1. Cameroon

**Nine presidential candidates to stand in Cameroon**

Cameroon's electoral body, Elecam, has cleared nine candidates to run for the country's top office. A total of 27 people applied to run in the presidential elections due in October, which are set to take place to the background of turmoil in the country's two English speaking regions. Joshua Osih of the Social Democratic Front and lawyer Akere Muna - a former head of the country's bar association - are regarded as President Paul Biya's main challengers. Mr. Biya, 85, is seeking a seventh term in office. **BBC**

2. Democratic Republic Congo

**Former DR Congo minister launches presidential bid**

A Congolese former minister has announced his candidacy for the presidential election scheduled for December, which he says he will contest as an independent. Kin-Kiey Mulumba twice served as minister under President Joseph Kabila, who has remained in power despite his second and final term in office having expired in 2016. Mr. Kabila is meeting leaders of his coalition, the Common Front for Congo, one day ahead of the deadline for presidential hopefuls to submit their names. **BBC**

**Congo peacekeeper sentences 'inadequate' - HRW**

A campaign group has described as "inadequate" the three-year prison sentences given to Congolese peacekeepers for the murder of eleven civilians in the Central African Republic. Human Rights Watch said the authorities in Congo-Brazzaville missed an opportunity to show that no peacekeeper is above the law. The civilians, including women and children, were killed in 2014 following the death of a Congolese peacekeeper during clashes with a local militia. They were taken from the militia leader's house, and their bodies were found later in a mass grave. **BBC**

**Three Congo soldiers walk free after 'mass murder' convictions**

A court in the Republic of Congo jailed three soldiers for three years for "mass murder" during a peacekeeping mission to the Central African Republic, but the convicts have been freed, Human Rights Watch said on Tuesday. "The sentences deny justice to the victims,
who included women and children," the New York-based NGO said in a statement, protesting that the jail terms "do not reflect the gravity of the crime." News 24

**Nine confirmed dead in DR Congo's Ebola outbreak: ministry**

Nine confirmed Ebola victims have died since the virus resurfaced in the Democratic Republic of Congo this month, the country's health ministry said Tuesday. The previous official toll was seven dead, with the two latest victims — like all the others — registered in the Beni region in North Kivu province, an eastern region with deep security problems which shares borders with Uganda and Rwanda. Daily nation

**DR Congo's Kabila in talks on successor on eve of election deadline**

DR Congo President Joseph Kabila scheduled talks on Tuesday with allies to discuss hand-picking a candidate to run in upcoming elections on the eve of a key campaign deadline, sources said. Members of a pro-Kabila alliance known as the Common Front for Congo (FCC) "have been called to an important meeting this evening at Kingakati," a minister told AFP, referring to the presidential residence on the outskirts of Kinshasa. Another source, close to Kabila, said, "It's not a secret any more — it's about naming a candidate for our presidential platform." The East African

**AU calls for a transparent DRC poll**

The African Union has called on the Democratic Republic of Congo to ensure peaceful, transparent and truly inclusive elections come December. The Chairperson of the Commission Moussa Faki stressed that the fulfillment of these requirements will guarantee the credibility of the electoral process. He also emphasized the need for the rights and freedoms of all Congolese voters be respected and a level electoral playing field be ensured. The statement was issued after opposition leader Moise Katumbi was blocked from returning home last week to file his bid. Africa news

3. Ethiopia

**Ethiopia signs deal with Oromo rebels to end hostilities**

Ethiopia's government has signed an agreement to end hostilities with the Oromo Liberation Front (OLF), which it had previously labeled a "terrorist movement". The deal signed in the Eritrean capital, Asmara, on Tuesday appeared to be another step by Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed to improve security and diplomatic relations, reform institutions and open parts of the state-controlled economy. Al Jazeera

**Ex-chief of Ethiopia's Somali region 'arrested'**

The ousted governor of Ethiopia's Somali regional state has been arrested by the federal army, regional state-owned ESTV website reports. “Officials from Ethiopia's Somali region told the Ethiopian Somali region media that Abdi Mahmud Omar who resigned yesterday [6 August] as a governor, was arrested by Ethiopia’s federal military,” the website

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**Ex-president of Ethiopia's Somali region arrested, flown to Addis Ababa**

Former president of Ethiopia's Somali regional state, Mahamoud Omar, a.k.a. Abdi Illey, is being held under federal custody barely twenty-four hours after he resigned his post. “Officials from Ethiopia's Somali region told the Ethiopian Somali region media that Abdi Mahmud Omar who resigned yesterday [6 August] as a governor, was arrested by Ethiopia's federal military,” the state-run ESTV website reported. “Officials from the Somali region in Ethiopia have confirmed to us reports of the arrest of Abdi Mahmud Omar,” the report added. *Africa news*

**Ethiopian army takes over Somali region security**

Ethiopian army has taken over the security of the volatile eastern Somali region after heavy fighting over the weekend left an unknown number of civilians dead and thousands displaced. The region's president Abdi Mohamoud Omar, commonly known as Abdi Illey, was forced to resign on Monday and replaced by his finance minister Mr Ahmed Abdi Mohammed. According to state-owned ESTV website, Mr Abdi was arrested and flown to the capital Addis Ababa on Tuesday. *The East African*

