1. Burundi

**Burundi says U.N. team expelled after 'agreed mission' was changed**

Burundi’s ambassador in Geneva says the issue of expelled U.N. human rights experts from Bujumbura is being twisted to paint his country’s government in a bad light. Renovat Tabu had been by the U.N. Human Rights Council on Tuesday to explain why his government had thrown out a U.N. team that the Council, with Burundi’s backing, had sent to investigate human rights abuses in the country. *Africa News*

2. Kenya

**Pro-expression lobby links violent protests to non-aligned order act**

At least thirteen protests held between January and July this year turned violent according to data compiled by a pro-expression lobby group, Article 19. According to Article 19, there were 67 peaceful protests during the period with at least two persons reported to have been arrested and charged in court for causing disturbance. Nairobi recorded the highest number of protests at 22. *Capital News*

**3 dead as fresh clashes erupt in Mau Forest, Nakuru County**

At least three people are feared dead after tribal clashes erupted in Eastern Mau, Nakuru County, on Wednesday night. The two communities, which have long lived in harmony, clashed in Nessuit area over occupation of land on the edges of Mau Forest in the wake of government evictions. *Daily Nation*

**Eyes on regulator as he moves to set new fuel prices**

The Energy Regulatory Commission is staring at a deep dilemma Friday as it readies to announce new pump prices amid the controversy over the 16 per cent value added tax on petroleum products. With the rise in international crude prices last month and the
VAT still in limbo but in force, the regulator may not have good news for Kenyans. Daily Nation

On-spot traffic fines to start in 30 days, says Matiang’i

The government will start imposing instant fines on minor traffic offences in the next 30 days, Interior Cabinet Secretary, Fred Matiang’i said on Wednesday. Dr Matiang’i said the rules would enhance convenience in the judicial process and reduce the number of inmates in prisons. “There are currently 6,000 to 7,000 people on remand for traffic offences and each of them may be consuming Sh6, 000 which to me does not make economic sense,” Dr Matiang’i said. Daily Nation

3. Morocco

Morocco bans forced marriage and sexual violence

Morocco's law criminalising violence against women has come into force. The law includes a ban on forced marriage, sexual harassment in public places, and tougher penalties for certain forms of violence. It has been criticised by Human Rights Watch for not explicitly criminalising marital rape and lacking a precise definition of domestic violence. BBC Africa

4. South Africa

The Berlin Wall fell and so should ANC economic policy - Mmusi Maimane

DA leader Mmusi Maimane put the blame for the current recession at the feet of the ANC during a National Assembly debate on Wednesday evening, while the ANC said he had presented no new ideas to grow the economy. Maimane had called for the debate following Stats SA’s announcement last week that the country had fallen into a technical recession after the economy contracted by 0.7% in the second quarter of the year, following a revised 2.6% contraction in the first quarter. News24

5. South Sudan

South Sudan president signs peace deal with rebel leader

South Sudan's President Salva Kiir signed a peace deal with main rebel leader Riek Machar on Wednesday, formally ending a five-year war that killed tens of thousands. The deal mediated by Sudan and signed in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa, reinstated Machar in his former role as vice-president and comes two weeks after a peace deal was officially agreed upon between the government and rebel groups. Aljazeera

6. Zimbabwe

How will Zimbabwe's opposition navigate ban on public gatherings?

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Plans by Zimbabwe’s main opposition party to conduct a mock inauguration ceremony for its candidate Nelson Chamisa on Saturday may be affected by Wednesday’s ban on all public gatherings in the capital Harare. Government, which declared a cholera emergency on Tuesday, says it has issued the ban to control the spread of cholera, which has so far killed 21 people. *Africa News*

**Public assembly banned in Zimbabwe capital amid cholera outbreak**

Authorities in Zimbabwe's capital, Harare, banned public gatherings as part of efforts to contain a cholera outbreak that has killed 21 people over the past week. In a statement issued on Wednesday, Zimbabwe Republic Police spokeswoman Charity Charamba asked residents to "take heed" of the ruling, which came after health officials identified more than 3,000 suspected cases of the waterborne disease. *Aljazeera*