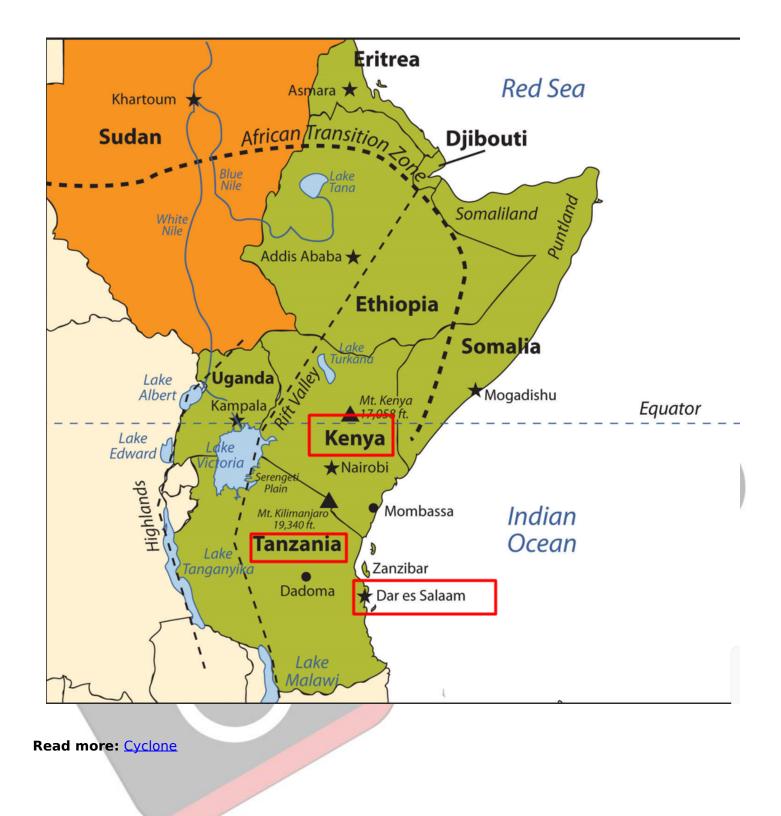


Cyclone Hidaya

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Recently, a severe storm named <u>Cyclone</u> **Hidaya** is set to hit the coast of **Tanzania near Dar es Salaam** from the Indian Ocean.

- Cyclone Hidaya (Guidance in Arabic), may bring heavy rain and strong winds to regions in Tanzania like Tanga, Morogoro, the islands of Unguja and Pemba.
- It formed over the South Indian Ocean and was named by France's overseas tertiary in the Indian Ocean.
- Even though Kenya is usually considered safe from cyclones, now it is preparing for the impact of Cyclone Hidaya.
 - Kenya falls within the latitude of 4° North and South and is considered safe from cyclones because they typically don't form within 5 degrees of the equator due to the weak <u>Coriolis force</u> there, which is necessary for creating cyclones.
 - Tropical cyclones usually develop in areas between 5° and 30° North or South of the equator.
 - However, despite this usual safety, Kenya now faces the possibility of being impacted by Cyclone Hidaya. If this happens, it would be the first time Kenya has ever experienced a cyclone.



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