1. Cameroon

Cameroon army denies shooting women and children

The Cameroonian military has denied that there are any government soldiers in a video which shows men in uniform shooting dead women and children. The shocking video, which has caused outrage on social media in Cameroon, shows the men blindfolding a young girl as well as two women - one of whom has a baby strapped to her back. Speaking French with Cameroonian accents, the men kill the group after accusing them of belonging to the jihadist group Boko Haram. Democratic Republic of Congo

UN chief delays DRC visit as Kabila eyes 'important decisions'

The UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres on Thursday said he had agreed to postpone his visit to the Democratic Republic of Congo to allow President Joseph Kabila to announce "important decisions." Guterres was due to visit the country this month as it prepares for elections in December that Western powers hope will mark the end of Kabila's rule.

South Africa

Zuma's son charged with culpable homicide over crash

Duduzane Zuma, the son of South Africa's former president Jacob Zuma, appeared in court on Thursday on culpable homicide charges over a fatal late-night car crash in 2014. Duduzane, 34, is accused of causing the death of Phumzile Dube after his Porsche hit a minibus taxi that she was travelling in.

2. Ethiopia

Ethiopia land clashes 'leave 800,000 homeless'

Months of clashes over land in southern Ethiopia have forced more than 800,000 people from their homes, according to International Red Cross (ICRC) report. Gedeo and West Guji are experiencing humanitarian crisis with displaced persons sleeping on the floors of crowded schools, office buildings and churches and where food and water are scarce. BBC
3. **Eritrea**

**Eritrean president to visit Ethiopia**

Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki will visit neighbouring Ethiopia on Saturday, the country's information minister has tweeted. Yemane Meskel said the president will lead a delegation to "cement... the joint march for peace and cooperation". It comes after Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed made an historic visit to Eritrea last weekend, where the leaders signed a declaration ending the state of war between the two countries. Ethiopia and Eritrea fought a bitter war over territory between 1998 and 2000. After taking office in April Mr Abiy agreed to comply with a ruling of a border commission to hand over the disputed territories. During the Eritrea visit, the two nations also agreed to re-establish trade and diplomatic ties. **BBC**

4. **Kenya**

**World Cup 2018: Kenya outrage at MPs' trip**

Kenyans have reacted furiously to news that 20 MPs have travelled to watch the World Cup at the taxpayers' expense. They are watching four games, including the final, in a two-week trip to Russia estimated to be costing hundreds of thousands of US dollars. The MPs caught the attention of Kenyans when they posted selfies in a stadium. Sports Minister Rashid Echesa told the BBC he had authorised only six MPs to travel, to help understand how to organise such big events. **BBC**

**Sauti Kuu' launch: 400 dignitaries to escort Obama in Kenyan visit**

Former US President Barrack Obama will be accompanied by 400 dignitaries to support his sister Auma in setting up Sauti Kuu Foundation in Kogelo. Speaking to reporters on Thursday, the Sauti Kuu Foundation Director said they are among the one thousand guests expected in Nyanza on July 16th. "Obama has always supported me and I will be happy when he joins his sister on this big day to set up the new Sports, Resource and Vocational Training Centre on Monday,” Auma said the centre was not institutionalised but noted that it was a space with access to the internet. She said the library is going to give children access to the languages that they will need in order to pass exams. "We need our children to read because they go to school and learn a language that is not their first, second or third language and they are expected to pass exams and this is in the rural area," she said. Auma said they will incorporate basketball, volleyball, netball and a football pitch. **STAR**

5. **Sudan**

**South Sudan MPs extend interim government's mandate for 3 years**

Parliamentarians in South Sudan voted on Thursday to extend the mandate of President Salva Kiir's government for an extra three years, in a move likely to deal a blow to peace efforts. The law will allow Kiir to remain in power until 2021. **DAILY NATION**
6. Uganda

**Snipers, armoured car escorts for Ugandan MPs**

President Yoweri Museveni, ordered in a letter directive to the finance ministry, that military "sharp-shooters" and a "fleet" of armoured pick-up trucks should be put at the disposal of MPs, after a ruling party lawmaker was shot dead last month and murders of other prominent individuals in recent years it is speculated that this would cost the country tens of millions of dollars if all 456 MPs were to be granted the extra security arrangements. However the Parliament spokesman Chris Obore said, "It's not for every MP, but those who face threats," without elaborating on who, or how many, they were. The new spending comes as the government was forced to review a new social media tax in the wake of street protests. DAILY NATION

7. Zimbabwe

**You're causing instability in Zimbabwe,' opposition leader warns Mnangagwa**

Zimbabwean opposition leader Nelson Chamisa has reportedly claimed that President Emmerson Mnangagwa wants to cause instability in the southern African country by trying to steal the forthcoming election through the "manipulation" of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC).

**Zim opposition on elections, Africa baobab tree**

Zimbabwe's main opposition vowed Wednesday to press on with demands for fair elections as thousands took to the streets to petition the electoral commission with a slew of grievances. The country goes to historic polls - the first without long-time ruler Robert Mugabe - on July 30 to elect a president, legislators and municipal councilors.

8. World leaders on Africa

**Donald Trump vows to end Africa's 'vicious' conflicts**

US President Donald Trump has vowed to help end "vicious and violent" conflicts on the African continent. "Africa right now has got problems like few people would even understand," he said at a Nato summit press conference. "It is so sad, it is so vicious and violent," he said, promising that his goal was to build up the US military and bring peace to the world. The US is active in counter-terrorism operations and training African troops to fight jihadists in the Sahara. BBC