1. Ethiopia

**Abiy, Afwerki visit border together to celebrate Ethiopian New Year with troops**

Ethiopia’s prime minister, Abiy Ahmed and Eritrea’s president, Isaias Afwerki made a joint visit to celebrate the Ethiopian New Year on Tuesday with their troops on the border, in a further step toward warmer ties between two countries that fought a war two decades ago. *Africa News*

2. Eritrea

**Eritrea consolidates Horn of Africa peace deal**

Eritrea and Djibouti have been at odds over a border dispute since June 2008 that led to military clashes that killed a dozen Djiboutian troops. The Dumeira Mountain and Dumeira Island - border lines along the Red Sea - had separated both countries as they battled for territorial control. *Aljazeera*

3. Ghana

**Body of Kofi Annan returned to Ghana for burial**

The body of Kofi Annan was on Monday returned to his native Ghana in a solemn ceremony marking the start of official mourning for the former UN secretary-general. Annan's wife Nane Maria Annan, his children and senior officials from the world body accompanied the casket, which was draped in the blue UN flag, as it arrived from Geneva. *Daily Nation*

4. Kenya

**Battle for control of Sh5.6bn eCitizen takes new twist**

Ten months after Treasury disowned a firm that had been collecting all the revenue from eCitizen users, the battle for the control of the online portal has taken another twist,
with new information indicating that the two firms involved in the Sh5.6 billion saga are related. Daily Nation

5. Nigeria

Nigeria gas tanker explosion kills dozens

At least 35 people were killed and hundreds injured when a gas tanker exploded in northern Nigerian state of Nasarawa and started a blaze, the state emergency agency said. Aljazeera

Nigeria: tackling corruption with a children's book

Bribery is a fact of life for most people in Nigeria, whether it’s a daily “dash” of a few naira to traffic police or payment of an “administration fee” to speed up maddening bureaucracy. On another level there’s the preferential award of contracts to friends and associates that sidestep official procurement or public tendering processes. At the top is “grand corruption” -the blatant theft of public funds that has seen hundreds of billions of dollars disappear since Nigeria gained independence in 1960. Capital News

6. South Africa

Police ministry releases 2017/2018 national crime statistics

Minister of Police Bheki Cele is presenting the 2017/2018 crime statistics to the Portfolio Committee on Police in Parliament, and will brief the media directly afterwards. News24

7. Tanzania

Tanzania’s President Magufuli calls for end to birth control

Tanzania’s President John Magufuli has urged women to stop taking birth control pills, saying the country needs more people. "Women can now give up contraceptive methods," Mr Magufuli said. Opposition MP Cecil Mwambe has criticised the comments, saying they contradicted the country's health policy. BBC Africa