1. Algeria

**Algeria's annual inflation falls to 4.7 pct in September**

Algeria’s annual inflation fell to 4.7 percent in September from 4.8 percent the previous month after a slight decline in price of some foodstuffs, official figures showed on Wednesday. On a monthly basis, the consumer price index declined 0.3 percent in September, according to the National Statistics Bureau. Prices for poultry and vegetables fell 11.1 percent and 5.8 percent respectively, while the cost of manufactured goods rose 0.6 percent. **Reuters**

**Algeria’s Bouteflika to stand for re-election**

Algeria’s ailing 81-year-old President Abdelaziz Bouteflika will stand for re-election for a fifth consecutive term in the upcoming 2019 polls, his party head has confirmed to state news agency APS. National Liberation Front chief Djamel Ould Abbes said Bouteflika, who has been confined to a wheelchair since suffering a stroke in 2013, will be the party’s candidate in the vote set for April 2019. “Bouteflika... is the candidate of the FLN for the presidential election. His candidacy has been demanded by all the FLN cadres and activists across the country,” Ould Abbes told a meeting of party legislators. **The Middle East Monitor**

2. Angola

**Forced out of Angola, Congolese migrant workers left with no food or shelter**

More than 300,000 Congolese forced out of Angola have flooded into a conflict-prone region where they have no food or shelter, aid agencies said on Wednesday, warning of an emerging crisis. Angola this month launched a crackdown on illegal diamond mining, expelling hundreds of thousands of migrant workers back to neighboring Democratic Republic of Congo. Most have gone to Kasai province, where in the border town of Kamako, with a population of about 20,000, some 50,000 migrants are stuck with no
resources or means to travel home, according to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).\textit{Reuters}

3. Botswana

\textit{Mozambique, Botswana sign agreement for direct flights between the two countries}

Mozambique and Botswana will be connected through direct flights between Maputo and Gaborone from 2019, the Mozambican Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Jose Pacheco announced here on Wednesday. "The agreement we signed today (Wednesday) will materialize that Mozambicans willing to travel to Botswana and Botswanians willing to travel to Maputo will no longer use connecting flights to do so, they will do it straight from Gaborone to Maputo and vice versa," said the minister. \textit{Xinhua}

4. Burundi

\textit{Burundi's government boycotts peace talks}

The Burundian government has boycotted the fifth round of the inter-Burundian dialogue to end a political crisis that erupted in 2015. The facilitator, former Tanzanian president Benjamin Mkapa, had postponed the commencement of the talks to Thursday, October 25, so the government could attend. The final round of talks was scheduled to discuss organizing credible elections in the country in 2020. Senior Adviser and facilitator in the Inter-Burudian dialogue, Ambassador David Kapya, "We submitted our report to the facilitator, former Tanzanian President Benjamin Mkapa. The report is composed of three different parts, including the opposition and the government. The next step is for the facilitator to review our recommendations and analyse them before submitting the report to President Yoweri Museveni as a mediator for an inter-Burundi dialogue". \textit{Africa News}

5. Cameroon

\textit{US missionary Charles Wesco shot dead in Cameroon}

A US missionary has been killed in Cameroon about two weeks after moving there with his wife and eight children. Charles Wesco was in a car with his wife, son, another missionary and a driver on their way to a market in the city of Bamenda when he was shot. He was caught in cross-fire between the security forces and separatist fighters, a government statement said. The country's two English-speaking provinces have been hit by more than a year of deadly violence. \textit{BBC}

\textit{Detained Cameroon opposition militants freed}

Cameroon officials on Tuesday released 16 opposition activists who had been detained at the weekend as they protested the re-election of longtime ruler Paul Biya in disputed October 7 polls, their party said. "All 16 were freed. I am with some of them," Movement
for the Rebirth of Cameroon deputy treasurer Joseph Okala Ebode told AFP. They were arrested Sunday during an unauthorised march called to protest the vote, in which MRC candidate Maurice Kamto placed second with 14.23% of the ballots cast according to election officials. **News 24**

6. Central African Republic

**EU releases €58 million for the Central African Republic and Sahel zone**

With continuous insecurity and violence plaguing the Central African Republic and furthering the need for increased humanitarian aid, the European Commission has allocated additional €58 million of assistance for the unstable African nation and the Sahel, the biogeographic transition zone between the Sahara to the north and the Sudanian Savanna to the south. The funds will be used to increase food, nutrition and emergency needs in the Central African Republic and the countries of the Sahel. **New Europe**

**Central African Republic: Election of New Speaker Awaited**

Attention in the Central African Republic (CAR) is now focused on the election of a new Speaker of Parliament after Abdou Karim Meckouassa was impeached by lawmakers on October 26, 2018 on grounds of bad governance. It was the first time in CAR's history that a Parliament Speaker would be impeached. Meckouassa lost the impeachment by 98 votes for and 41 against - with one null vote. Barely a day after the vote, Parliament announced the opening of applications for the position of Speaker, with an election to be held within three days. **All Africa**

