1. Cameroon

**Cameroon's Biya at helm of six-time election winning machine**

President Paul Biya, the 85-year-old Cameroonian leader who will seek a seventh term on Sunday, has developed an effective system to stay in power despite long overseas absences. One of Africa's longest serving leaders; he has made Yaounde's Etoudi presidential palace his home since 1982. **Daily Nation**

**Cameroon's Anglophone crisis: Red Dragons and Tigers - the rebels fighting for independence**

The Red Dragons, Tigers and Ambazonia Defence Forces (ADF) - these are just some of the armed groups which have sprung up to fight for independence in English-speaking parts of Cameroon, posing a major security threat to Sunday's elections, in which President Paul Biya, 85, is seeking to extend his 36-year rule. **BBC Africa**

2. Democratic Republic of Congo

**UN Security Council heads to DR Congo ahead of polls**

The UN Security Council is heading to the Democratic Republic of Congo this week ahead of December elections, amid tensions between Congolese authorities and the UN and concerns over a risk of poll violence. The UN wants “free, fair and peaceful elections,” Karel Van Oosterom, Dutch ambassador to the global organization said Wednesday. Van Oosterom will be among those in the Security Council delegation, joined by representatives from the United States, Bolivia, France and Equatorial Guinea. **Capital News**

3. Ethiopia

**Three things Ethiopia PM told delegates at ruling coalition congress**

Ethiopia’s prime minister Abiy Ahmed made an impassioned appeal for democratic reforms that he has championed since taking office in April, telling members of the ruling coalition to back ‘bold ideas that matter most to the people’. Abiy, was addressing about 1,000 delegates at the three-day congress of the ruling Ethiopia People Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF), which is being held for the first time since 2015. **Africa News**
4. Guinea-Bissau

Scores of migrants feared dead in Guinea-Bissau boat mishap

A small boat carrying migrants has capsized off Guinea-Bissau, a port official said, adding that the vessel may have had more than 60 people on board when it set off. Coast Guard Commander Siga Batista said on Wednesday that the pirogue, a narrow wooden fishing vessel, sank on Monday night off the coastline and there were no patrol ships to save lives on the high seas. Aljazeera

5. Kenya

Court says orders suspending Cyber Crimes Act to remain in force

The High Court has directed that orders suspending the law on Cyber Crimes Act will remain in force pending the determination of a suit by bloggers contesting it. This follows a decision by Justice Wilfrida Okwany to remove the temporary orders issued in May. Justice Okwany has dismissed an application by the Attorney General seeking review of the orders obtained by Bloggers Association saying it lacks merit. Capital News

6. Mozambique

Trial of 189 Islamist suspects begins in Mozambique

The trial of 189 suspected Islamist militants began in Mozambique on Wednesday, with the accused allegedly involved in attacks against police and civilians in the northern province of Cabo Delgado. The trial opened in a tent serving as an improvised courthouse inside a jail in Pemba, the provincial capital, with Mozambicans, Tanzanians, Congolese, Somalis and Burundians among the defendants, of whom 42 are women. Daily Nation

7. Senegal

Senegal capital gets historic female mayor: Soham El Wardini

The Senegalese capital of Dakar has a new mayor in the person of Soham El Wardini who records indicate is the first woman post-independence to hold the post. Until her election last Saturday, September 29, she was the deputy mayor to embattled Khalifa Sall who has been imprisoned since March 2017 over corruption charges, despite repeatedly claiming it is a political witch-hunt. Africa News

8. South Africa

Zuma fired me over Guptas: South Africa minister tells inquiry

South Africa’s Finance Minister Nhlanhla Nene has been giving evidence on Wednesday at an inquiry into influence-peddling. His testimony has so far revealed new details about the role of former president Jacob Zuma and his friends, the Guptas. According to him, he was fired by former president Jacob Zuma for refusing to approve contracts that would financially benefit the Gupta family, friends of Zuma accused of corruption. Africa News

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9. Sudan

8 hurt in runway collision between Sudan army planes: airport

A collision between two Sudanese army planes on the runway at Khartoum airport on Wednesday injured eight people, officials said. The Soviet-era Antonov aircraft had landed within seconds of each other when the accident occurred, an airport official said. "Eight people were injured and taken to hospital when two military planes collided at Khartoum airport," said another official who spoke to AFP on condition of anonymity.

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