1. **Ivory Coast**

*Ex-president opens freedom bid at ICC*

Former Ivory Coast president Laurent Gbagbo will Monday ask the International Criminal Court to acquit him of crimes against humanity and free him after seven years in detention. Gbagbo, 73, is the first-ever head of state to be handed over to the Hague-based ICC, where he has been on trial since 2016. He faces four counts of crimes against humanity for his role in fomenting a wave of post-electoral violence eight years ago in the West African nation. *Capital News*

2. **Kenya**

*National Assembly to resume sittings after month long recess*

Members of the National Assembly resume their sittings Tuesday afternoon after a one-month recess. It is the first time the House will be sitting since the acrimonious debate on the Finance Bill. The sitting will also see the re-introduction of Question Time where MPs will be given opportunity to ask brief questions in which respective CS will be required to make response to. *Capital News*

*DP Ruto, Raila renew rivalry as their allies face off*

Barely a day after Deputy President William Ruto launched a scathing attack on Opposition leader Raila Odinga claiming that he is behind a scheme to have him kicked out of the ruling Jubilee Party, the NASA leader has come out to state he is not interested in his post or any other in government. Speaking when he opened Katani Hospital in Machakos County, Odinga said certain leaders were panicking following the onslaught against graft which has registered high profile causalities across all sectors of society. *Capital News*

3. **Uganda**

*Court adjourns treason case against Bobi Wine*

A court in Uganda has adjourned the treason case brought against music star and opposition politician Robert Kyagulanyi, local media reports. Kyagulanyi, widely known by his stage name Bobi Wine, is being accused of involvement in an incident in August during which President Yoweri Museveni’s convoy was pelted with stones. *Aljazeera*
4. Zambia

**Two Chinese arrested for offering military training to Zambians**

Police in Zambia arrested two Chinese nationals over the weekend over allegations that they were giving illegal military training to members of a local security firm. Police said one was arrested on Saturday and another on Sunday in the country’s tourist capital, Livingstone. *Lusaka times*

5. Zimbabwe

**Zimbabwe economy to grow by 6 percent: Finance minister**

Zimbabwe's economy is expected to grow by more than six percent this year driven mainly by agriculture and mining, as the government seeks to boost growth after the fall of Robert Mugabe, the finance minister said. "Indications are that the economy will grow by 6.3 percent against the original budget projection of 4.5 percent," Finance Minister Mthuli Ncube said at a news conference on Monday in Harare. *Aljazeera*