7. Democratic Republic of Congo

**UN demands immediate halt to attacks in Ebola areas in DRC**

The UN Security Council has unanimously adopted a resolution calling for an immediate halt to attacks by armed groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo that are jeopardising the response to the Ebola outbreak. A resolution adopted Tuesday said the security situation in the areas affected by the Ebola outbreak "is severely hampering the response efforts and facilitating the spread of the virus" in DRC and the region. **News 24**

**DR Congo 'Not Ready' For December Polls: Opposition**

The Democratic Republic of Congo is "not ready" to hold long-delayed elections in December, the main opposition party said Tuesday, the day after the army handed over 150 trucks and a dozen aircraft for use by the electoral commission. "One hundred fifty trucks can't cover our vast national territory which doesn't even have the road infrastructure," said Augustin Kabuya, spokesman of the main opposition Union for Democracy and Social Progress (UDPS). **EYE Witness News**

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8. Djibouti

**Djibouti row with DP World embodies Horn of Africa power struggle**

This February, the small African nation of Djibouti took control of the Red Sea container port of Doraleh from DP World, completing what it considers the final act in a lengthy wrangle with the Dubai-based ports operator. Djibouti has accused the international ports company, which had operated Doraleh since 2006, of deliberately underusing the facilities in favour of other terminals along the Red Sea. *Financial times*

9. Egypt

**Egyptian Intel Is Big Gainer from Israeli Gas Deal, Report Says**

The Egyptian intelligence service is slated to receive 80 percent of the income from East Gas, the main beneficiary of a massive natural gas deal with Israel Delek Drilling’s partner in the EMG gas pipeline to Egypt, the Egyptian company East Gas, is owned by Egypt's intelligence service, Egyptian news site Mada Masr reported. East Gas, the main beneficiary of plans to export Israeli natural gas to Egypt’s private consortium Dolphinus Holdings via the EMG pipeline, is a private company, most of whose shares are held by Egypt's intelligence service, says the report. *haaretz.com*

**Egypt hosts Arab military exercises in what could develop into an "Arab NATO"**

CAIRO: Armed forces and observers from eight Arab countries are converging on Egypt for exercises starting on Saturday, the Egyptian military said on Wednesday, in a move that could evolve into a regional pact to counter Iran's influence. President Donald Trump’s administration has been quietly pushing for Gulf Arab countries, together with Egypt and Jordan, to start putting together what some White House officials have called an "Arab NATO" of Sunni Muslim allies to stand against Shi’ite power Iran. *Channel News Asia*

10. eSwatini

**Tsai thanks eSwatini king for support**

Taipei, Oct. 29 (CNA) President Tsai Ing-wen (蔡英文) has thanked the king of eSwatini for his support for Taiwan at the United Nations' General Assembly this year and his concern for the victims of a train crash in Taiwan last week. Tsai and King Mswati III spoke by telephone earlier in the day, the Presidential Office said in a statement Monday. *Focus Taiwan Channel*

11. Ethiopia

**Women in positions of power could mark a turning point for Ethiopia's girls**
Within the last month Ethiopia has downsized its cabinet, named women to half the positions and, for the first time, appointed a woman as president. These are huge milestones in Ethiopian politics. They could also mark a turning point for the country’s girls as the women ministers are perhaps more likely to pursue policies that benefit girls. In addition, having women in positions of power will mean that girls have role models they can look up to, something that are not common in the country. New24

Three issues Ethiopia PM addressed in Frankfurt speech

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed called on Ethiopians in Europe to play their role in building the country, by contributing financially or otherwise in all sectors. Abiy, who was welcomed by thousands of Ethiopians from all over Europe gathered at the Commerzbank Arena in Frankfurt, Germany, was winding up a European tour that included a meeting with France’s Emmanuel Macron. Below are highlights of the issues Abiy addressed in his Frankfurt speech. Africa News

12. Gabon

Ruling party takes 'lion's share' in Gabon election: official

The ruling party in Gabon has won a large parliamentary majority in an election that ended at the weekend, taking 98 of the 143 seats in the National Assembly, according to official results published on Tuesday. News24

13. Gambia

PICS: Prince Charles in Gambia for first leg of Africa trip

Britain’s Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, have arrived in Gambia for a three-day visit. President Adama Barrow and first lady Fatoumata Barrow greeted the royal couple on Wednesday along with Gambians who came out in throngs for their arrival. News24