4. **Kenya**

**Nema demolishes South End Mall in Nairobi**

South End Mall on Langata Road has become the latest casualty of the ongoing campaign by the national environment watchdog to reclaim grabbed wetlands in the capital Nairobi. A bulldozer, on instructions of National Environment Management Authority (Nema) officials and the guard of police, descended on the mall that stands atop Mutuini-Ngong River on Langata Road on Wednesday morning. The imposing building, owned by former Bobasi MP Stephen Manoti, has been blamed for obstructing the river leading to perennial flooding and destruction of property in Nairobi West, South C and Lang'ata. *Daily nation*

**How jacket blunder led to the arrest of Al-Qaeda killers**

One blunder happened as the Toyota Dyna truck carrying a bomb towards the US embassy in Nairobi left New Runda and snaked through the city traffic. It would later help track down the Al-Qaeda killers. The ringleader, Mohamed Fazul, had noticed that the jacket worn by the Afghanistan-trained suicide bomber Rashid Daoud Al-Owhali was concealing the pistol. He asked him to remove it in order to reach the grenades faster once they reached the embassy. On the driver's seat was Jihad Mohammed Ali “Azzam” — a man who had arrived in Kenya a few days earlier. Both Azzam and Al-Owhali were the only passengers in the Toyota Dyna and the role of Fazul was to take them up to the embassy. But as Azzam approached the drop bar hoping to get to the basement parking of the embassy, Al-Owhali alighted to go and scare off the guard stationed there. He then
realised that his pistol was in the jacket, which he had left in the truck which was now parked near the entrance. *Daily nation*

**Kenyatta to meet Trump for trade talks as ties improve**

Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta will hold talks with his US counterpart Donald Trump on August 27 in Washington, the White House confirmed on Monday. The meeting will focus on growing trade between the two countries and finding a long-lasting solution to insecurity in neighbouring Somalia and South Sudan. “The meeting between the two leaders will reaffirm the long-standing relationship between the United States and Kenya as a cornerstone of peace and stability in Africa and the broader Indo-Pacific region,” Mr Trump’s press secretary Sarah Sanders said in a statement. *The East African*

5. Mali

**Mali opposition protests, EU calls for transparency ahead of poll**

After the first round of Mali's presidential election was marred by violence and accusations of fraud, EU observers on Tuesday called for more transparency and access during Sunday's run-off. It came as a thousand people gathered in the capital of Bamako to condemn alleged fraud in the July 29 poll. *News 24*

6. Zimbabwe

**Zimbabwe police 'hunt for opposition MDC officials'**

They are wanted for allegedly inciting their supporters to stage an illegal protest last Wednesday. Six people were killed after the military intervened to curb the protests in the capital, Harare. The MDC Alliance says last Monday's election was rigged to give President Emmerson Mnangagwa victory. The electoral commission insists there was "absolutely no skulduggery". *BBC*

**Zimbabwe sets date for presidential inauguration**

Zimbabwe's government has set this Sunday, 12 August, as the date for president-elect Emmerson Mnangagwa's inauguration following a disputed election. There have been deadly protests and accusations of rigging but no formal or legal challenge to Mr. Mnangagwa's win has been mounted. The main opposition MDC Alliance is yet to lodge its court application contesting the results, but has until Friday's deadline to do so. *BBC*

**Bail for Zimbabwe opposition protesters**

A group of opposition activists who were arrested and charged with inciting public violence last week have been released on bail by Harare Magistrates Court, say Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights. Last Wednesday, security forces opened fire on demonstrators who had gathered in Harare to protest against alleged vote-rigging in Monday's elections. Six people were killed in the violence. An earlier effort to release the 27 MDC Alliance activists
activists on bail had failed. The BBC's Shingai Nyoka says no court date has yet been set and the group have maintained their innocence. **BBC**

**Zimbabwe police 'hunt for nine opposition leaders'**

Zimbabwean police are searching for nine senior officials of the opposition MDC Alliance for allegedly inciting their supporters to stage an illegal demonstration last Wednesday, the state-owned Herald newspaper reports. The search for the nine is the latest fallout from last Monday's disputed election, with the MDC Alliance and campaign groups accusing the security forces of launching a crackdown to quell protests. The MDC Alliance has rejected President Emmerson Mnangagwa's victory in the poll as a sham. The electoral commission says there was "absolutely no skulduggery". **BBC**

**Eruption of violence 'stands in sharp contrast to high hopes in Zim', say EU, US**

The European Union and United States on Tuesday condemned violent attacks targeting the Zimbabwe opposition since elections last week, as 27 supporters of the MDC party were released on bail. President Emmerson Mnangagwa, declared winner of the country's first ballot since the downfall of Robert Mugabe, again vowed to protect rights, but the government has been accused of overseeing a brutal post-vote crackdown. **News 24**