1. Ethiopia

Ethiopia Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed does press-ups with protesting soldiers

Ethiopia’s prime minister has done press-ups with dozens of protesting soldiers, who had marched into his office in the capital, Addis Ababa. Abiy Ahmed was unhappy that soldiers had brought weapons and ordered them to do 10 press-ups. Daily Nation

2. Kenya

DPP orders investigation into Londiani road crash

The Director of Public Prosecutions Noordin Haji has now ordered a thorough investigation into the road accident that killed 56 people along the Londiani-Muhoroni road in Kericho. In a letter to Inspector General of Police Joseph Boinett, Haji stated that the probe should determine who may have through acts of commission or omission contributed either directly or indirectly to the incident. Capital News

3. Tanzania

12 held over Tanzanian billionaire’s kidnapping

Police in Dar es Salaam have arrested 12 people for questioning in connection with the kidnapping of billionaire Mohammed Dewji on Thursday. Mr Dewji was kidnapped by an armed gang in the wee hours of Thursday, October 11, as he entered a gym at Colosseum Hotel and Fitness Club. Daily Nation

4. Senegal

Trachoma: Senegal's struggle to contain the disease

Trachoma is the world’s leading cause of blindness and has struck almost 200 million people around the world. Most of those suffering from this curable disease is in sub-Saharan Africa. Aljazeera
5. South Africa

**S. Africans demand explanation from Malema's EFF over VHS bank fraud**

South Africa's opposition political party, the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), which is led by the vocal Julius Malema is under pressure to respond to allegations that it is implicated in a fraud scheme of a the black-owned VBS Mutual bank. *Africa News*

**Former foreign affairs minister Pik Botha dies**

Apartheid-era foreign affairs minister Pik Botha has died in his Pretoria home at the age of 86, his family confirmed on Friday morning. His son, Piet Botha, who is in the band Jack Hammer, confirmed to News24 that his father died peacefully in his sleep in the early hours of the morning. *News24*

6. Uganda

**Landslide in eastern Uganda kills dozens, destroys homes**

At least 31 people have been killed when a landslide rolled down the slopes of Mount Elgon in eastern Uganda, wrecking homes and burying animals. Martin Owor, Commissioner for Disaster Preparedness and Management, said the landslide tumbled onto a small town on the mountain's slopes on Thursday afternoon. *Aljazeera*

7. Zambia

**Is China really to blame for Zambia's debt problems?**

Zambia's public debt has increased significantly in recent years, and concerns over a possible crisis have lately attracted the attention of Western media. On September 3, a report by British business intelligence outlet Africa Confidential warned of escalating debt caused by allegedly unsustainable Chinese loans and claimed that Zesco, the state-owned national electricity company, has been in talks about a takeover by a Chinese company. *Aljazeera*