1. Central Africa

**UN envoy wants transparency over C. Africa arms imports**

A top UN envoy called Thursday for transparency on arms flowing into the Central African Republic from Russia, China or the United States, urging diplomatic “coherence” as Moscow seeks a larger role in the war-torn sub-Saharan country. In an interview with AFP, Parfait Onanga-Anyanga, the UN special representative for the Central African Republic, whose term expires at the end of the year, said he felt “a measured, but definite hope” for the country, even as armed groups who covet its natural wealth still clash on the ground. *Capital News*

2. Eritrea

**Eritrean refugees in Ethiopia spikes after border reopening**

Eritreans are taking advantage of reopening of border crossing to enter neighbouring Ethiopia. Some to visit relatives, others for trade but also others are there to stay. This is according to Relief Web, a leading humanitarian information source on global crises and disasters. It is a specialized digital service for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). *Africa News*

3. Kenya

**Kenyan tea workers take UK Company to court**

Tea workers in Kenya have filed a case against multi-national company Unilever in the UK’s Supreme Court for allegedly failing to protect them during the violence that followed the 2007 elections in which over 1,000 people were killed. They say Unilever failed to respect its own human rights policy during the attacks, a claim the UK-Dutch company denies. *BBC Africa*

**Maize farmers earn peanuts as corruption plagues sector**
Farmers in the North Rift region have been forced to sell their maize at throwaway prices after the government suspended buying of the produce due to corruption. A majority of the farmers who had harvested maize last season have now been forced to sell for as low as Sh900 per 90kg bag of maize to avoid losses. A bag of the produce would have gone for Sh3,200. The government stopped buying maize to allow for investigations into the problems facing the corruption-ridden National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB).

Daily Nation

4. Nigeria

**Buhari mocks former allies who defected to contest presidency**

Nigerian president Muhammadu Buhari has mocked a number of former allies who quit the ruling All Progressives Congress, APC, months back but are seeking the presidential ticket of the main opposition. While addressing a cross section of nationals on the sidelines of his participation at the United Nations General Assembly, UNGA in New York, Buhari said he was the sole candidate running for the APC ticket because all his opponents had left. Africa News

5. South Africa

**S. Africa's Desmond Tutu hospitalised**

South Africa's retired archbishop and anti-apartheid icon Desmond Tutu was hospitalised in Cape Town on Thursday for "a series of tests", his office said. "The Archbishop was in good spirits after settling into his ward. He hopes to be backing home in a few days," said a statement released by his office. Daily Nation