1. Ethiopia

17 killed in Ethiopia military plane crash

Seventeen people died in Ethiopia Thursday morning following a military plane crash about 75km south-east of Addis Ababa. The plane had departed from Dire Dawa town in the eastern part, according to the state-run Ethiopian News Agency. The East African

2. Kenya

Kenyan president rebukes Theresa May on last day of Africa trip

Kenya’s president has complained that no British prime minister has visited the east African country for 30 years, delivering a diplomatic rebuke to Theresa May in a press conference on the final day of her visit to the continent. Uhuru Kenyatta told May he was pleased she had “found time” to visit and went on to struggle to remember Boris Johnson’s surname at the culmination of a three-day trip aimed at boosting Britain’s trade and diplomatic presence in the country. The Guardian

UK opts for military aid route in bid to regain lost influence

Military aid may yet be the route for the United Kingdom to strengthen its business interests in Kenya and, hopefully, recapture its lost influence. Visiting UK Prime Minister Theresa May might have been aware of the scale of the battle when she spoke with President Uhuru Kenyatta in Nairobi, 30 years since British Premier Margaret Thatcher toured the country. Daily Nation

Details of Sh11.3bn scandal at cereals board

The anti-graft agency has revealed shocking details on how Sh11.3 billion meant to buy maize from farmers was instead pilfered through an elaborate scheme involving traders
and employees of the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB). The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) said on Thursday that a big chunk of the money was paid out to a small clique of suppliers, mainly traders, through a scheme where they presented false verification forms. Daily Nation

**Kenyatta calls for establishment of framework for better cooperation with Britain**

President Uhuru Kenyatta has called for the establishment of a new framework of cooperation with Britain as it exits from the European Union early next year. Capital news

3. Malawi

**Malawi's Joyce Banda re-elected party leader to contest 2019 polls**

Malawi's ex-president Joyce Banda, who recently returned home after four years of self-imposed exile, was on Thursday re-elected as her People's Party's (PP) head to lead it into next year's national elections. As political parties readied for next year's elections, 1,800 PP delegates from around the country converged in the commercial capital of Blantyre to give Banda the mandate to attempt to wrestle power from President Peter Mutharika's Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), to whom she lost the 2014 elections. Daily Nation

4. Mali

**UN extends sanctions regime in Mali**

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5. Mauritius

**Chagos Islands: international dispute and human drama**

Fifty years ago, Britain separated the Chagos Islands from its colony Mauritius, expelling the entire population to make way for the installation of a US military base that is today highly strategic. Britain's 1965 acquisition of the Indian Ocean archipelago has been disputed ever since, with Mauritius demanding its return. As the UN's International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague holds hearings on the case from Monday, here is some background. Daily Nation

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6. Nigeria

**Nigeria's senate president Bukola Saraki declares presidential bid**

Nigeria’s Senate President Bukola Saraki said on Thursday he will run for president in 2019, making him the highest profile contender to incumbent Muhammadu Buhari announced so far. Saraki, Nigeria’s third most senior political official, made the announcement at a political event, where he was addressing young people in the capital Abuja. *Africa News*

7. Senegal

**Senegal courts quash presidential poll bids of two main opposition figures**

Two prominent Senegalese opposition figures had their hopes of running for president battered in the country’s courts on Thursday in cases their lawyers describe as politically motivated. In the first hearing, the court of appeal upheld a five-year jail term against leading politician Khalifa Sall for misuse of funds. *Daily Nation*

8. South Sudan

**South Sudanese rebels 'approve' peace deal with government**

South Sudanese rebels have approved a peace deal with Juba that is expected to be formally signed at a summit of regional leaders. Sudan's Foreign Minister Al-Dirdiri Mohamed Ahmed, who is mediating the negotiations, said rebels had signed a key document aimed at ending the country's devastating five-year civil war on Thursday. *Aljazeera*

9. Uganda

**Bobi Wine: Uganda's pop star MP're-arrested at airport'**

Ugandan pop star and MP Bobi Wine has been prevented from leaving the country to seek medical treatment despite being granted bail, his lawyers say. He was charged with treason last week, following the alleged stoning of President Yoweri Museveni’s convoy. *BBC*

**Uganda police block injured MP from travelling abroad**

Uganda police has blocked a legislator, Francis Zaake from travelling abroad to seek medical treatment for injuries he sustained during military detention two weeks ago. Zaake along with other legislators Robert Kyagulanyi aka Bobi Wine and Paul Mwiru were injured during their arrests and detentions following clashes between opposition supporters and President Yoweri Museveni’s convoy in the West Nile town of Arua. *Africa News*