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Chief prosecutor Rakotoniaina Narindra Navalona confirms that eleven people have been placed in pre-trial detention and that two other suspects are being actively sought for the attempted assassination of transitional president Michaël Randrianirina (2025–present) and staging an attempted coup d'état. The Cour des Comptes (court of auditors) reveals the misappropriation of over MGA 3.81 trillion (\$920m) in public funds in the 2025 period. The new government is unveiled, led by prime minister, Mamitiana Rajaonarison.

Eleven people jailed for attempted assassination of Randrianirina

In a statement on 2 April, **Tribunal de première instance d'Antananarivo** (court of first instance) chief prosecutor, **Rakotoniaina Narindra Navalona**, [confirmed](#) that eleven people had been placed in pre-trial detention and that two other suspects were being actively sought for the attempted assassination of transitional president **Michaël Randrianirina** (2025–present) and staging an attempted coup d'état. Navalona [added](#) that there was evidence showing that they had been planning their actions for an extended period of the time, and that money and weapons were also found during searches of the suspects' homes. She added that some of the suspects had confessed and MGA 20 billion (\$4.8m) was found in their account intended for the operation.

An army general, whose identity has not been revealed, and Colonel **Patrick Rakomamonjy** are among the main suspects. Rakotomamonjy was formerly allied with the Gen Z movement which led to the fall of former president **Andry Rajoelina's** (2018-2025) regime in September 2025. Protestors welcomed him as a hero and he was subsequently appointed director general of the **Bureau des doléances** (grievances offices) in the presidency. He was subsequently dismissed from this position in January. Rakotomamonjy now posts continuous videos on social media denouncing "*schemes and Mafia interventions*" within the **Refoundation of the Republic of Madagascar**. He also claims to have been the target of an assassination attempt by high-ranking government officials.

Randrianirina [revealed](#) that he and his wife had been targeted in an assassination attempt, as stated during a meeting with members of the Malagasy diaspora in **Malabo (Equatorial Guinea)**, on 27 March. This is the second assassination attempt Randrianirina has faced. On November 2025, the **Central Intelligence Service (CIS)** announced that it had thwarted an attempted coup in Madagascar. Two foreigners, whose nationality has not been revealed, were arrested, and several weapons as well as a sum of MGA 2 billion (\$483,335) was seized. No further official statement has been released regarding the outcome of this matter.

Court of Auditors reveals misappropriation of over MGA 3.8 billion in public funds

The **Cour des Comptes** (court of auditors) [published](#) a report at the **Supreme Court Palace in Anosy** on 19 March revealing the misappropriation of over MGA 3.81 trillion (\$920m) in public funds in the 2025 period. As part of the report, the court audited around fifteen ministries and public administration agencies. In addition, the court scrutinised several presidential projects from the Rajoelina regime in detail, including the urban train project and the cable car project. The report also revealed numerous irregularities in the awarding of contracts and the use of funds, as well as in the execution of works.

Following the publication of the report, Randrianirina [ordered](#) urgent investigations within administrative establishments. The presidency published a note on 20 March, outlining that the

president gave firm instructions to all state control bodies to "*thoroughly investigate all those involved in this case of public fund looting, and hand over to justice all individuals whose involvement is proven*".

Randrianirina also demanded a clear report be presented to the population following the investigations, to be carried out by the same control bodies. He also called for everyone to take responsibility for changing the system and the legal provisions in view of "*better management of public funds*".

The **Pôle anti-Corruption (PAC)** (anti-corruption unit) in Antananarivo also brought to light another financial scandal on 3 April, involving the embezzlement of funds amounting to nearly MGA 20 billion (\$4.8m) and committed by **Fonds Souverain Malagasy (FSM)** (sovereign wealth fund) acting director general General **Jean Alfred Rakotomaronirina**. The Refoundation regime appointed Rakotomaronirina on 27 January. The acting director general was taken into custody along with five other suspects.

