1. Eritrea

**Eritrea president tasks South Sudan on pursuing liberation, nation building**

Eritrean president Isaias Afwerki has tasked the people of South Sudan to continue on the path of liberation despite internal squabbles and external machinations. Afwerki stressed that South Sudan's liberation has yet to be fulfilled and thus, the arduous task of nation building has been elusive. He, however, promised that Eritrea will do everything in its modest ways to help. The comments were part of Afwerki’s speech at a dinner on Saturday held in honour of the visiting South Sudan president Salva Kiir and his delegation. *Africa News*

2. Democratic Republic of Congo

**Ebola deaths in DR Congo rises to 49 with 2,000 feared 'contacts**

The deadly Ebola outbreak in eastern DR Congo has now claimed 49 lives since the start of the month, the government has said, and the World Health Organization expects more cases. The gradually increasing death toll, with a further 2,000 people feared to have come into contact with the virus, adds to the woes of a country already facing violence, displacement and political uncertainty. *The East Africa*

3. Kenya

**Ruto, Raila trade barbs over 2022 poll and past deals**

Once bosom friends who mounted a successful campaign in the 2007 presidential election, Deputy President William Ruto and opposition leader Raila Odinga have launched yet another all-out war against each other for the past three days, the two leaders have been on each other's necks over the 2022 presidential elections and whether Mr Odinga owes Mr Ruto a political debt for his support in the 2007 poll. *Daily Nation*

4. Nigeria

**Nigeria unrest: Deadly attack on village in Borno state**

Suspected Islamist militants have stormed a village in north-east Nigeria, killing several people. Reports on the death toll in Mailari, Borno state, differed. A local militia leader said
six people had died but a survivor said up to 19 were killed. The militants ransacked and looted the village for two hours before leaving, witnesses added. The Boko Haram jihadist group has carried out numerous attacks in Borno state. Militia leader Babakura Kolo told AFP news agency that the militants had arrived in trucks late on Saturday, firing guns and rocket-propelled grenades. **BBC Africa**

5. **South Africa**

**South Africa inquiry into top-level state graft opens**

A judicial inquiry into alleged corruption at the top of government in South Africa is scheduled to open on Monday when the first public hearings begin. **The Standard**

6. **Somalia**

**War and literature in Mogadishu**

There are more trees in Mogadishu than you might expect, at least in August. From above, the city is knots of green punctured by blue, red and beige roofs rolling into a strip of bright white sand before falling into the sea. In August, the air in the city is cool and a crisp ocean breeze clears the humidity so that it is actually quite pleasant to sit outside in the afternoon, sipping coffee while thinking about the latest cabinet reshuffle. These are things I know because I spent a week in Mogadishu at the fourth edition of the Mogadishu Book Fair, a pioneering event that uses literature to inspire and motivate particularly young people in Somalia's capital city. **Aljazeera**

7. **Tanzania**

**Tanzania’s ruling party responds to U.S criticisms over by-election**

Tanzania’s ruling party on Saturday responded to criticisms by the United States over its August 12 by-election, saying it is an independent country and cannot be intimidated. The United States Embassy in Tanzania had said the East African nation’s local by-election was marred by violence and irregularities. **Africa News**

8. **Uganda**

**Uganda president says detained MP has no injuries, fractures; warns media**

Ugandan president has given an update on the health status of musician turned lawmaker Bobi Wine. It is the first official clarification on the health of the lawmaker. Bobi Wine is currently facing treason charges before a military tribunal over the possession of weapons, local media reported last week. He is standing trial before a military tribunal. The president used the first three paragraphs of his latest release on political on goings in the country to address Bobi Wine’s health but also slam prominent media outlets for peddling “fake news” in relation to the issue. **Africa News**

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