Cameroon

Cameroonian hiding in the forest with little help
Cameroonian fleeing an increasingly bloody separatist conflict have received little aid as humanitarian agencies struggle to access the area, the United Nations said. More than 200,000 people have fled their homes in the volatile western regions since late last year, in addition to at least 21,000 who have fled into Nigeria, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said on Tuesday. *Al Jazeera*

Democratic Republic of Congo

DRC’s Kabila Gives No Clues of His Future Plans
The president of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Joseph Kabila, said Thursday that there would be a presidential election on December 23, 2018 but did not say what his political plans were. Kabila told the nation in a televised speech that he “unequivocally respects the constitution.” But the opposition says it fears he may try to hold on to power. *VOA News*

Egypt

Egyptian president begins two-day Sudan visit
Egyptian President Abdul Fattah al-Sisi arrived in the Sudanese capital of Khartoum Thursday for a two-day visit, where he was received at the Khartoum International Airport by his Sudanese counterpart Omar al-Bashir. Egyptian ambassador to Khartoum Usama Shaltot told the media that bilateral issues would top the two presidents’ agenda, including trade and crises in South Sudan and Libya. **THE EAST AFRICAN**

Kenya

Stanley Muthama bounces back as Kizito, Shinali and Omulele survive petitions
Four MPs have survived court battles lodged by their rivals in the August 8, 2017 elections after the Court of Appeal in Mombasa and Kisumu on Thursday overturned High Court ruling and upholding three others. **DAILY NATION**

Oyugi Magwanga floors Cyprian Awiti in Homa Bay, again
Cyprian Awiti has emerged two times unlucky after the appeals court on Thursday upheld High Court decision that quashed his election as Homa Bay governor, citing that the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) did not conduct a free and fair election in Homa Bay. Daily nation

**Anti-oil protests are costing us sh1m per day, says Energy CS**

The Petroleum and Mining Cabinet Secretary (CS) John Munyes revealed that the government is losing Sh1 million per day due to the halt in exploration and transportation of crude oil through the Early Oil Pilot Scheme (EOPS) due to current stalemate facing the process in Lokichar, where oil trucks are not able to move from the oil wells to Changamwe in Mombasa. The local leadership and the investor have agreed to come up with a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in a bid to ensure that transportation resumes. STANDARD

**RWANDA**

**Kagame to host leaders from Mozambique, China and India**

The Presidency has announced, that President Paul Kagame will in the next five days host three successive state visits from Mozambique, China and India to discuss bilateral investment and mutual partnerships. The events aim to deepen the close ties that exist between Rwanda and the nations. Mozambique’s President Filipe Nyusi on Thursday arrived in Kigali for a three-day State visit. China’s Xi Jinping will arrive on Sunday and leave on Monday. It will be the first time ever a Chinese leader is visiting Rwanda. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, also on his first visit to the country, will land on Monday and depart on Tuesday. THE EAST AFRICAN

**South Sudan**

**Kiir criticizes the five vice-presidents formula**

President Salva Kiir has criticized the South Sudanese peace mediators for introducing five vice-presidents’ post to deputize him in the proposed government structure, he lamented that the imposition on South Sudan had not been used in any conflict resolution in the region. And that South Sudan was being treated as a field for experiments. The posts were proposed at the Khartoum peace agreement, expected to be signed by the South Sudan factions on July 26. Mediators have also warned of consequences against the parties rejecting the peace deal. Several power sharing proposals have been rejected by the parties in the past weeks. THE EAST AFRICAN

**Tunisia**

**Tunisia becomes Comesa’s 20th member state**

Madagascar’s leader and the acting president of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa) Hery Rajaonarimampianina has welcomed Tunisia to the
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Regional bloc, after having fully met the admission requirements. President Rajaonarimampianina and the Tunisian Foreign Affairs minister, Mr Khemaies Jhinaoui, signed the admission documents at the 20th Comesa Summit in Lusaka, Zambia on Wednesday. The East african

Zimbabwe

Ballot paper design row threatens Zimbabwe election

A dispute has erupted over the design of Zimbabwe’s presidential election ballot paper with opposition parties and independent observers accusing the electoral commission of trying to rig the poll for President Emmerson Mnangagwa. The East African