The second transitional government takes office

The official presentation of the new members of the transitional government [ultimately](#) took place on 25 March at the **Iavoloha State Palace**, in the presence Randrianirina and his recently appointed prime minister, **Mamitiana Rajaonarison**. The new government is composed of 30 members, including 13 new ministers, while 17 ministers who were part of the previous executive team were retained in their positions, including justice minister, **Fanirisoa Ernaivo**. She has played a key role in the current regime, bringing legal proceedings against all figures associated with the former regime suspected of crimes such as embezzlement and money laundering.

Mines and strategic resources minister, **Carl Andriamparany**, armed forces minister, **Ely Razafitombo**, and finance and budget minister, **Herinjatovo Ramiarison**, have also been retained in their posts. A notable [change](#) did take place in the foreign affairs ministry, which is now led by **Alice N'Diaye**. N'Diaye succeeds **Christine Razanamahaso**, former **Assemblée Nationale** (national assembly) president under Rajoelina, who moved to the opposition during the 2023 presidential elections.

Randrianirina gave a brief speech during the appointment ceremony, [stating](#):

"You have been chosen from among many candidates, so be role models. Do not use your status as a minister to boast. (...) Failure and corruption are factors of mandatory resignation."

He emphasised that the formation of this new government was marked by openness. He also indicated that each member of the government will be required to make a declaration of assets before officially taking office. In an interview with the press, a few days before the ceremony, Randrianirina also had revealed the use of a polygraph (lie detector) from **Russia** in the process of selecting the new members of the government.

The appointment of the new government team comes ten days after the appointment of Rajaonarison. He succeeded **Herintsalama Rajaonarivelo**, who was appointed on 20 October 2025, a few days after the swearing-in of Randrianirina (*see ARC Briefing Madagascar Mar 2026*). Rajaonarivelo then had to leave his position following the dissolution of the government by the head of state on 9 March. This is the second government to be appointed since the Refoundation leaders took office.

Planner

18 Apr 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** Gen Z movement are organising a peaceful march to demand the dissolution of the **Haute Cour Constitutionnelle (HCC)** (high constitutional court), the **Commission électorale nationale indépendante (CENI)** (independent national electoral commission), and the **Assemblée Nationale** (national assembly)

Chronology

16 Apr 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Africa Intelligence*. On his first official trip, prime minister **Mamitiana Rajaonarison** travels to the **United States (US)** with the main aim of negotiating the renewal of the **African Growth Act Opportunity (AGOA)**;

15 Apr 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Ministry of Armed Forces*. Senior officials from the armed forces (army, gendarmerie, and national police) urge people to remain calm to ensure the national youth dialogue runs smoothly;

15 Apr 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *TV Plus Madagascar*. Presidency reveals that five thermal drones were seen flying over the roof of transitional president **Michael Randrianirina**'s residence during the night of 12 to 13 April;

15 Apr 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Madagascar Tribune*. Civil Society is demanding the immediate release of the four members of Gen Z arrested and detained at the **Brigade Criminelle** (criminal investigation division) of Antananarivo;

14 Apr 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Presidency of Madagascar*. The national youth consultation launches at the **Ivato International Conference Centre (CCI)** in Antananarivo, attended by several political party leaders;

13 Apr 2026 **Toamasina (Madagascar)** *Malagasy Hydrocarbons Office*. The oil tanker **Advantage Passion** arrives at the port of Toamasina to deliver a new supply of fuel for all the regions of Madagascar;

13 Apr 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *2424.mg*. Prime minister **Mamitiana Rajaonarison** announces a 3.5% increase in royalties for the government and a 1.7% increase for local authorities in the mining sector during the presentation of the government's general policy to the **Assemblée Nationale** (national assembly);

