1. Ethiopia

**Amnesty cautions Ethiopia against return to era of arbitrary arrests**

International rights group, Amnesty International, AI, has cautioned the Ethiopian government against returning to the authoritarian days of mass arrests after a report that about 1,200 persons are currently in detention. Authorities arrested more than 1,200 people after violence erupted in and around the capital this month, a senior police official said, three times more than earlier estimates. Twenty-eight people died, the head of the capital’s police commission, Degfie Bedi, said, raising the death count from 23. “The majority were beaten to death. Seven were killed by security forces,” he told journalists late on Monday. *Africa News*

2. Ghana

**Ghana agrees to support U.S. plans to deport citizens**

Local media in Ghana is reporting that all is set for the deportation of nationals from the United States after both governments reached a deal. A radio station, Class FM, cited the country’s ambassador to the U.S., Dr Baffour Adjei Bawuah as saying the incidents of months back when Ghana refused to give go-ahead for the deportations had been resolved. *Africa News*

3. Kenya

**Kenya demands two permanent UN Security Council seats for Africa**

President Uhuru Kenyatta has called for urgent reforms at the United Nations to ensure Africa is allocated two permanent seats at the Security Council complete with all attendant rights and prerogatives. Speaking when he delivered Kenya’s country statement at the UN General Assembly on Wednesday afternoon, the Head of State said, besides the two permanent seats being demanded by the continent, Africa deserves more non-permanent seats. Currently, Africa has three non-permanent seats at the UN Security Council. *Capita News*
Kenya’s Sustainable Blue Economy conference gets major boost

The Global Sustainable Blue Economy conference scheduled for November 26-28 in Nairobi has received a major boost with speakers expressing commitment to fully participate during a side event at the 73rd United Nations General Assembly. The event was attended by several ministers, delegations from UN member states, heads of various UN agencies and international organizations, private sector, academia and Civil Society Organizations. Different speakers lauded Kenya for showing leadership and demonstrating commitment to the world on how to build a Blue Economy with Japan indicating they will partner with Kenya and Canada to ensure the success of the first global conference that seeks to build on the momentum of the UN’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Capita News

Mrs. Trump's Africa visit destinations: Kenya

Only Central Africa will not have a feel of the United States First Lady Melania Trump when she visits the continent in October 2018. After an announcement in August that she will visit the continent on her first solo trip, Mrs. Trump has finally released a list of her destinations. Ghana (West Africa), Kenya (East Africa), Egypt (North Africa) and Malawi (Southern Africa) are the list of countries as reported by media outlets and White House correspondents on Wednesday. Africa News

Kenya, UN sign deal to deliver 100,000 affordable housing units

President Uhuru Kenyatta on Wednesday morning witnessed the signing of a deal to deliver 100,000 affordable housing units. The project will be financed through a partnership between the Kenya Government and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS). The signing of the deal took place on the sidelines of the ongoing 73rd United Nations General Assembly in New York. Capita News

South Africa anger after girl 'raped' in restaurant

South Africans have expressed outrage following the alleged rape of a seven-year-old girl in a restaurant toilet. A 20-year-old man allegedly followed her into the women’s restroom before snatching her and raping her in the men’s section, police said. The suspect was arrested at the scene and charged with rape and possessing drugs. He has been remanded in custody and has not yet been asked to plead. BBC Africa

South Sudan civil war toll estimated at 382,900

A newly published study funded through the US State Department estimates that at least 382,900 South Sudanese have died as a result of the country's five-year civil war. That

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finding far exceeds previous estimates of South Sudan’s death toll, with the United Nations, for example, reporting in 2016 that the conflict had killed about 50,000 people. Fatalities in the range of 400,000 South Sudanese the country’s civil war are comparable to the 510,000 deaths attributed to the fighting in Syria. Daily Nation