1. Cameroon

**Race for the presidency is on in Cameroon**

Campaigning is under way for Cameroon's presidential elections, which are set for October 7. President Paul Biya, who has been in power since 1982, is seeking re-election despite protests and increasing calls for autonomy in the Anglophone part of the country. *Aljazeera*

2. Democratic Republic of Congo

**DR Congo: Rebels carry out deadly attack in Beni city**

At least 16 people have been killed and eight others injured in a rebel attack in the Democratic Republic of Congo's restive eastern city of Beni, according to witnesses. Twelve of the dead were civilians and the rest government soldiers, witnesses told the AFP news agency on Sunday. The attack on late Saturday also left five civilians injured, according to a doctor at a local hospital. *Aljazeera*

3. Ethiopia

**Ethiopia's Somali region closes notorious 'Jail Ogaden'**

The Somali regional state in Ethiopia has officially announced the closure of its main prison facility, located in the capital, Jijiga. The Jijiga Central Prison also referred to as ‘Jail Ogaden,’ has been at the center of a Human Rights Watch, HRW, report that exposed massive rights abuse of inmates held in the facility. *Africa News*

4. Kenya

**We will guarantee prudent use of public resources**

The government will ensure prudent use of funds to ensure Kenyans get value for money, Deputy President William Ruto has assured. He says wastage will be cut and resources put in projects that will turn around the country. Speaking at the Consolata
Shrines in Westlands on Sunday, DP Ruto cited roads, water, health, power connectivity, education, among other projects that would be given attention. **Capital News**

**EACC summons Rea board members in anti-corruption fight**

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) has summoned the Rural Electrification Authority (Rea) board to shed light on a report they submitted to Energy Cabinet Secretary Charles Keter implicating some senior managers in corruption.

The board had written to EACC on August 10 concerning the performance of the management in delivering key government flagship projects costing billions of shillings, after the conclusion of an audit that Mr Keter had commissioned. **Daily Nation**

5. Nigeria

**Nigeria: Pirates kidnap 12 crew members from Swiss ship**

Pirates have kidnapped 12 crew members from a Swiss merchant vessel in Nigerian waters, the ship’s operator has said in a statement. Massoel Shipping, the operator of MV Glarus, said on Saturday that the vessel carrying wheat was travelling between the southwestern commercial capital Lagos and southern Niger Delta oil hub Port Harcourt when it was boarded by pirates, who took 12 of the 19 crew members away. **Aljazeera**

6. Zimbabwe

**Mugabe ally 'shuts down' newly formed opposition party, rejoins Zanu-PF.**

A Zimbabwean political party which was said to be backed by ousted president Robert Mugabe has reportedly been disbanded, with its leaders saying they were now rejoining the ruling Zanu-PF party. The National Patriotic Front (NPF) party was formed by a former army brigadier Ambrose Mutinhiri, who quit Zanu-PF to protest the removal of Mugabe last November. **News24**