1. Democratic Republic of Congo

**DR Congo's Kabila will not stand for re-election: spokesman**

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) President Joseph Kabila will not stand for re-election in December, a government spokesman has announced. Kabila's ruling coalition nominated former interior minister Emmanuel Ramazani Shadary as its presidential candidate, Lambert Mende, the government spokesman, said on Wednesday. *Al Jazeera*

**14 found dead in DRC's troubled North Kivu province**

Ten men and four women kidnapped by suspected Ugandan rebels were found dead in the Democratic Republic of Congo's restive east, military sources said Tuesday. "The 14 people who were abducted were found dead and buried," an army source told AFP. Three civilian sources also confirmed the discovery and attributed the attack to Ugandan Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) rebels. *Daily nation*

**US welcomes Kabila's decision to not seek re-election**

The United States on Wednesday welcomed President Joseph Kabila's decision to step aside and not seek re-election in the Democratic Republic of Congo, but said more must be done to ensure a democratic transfer of power. Kabila ended months of speculation when his government announced that former interior minister Emmanuel Ramazani Shadary will be the governing party's candidate in the December 23 presidential election. "We welcome reports that President Kabila will not seek a third term in accordance with his country's constitution," US Ambassador Nikki Haley said in a statement. *Daily nation*

**DR Congo's Kabila backs ex-interior minister for vote: spokesman**

DR Congo President Joseph Kabila, ending months of speculation, has chosen former interior minister Emmanuel Ramazani Shadary to be his successor in upcoming elections, the government said on Wednesday. The announcement came just hours before the deadline for lodging applications for the December 23 election — a vote analysts say is crucial for the country's future. *The East African*

2. Kenya

**Bomb attack leaves 6 KDF soldiers 'dead' in Lamu**
Six Kenya Defence Forces soldiers are feared dead while a similar number were injured when a vehicle they were travelling in ran over an improvised explosive device in Lamu County yesterday. An administrator who asked not to be named told the Nation the suspected Al-Shabaab attack left six soldiers dead and six others injured. Daily nation

Evans Kidero to appear in Nairobi court today

Former Nairobi Governor Evans Kidero will be arraigned on Thursday morning to answer abuse of office and money laundering charges. Dr Kidero and eight other individuals were arrested by Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission officers Wednesday evening, and grilled at Integrity Centre. Dr Kidero will also be charged with bribery, conflict of interest and failure to protect public funds. Director of Public Prosecutions Noordin Haji said there is sufficient evidence to prosecute them. Daily nation

Mali

Mali’s constitutional court confirms runoff vote on Sunday

Mali’s constitutional court has released the final results of the July 29 presidential election, confirming that the West African nation will vote in a second round on Sunday between the incumbent president and main opposition leader. The court says President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita received 41.7% of the vote, while Soumaila Cisse received 17.7%. The two also faced off in 2013. The court says it has registered more than 10 requests from the opposition over various anomalies in the first round, but most were declared inadmissible because of timing. News 24

Mali opposition loses election challenge at top court

Mali’s Constitutional Court on Wednesday rejected a legal challenge to the first round of voting in presidential elections, confirming August 12 as the date for the runoff between President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita and opposition leader Soumaila Cisse. The president of the court, Manassa Danioko, also delivered the definitive results of the July 29 first round. Daily nation

South Sudan

South Sudan: Juba residents jubilant over new peace deal

Thousands of residents of South Sudan's capital Juba have been celebrating a peace deal struck between President Salva Kiir and rebel leader Riek Machar, which rekindles hope that the guns will stop firing. The second power-sharing agreement deal was signed on Sunday in Khartoum, capital of neighboring Sudan, after protracted negotiations between the warring factions. Al Jazeera

Uganda

Ebola: Uganda sends 20 specialists to districts along DR Congo border

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Uganda has sent a team of 20 doctors to its border districts with the Democratic Republic of Congo after Ebola resurfaced in the Congo eastern region. According to the Health Minister Dr Ruth Aceng, the epidemiologists will monitor the situation and screen travelers in order to prevent the spread of the deadly disease in Uganda. *The East African*

**Museveni to meet Magufuli as sugar war rages**

Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni is expected to meet his Tanzanian counterpart John Magufuli on Thursday for a one-day State visit. Tanzania's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation said in a statement that the purpose of the visit is to cement relations between the two neighbors. The leaders will hold private talks at State House Dar es Salaam and thereafter a luncheon. The visit comes as the two countries are currently engaged in a sugar war that has seen Dar deny market access to sugar from Uganda claiming it is imported from Kenya. *The East African*

6. **Zimbabwe**

**Zimbabwe opposition figure fleeing arrest denied asylum in Zambia**

A top Zimbabwean opposition official that fled to Zambia has been denied asylum and is expected to face arrest at home as concerns rose over a government crackdown after last week's disputed presidential election. Tendai Biti, Zimbabwe's former finance minister and a leader of the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), claimed asylum in Zambia on Wednesday after making a dash for the border, reportedly facing charges of inciting post-election violence in Zimbabwe. *Al Jazeera*

**Zimbabwe opposition MDC to challenge election result in court**

Zimbabwe’s MDC opposition party has vowed to overturn in court President Emmerson Mnangagwa’s narrow election victory, alleging that he won the historic vote via “mammoth theft and fraud”. The country’s first election since Robert Mugabe’s ousting has been marred by rigging allegations, the army opening fire on opposition demonstrators killing six people, and accusations of a security crackdown on opposition supporters. *Daily nation*