ships were charged for waiting;

8 Jul 2024 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Opposition party **ACT Wazalendo** declares its stance against conducting elections over two days, emphasising its commitment to ensuring a single-day voting process in the 2025 elections to prevent malpractice and theft;

7 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **European Investment Bank (EIB)** vice president **Thomas Östros** announces during a visit to Tanzania that the **European Union (EU)** has granted €15m (\$16.2m) to support Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) activities in the country;

7 Jul 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Foreign affairs and **East African** cooperation minister **January Makamba** says Tanzania is committed to ensuring the **East African Community (EAC)** is strong, united and successful;

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