1. Democratic Republic of Congo

**DR Congo election: First major pro-government rally**

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, campaigning for December's presidential race is heating up. The ruling coalition has held its first major gathering in the capital Kinshasa, attracting tens of thousands of supporters. But the opposition is angry over the introduction of electronic voting machines, and say they will not take part in what they say is a corrupt vote. Aljazeera

2. Ethiopia

**Ethiopia announces $7 billion road and power projects**

Ethiopia announced $7 billion worth of new road and power supply projects on Friday, according to the state-affiliated. The government’s Public-Private Partnerships Office said the three road and 13 power projects would be launched this fiscal year, after the tendering processes were completed. Africa News

3. Gabon

**Gabon president Ali Bongo hospitalised 'due to exhaustion'**

Gabonese President Ali Bongo, hospitalised in Saudi Arabia since Wednesday, was taken into medical care after suffering a bout of exhaustion during a trip to Riyadh, his office said Sunday. The 59-year-old leader was in the Saudi capital for a flagship economic forum when he fell ill, said spokesman Ike Ngouoni in a statement. "The doctors who assessed him said he is suffering from severe fatigue due to extremely high levels of activity in recent months. Daily Nations

4. Kenya

**Ocean conservation: Kenyan fishermen turn reef rangers**

Some fishermen in Kenya have hung up their nets - and are instead trying to conserve marine life. Now known as "reef rangers", they have been trained to monitor fish stocks
and their habitats. It is a part of efforts by the government and conservation groups to involve local communities in protecting their environment. Aljazeera

**History as Kenya Airways inaugural direct flight to NY takes off Sunday**

But this is not just another mission for my line of responsibility. I will be on a historic mission. One that marks a new beginning in Kenya’s aviation industry; one that opens new horizons for Kenya’s trade and investment; one that opens the way for enhanced people-to-people relations, between Kenya and the United State of America. Today, the 28th October 2018, I will board KQ 002, the maiden Kenya Airways flight, from the iconic Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), at 22:45 for a 14-hour direct trip flight landing at the John F. Kennedy International Airport at 06:45 on Monday morning, 29th October 2018. Capital News

**Trial of accused in Sh468mn NYS graft case begins Monday**

The trial of the first batch of suspects in the Sh468 million corruption scandals at the National Youth Service (NYS) is expected to commence Monday. This is according to the groupings that had been organized and directed by the presiding magistrate of the Anti-Corruption Court Peter Ooko. The Director of Public Prosecutions Noordin Hahji stated that he will demonstrate how the suspects colluded in making fictitious payments. “Hg of NYS 2 corruption case involving former PS Lilian Omollo & 36 others starts today. Thro’ video clips, flip charts & info graphics .@ODPP_KE to demonstrate how accused colluded & facilitated payment of sh225M to fictitious entities,” the ODPP sated through its twitter account. Capital News

5. South Sudan

**South Sudan identity: Split leaves many without documents**

Many South Sudanese living in Sudan are being forced to live on the margins as they have no way to prove their identity. That's because they were there before South Sudan became an independent country seven years ago.

6. Uganda

**Speculation rife after Museveni sends package to Kagame**

The tensions between Uganda and Rwanda seemed to ease last week as high-ranking officials of both governments were hosted in Kigali by President Paul Kagame. On Thursday, Ugandan Foreign Minister Sam Kutesa led a delegation to Rwanda bearing a mystery package sent by President Yoweri Museveni to his Rwandan counterpart. Daily Nation
7. Zimbabwe

**War veterans besiege Zim ruling party HQ: report**

War veterans besieged Zimbabwe's ruling party headquarters at the weekend, demanding the sacking of top officials recently given full-time posts there after they were retired from cabinet, a newspaper said. The war veterans on Saturday tried to confiscate keys to the offices of some of the officials, reports the private. *News24*

8. Africa News

**Nigeria and Benin make a new break for the border**

Nigeria's southwestern border with Benin is notoriously chaotic. Travelers and traders battle corrupt officials, hawkers and buzzing motor-taxis just to get to the other side. But a new crossing point has sprung up near the well-worn dirt tracks and roadside markets that the West African bloc ECOWAS hopes will make the movement of people and trade a lot easier. *News24*

**African cities can raise more money - Lessons from SA and Kenya**

African cities will gain a billion new residents by 2050. But local authorities across the continent don’t have the resources, powers or skills set to meet the growing demand for housing and services. Africa’s rapid urbanisation is a huge opportunity for national governments. *Fin24*

**Africa governance gains hampered by security, job fears, study shows**

Security fears and a lack of jobs in African nations have hampered gains in governance across the diverse continent over the last decade, a study said Monday, warning that some promising nations had "lost momentum". The annual Ibrahim Index of African Governance, which is watched closely by the continent's governments, also pointed to a deteriorating business climate and poor job creation. The report ranks countries according to their development in an array of categories between 2008 and 2017. *Daily Nations*