1. Burundi

**Burundi threatens to quit UN Human Rights Council, sue critics**

Burundi, beset by accusations of crimes against humanity, threatened on Monday to withdraw from the UN Human Rights Council and sue its critics. A UN Commission of Inquiry, set up in 2016, published a detailed 272-page report that said the government and its supporters were responsible for crimes against humanity. The nation has refused to cooperate with the three commissioners and last week declared them to be persona non grata. *The East African*

2. Cameroon

**Amnesty condemns Cameroon beheading**

Rights group Amnesty International has authenticated a viral video showing the decapitated head of a Cameroonian security officer apparently filmed by separatists. It says the footage and "brutal attacks against ordinary people and security forces" are proof of the "horrific escalation of violence" in Cameroon's English-speaking regions. Hundreds have been killed and more than 200,000 people forced from their homes since late 2016. *BBC News*

3. DRC

**DRC state TV sacks journalists covering opposition leader**

The Democratic Republic of Congo’s state-run television announced Monday it had fired two reporters who covered an opposition leader's press conference in defiance of editorial policy. The journalist and cameramen went to report on the head of the Congo National Liberation Front who laid down what some local media called an "ultimatum" to President Joseph Kabila on August 22. *Daily Nation*

4. Kenya

**Two Christian Bus Passengers Executed After They Refuse to Recite Islamic Statement of Faith**

Some horrific news is emerging out of Kenya after two Christians were murdered in cold blood by militants belonging to Islamic terror group Al-Shabaab. According to International Christian Concern, last Friday a group of militants stopped a bus that was headed for the North Eastern province city of Garissa. The terrorists then ordered the passengers of the bus before demanding to see their identification, in order to try and determine which of them were Christians and which were Muslim. *Faith Wire News*
5. Nigeria

**Nigeria declares 'national disaster' after severe floods kill 100**

Nigeria has declared a 'national disaster' following severe floods that have left at least 100 people dead in several states across the country, officials say. Thousands of people have been displaced following weeks of heavy rainfall in some central and southern states, the country's emergency response agency, NEMA said Tuesday. Nigeria's two major rivers have burst their banks sweeping away homes in the central part of the country. **CNN**

6. South Africa

**S.Africa's top court legalises personal, private cannabis use**

South Africa’s top court ruled Tuesday that private, personal cannabis use is legal in a landmark case that has pitted officials against marijuana advocates and the judiciary. Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo, delivering the Johannesburg-based Constitutional Court's unanimous verdict, said the law banning marijuana use in private by adults “is unconstitutional and therefore invalid”. “It will not be a criminal offence for an adult person to use or be in possession of cannabis in private for his or her personal consumption,” he said, reading the ruling to cheers from the public gallery. **Capital News**

7. South Sudan

**UN: S. Sudan Doing Little to Stop Rape, Sexual Violence**

U.N. investigators have accused South Sudan's government of failing to address an epidemic of sexual violence and rape. The Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan reports few cases are ever investigated or prosecuted. The three-member Commission submitted its findings to the U.N. Human Rights Council in Geneva after returning from a recent mission to South Sudan where it heard testimonies of wanton killings and numerous accounts of brutal sexual violence. **Voice of America**

**UN envoy urges Security Council to endorse deployment of IGAD forces in South Sudan**

The outgoing United Nations Special Envoy for Sudan and South Sudan Tuesday has supported the deployment of IGAD forces in South Sudan within the UN peacekeeping force saying only the region can fill the remaining security gaps in the deal. Nicholas Haysom, who is appointed UN special envoy for Somalia from the next October, strongly supported the revitalized agreement which was signed in Addis Ababa on 12 September by the South Sudanese protagonists. **Sudan Tribune**

8. Uganda

**Women Detail Alleged Assaults by Ugandan Security Personnel**

One month after election-related violence in northern Uganda, two women who say they were brutally assaulted by security officers are still recovering from their injuries. The government has questioned the women's claims while stopping short of an explicit denial. Jane Abola and Asara Night were part of the campaign team for Kasiano Wadri, an opposition candidate in a by-election for a parliament seat. **Voice of America**

9. Zambia

**Zambia aid: UK suspends funding over corruption fears**

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The UK has frozen aid funding to Zambia, after its government admitted that $4.3m (£3.3m) meant for poor families had gone missing. The move follows allegations of corruption within President Edgar Lungu’s administration. The UK takes a “zero-tolerance approach to fraud and corruption”, the UK’s Department for International Development (DFID) said in a statement. Ireland, Finland and Sweden have also suspended aid. **BBC News**

10. **Why China dominates the Zambian discourse**

In Zambia, the Sino-Zam relations debate is commonplace. It covers the sale of cheap goods, manufacturing and even mass unemployment, occasioned by Chinese doing jobs like chicken rearing or selling roast corn by the roadside, that should be a preserve of the locals. But perhaps more dominant and emotive is the talk about the Chinese slave labour conditions, whipped up by then the opposition in the 2011 election campaign in which the current Patriotic Front (PF) party led by Michael Sata swept to victory. **The East African**