1. **Burundi**

**Burundi unrest: UN report condemns rights abuses**

United Nations investigators are warning crimes against humanity are continuing unabated in Burundi. And they blame other serious violations partly on hate speech by President Pierre Nkurunziza. *Aljazeera*

2. **Ethiopia**

**Eritrea's economic progress augurs well for peace deal – Ethiopia PM**

Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has lauded the Eritrean government for ongoing infrastructural works specifically on roads and its port services. Eritrea’s Information Minister disclosed that Abiy had a packed first day on his two-day visit. He visited Eritrean ports of Assab and Massawa, visited a 71 km highway to the Ethiopian border. A tour of the Massawa Free Trade Zone and talks with president Afwerki were also on his itinerary. *Africa News*

3. **Kenya**

**Chinese in slur video against Kenyans arrested, to be deported**

A Chinese national who was captured on video making racist comments against Kenyans has been arrested. Sources in the Interior Ministry say the Chinese man was arrested last night and is expected to face deportation at any time. *Capital news*

**North Eastern gets 140km roads under annuity programme**

The second annuity programme sponsored by the Government of Kenya for infrastructure development has been awarded and a funding arrangement completed. The $150 million project has been awarded to Hass Consortium-GVR Infra Limited, Shandong Hi-Speed Nile Investment Company and Stanbic Bank of Kenya who signed an
indicative term sheet for the financing on the side lines of the Beijing 2018 Forum for China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC). **Capital news**

**Matiangi to face MPs on petition to withdraw KDF from Somalia**

Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiangi is on Thursday morning set to appear before a parliamentary committee over a petition on the withdrawal of Kenya Defence forces from Somalia. In his petition to the Defence and Foreign Relations Committee, Mandera East MP Omar Mohamed Maalim wants Matiangi to explain Kenya’s exit plan from the war-torn country. **Capital news**

**Fuel shortage hits parts of Nairobi as VAT standoff persists**

A biting fuel shortage has hit parts of the capital Nairobi as the strike called by petroleum transporters protesting against new government tax enters its fourth day. A random check by the *Nation* at Total, Shell and Kenol Kobil stations within the central business district on Thursday morning revealed that many did not have petrol. **Daily Nation**

4. Nigeria

**Lost childhood: Boko Haram victims gripped by thoughts of revenge**

Yola, Nigeria - The field is wide and scorching under dry midday heat. Dozens of children kick up the sand underneath their sandals. Their shrieks echo as they roll their heads back in carefree laughter. They're playing, but not with toys or balls. They are playing a game called "Boko Haram versus soja (soldier)". **Aljazeera**

5. Rwanda

**Rwanda’s opposition wins parliamentary seats for first time**

The only opposition party that is tolerated in Rwanda has won parliamentary seats for the first time, election results showed on Wednesday, in a move described as ‘a sign Rwanda is opening up its political spectrum’. President Paul Kagame’s ruling Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF), which still has a dominant majority, declared the results of Monday’s election proof that the country is a democracy. **Africa News**