11 Apr 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Midi Madagasikara*. GenZ movement are planning a peaceful march in "place du 13 Mai", calling for the dissolution of institutions such the **Haute Cour Constitutionnelle (HCC)** (high constitutional court), the **Commission électorale nationale indépendante (CENI)** (independent national electoral commission), and the **Assemblée Nationale** (national assembly);

9 Apr 2026 **Taolagnaro (Madagascar)** *Ministry of Mines*. Mines and strategic resources minister, **Carl Andriamparany**, embarks on a four-day visit to the **Anosy** and **Androy** regions in southern Madagascar;

9 Apr 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Ministry of Trade and Industrialization*. Madagascar and **Guinea** sign a letter of intent for a partnership with a view to strengthening cooperation in the fields of investment, trade and industry;

7 Apr 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Presidency of Madagascar*. The Malagasy government declares a 15-day energy emergency following fuel shortages reported in several towns across the country;

7 Apr 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Ministry of Foreign Affairs*. **Morocco**'s ambassador, **Mohammed Benjilany**, reiterates his country's willingness, as an influential member of the **African Union Peace Council**, to facilitate dialogue with a view to lifting Madagascar's suspension from the bodies of the AU;

7 Apr 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *2424.mg*. The **CEO Summit 2026** opens, a gathering of leaders and entrepreneurs from the **Indian Ocean Region**, attended by 250 companies from 23 countries, including Madagascar, **Mauritius**, the **Comoros**, **La Réunion** and the **Seychelles**;

3 Apr 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Pôle anti - corruption*. Six people, including the acting Chief Executive of the Madagascar Sovereign Fund (FSM), have been remanded in custody on charges of embezzling more than 19 billion Ariary.

1 Apr 2026 **Ivato (Madagascar)** *Presidency of Madagascar*. Transitional president, **Michaël Randrianirina**, receives a batch of military equipment (armoured vehicles, uniforms, weapons, and ammunition) at **Camp Mounibou Ismaël**;

1 Apr 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Dépêche informative Taratra*. A delegation of **Tunisian** businesspeople is on a fact-finding mission to Madagascar to gain a general understanding of the business climate and investment opportunities in the country;

29 Mar 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *TV plus Madagascar*. Madagascar marks the 79th anniversary of the uprising of 29 March 1947, a revolt by Malagasy nationalists against **French** colonial rule that claimed several thousand lives.

27 Mar 2026 **Malabo (Equatorial Guinea)** *Presidency of Madagascar*. Transitional president **Michaël Randrianirina** visits Equatorial Guinea for a meeting with the Equatorial Guinean President **Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasongo**;

27 Mar 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *UK Embassy of Madagascar*. **United Kingdom (UK)** ambassador **Patrick Lynch** meets the prime minister **Mamitiana Rajaonarison** to discuss the importance of democracy, international relations and the opportunity for the government to transform the lives of Malagasy people by challenging corruption and state capture;

24 Mar 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Haute Cour Constitutionnelle*. The **Haute Cour Constitutionnelle** (high constitutional court) notes the automatic resignation of five deputies close to the regime of former president **Andry Rajoelina** following a notification of unauthorised absence and a submission made by the **Assemblée Nationale** (national assembly) president **Siteny Randrianasoloniaiko**;

21 Mar 2026 **Toamasina (Madagascar)** *Presidency of Madagascar*. Transitional president **Michaël Randrianirina** carries out the official reception of a 333-meter section of quay C4 intended to accommodate container ships at the Port of Toamasina, whose rehabilitation is funded by the Japanese government.

20 Mar 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Presidency of Madagascar*. Transitional president **Michaël Randrianirina** orders the urgent opening of an investigation to identify all senior officials involved in the embezzlement of public funds according to the report from the **Cour des Comptes** (court of auditors);

19 Mar 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Real TV Madagasikara*. **Cour des Comptes** (court of auditors) judges reveal an embezzlement of more than MGA 3.8 trillion (\$920m) of state funds during a public report of its annual account for the year 2025.

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