14. Guinea

Death, injuries at anti-government protest in Guinea

One person has been killed and five others injured as the former prime minister turned opposition leader Cellou Dalein Diallo was prevented from taking part in an anti-government protest on Tuesday in Conakry – Guinea. Anti riot vehicles and other police trucks were stationed in the neighborhood were Dalein Diallo lives. Cellou Diallo was speaking in front of his resident encircled by police officers, his supporters and journalist, said; Africa News

15. Guinea Bissau

FG Donates $500k to Support Guinea Bissau Election

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Ahead of the November 18, 2018, legislative election in the Republic of Guinea Bissau, the Nigerian government has supported the country with the sum of $500,000. **Sahara Reporters**

16. **Kenya**

**Low funding a risk to Kenya’s food security**

County governments are starving agriculture of funds, putting efforts to improve food security in the country in jeopardy. ALSO READ: Wins and challenges of ensuring a food secure nation on average, counties allocated a meagre six per cent to the sector in the past three years, with most of the money going to the recurrent budget, according to a recent study by Tegemeo Institute, an agriculture think tank of Egerton University. **Standard Media**

**How Weston Hotel land was grabbed from KCAA**

The land on which Deputy President William Ruto’s Weston Hotel stands was grabbed from the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority, evidence shows. Lands ministry top officials colluded with rogue KCAA officials to take over the nearly two-acre parcel opposite Wilson Airport. **Standard Media**

**Kenya's super-rich on KRA radar after Uhuru order**

President Uhuru Kenyatta has directed the Kenya Kenya Revenue Authority to ensure that high-net-worth individuals whose lifestyles are not reflective of the taxes they pay, if any, must show the source of their wealth and pay their dues. **Daily Nation**

17. **Lesotho**

**Chinese business tycoon reveals how he helped fund politicians in Lesotho – but denies claim of state capture**

Lesotho-based Chinese business tycoon Yan Xie has lifted the lid on his extensive generosity to Lesotho’s political elite, saying that he helped fund Prime Minister Thomas Thabane’s lavish wedding in 2017 and has donated money to ‘almost every party in the country’. **Daily Maverik**

18. **Madagascar**

**Madagascar: 36 candidates, 4 ex-presidents**

Four former presidents are among the 36 presidential aspirants of Madagascar’s November 7. The incumbent President HeryRajaonarimampianina,a candidate for his own succession, defends his Fisandratanana 2030 plan, which places the country in a new dynamic of inclusive growth. **Africa News**

**Madagascar citizens demand transparency in a fishy deal with China**
Citizens launched a petition to demand more information on the agreement and ensure the protection of Malagasy sea resources. As of October 28, more than 15,000 signatures have been collected. Madagascar Locally Managed Marine Area Network—MiHARI has raised a red flag as well. **Global Voices**

19. Malawi

**Malawi army sights illegal mining, soldiers continue guarding forest**

Peace returns after the arrest of 133 illegal miners, involved in unlawful mining of precious stones, in a violent operation by the Malawi Defence Force (MDF) soldiers who have continue guarding Namizimu forest reserve in Makanjira, magochi. The arrested illegal miners include a Turkish, a Congolese, 43 Tanzanians, Mozambicans and 93 makawians. **Nyasa Times**

20. Rwanda

**Rwanda jumps 11 places in world bank doing business report**

Rwanda has improved 11 places in the annual series of World Bank’s Doing Business Report, ranking 29th globally from the 41st the previous year. The country retained its second position in Africa. **The New Times**

**Rwanda first in Africa to join Alibaba-led ERwtp**

Alibaba Group and the government of Rwanda have agreed to multiple bilateral initiatives to promote the African country’s economy through increased cross-border trade, capacity building and tourism. The signing of three memoranda of understanding, witnessed by Rwandan President Paul Kagame and Alibaba Group Executive Chairman Jack Ma, took place on Wednesday in the capital city of Kigali. **Alizila**

21. Mali

**25% Electricity Boost for Mali as New Power Station Opens**

90MW Albatros Energy Mali (AEM) power station was open, 90MW Albatros Energy Mali (AEM) power station. The plant is expected to increase Mali’s effective base load electricity capacity by 25%, providing up to 4.5 million people with improved access to power and paving the way for new renewable energy facilities. The €122 million power plant has the support of a €5.0 million, 15-year term conventional loan and a €3.8 million Sha’ria financing facility with a 14-year term from PIDG company the Emerging Africa Infrastructure Fund (EAIF). **Africa.Com**

**Guinean peacekeepers walk a fine line in Mali**

Mali, in West Africa, is currently the most dangerous place in the world to serve as a peacekeeper. Some 850 Guinean blue helmets are based in the volatile town of Kidal, in the north of the conflict-affected country. Roadside bombs are a constant hazard there and it’s the role of the Search and Detect team from Guinea to make sure those explosive devices do not kill or maim neither peacekeepers nor civilians. **UN News**
22. Morocco

**Morocco train driver goes on trial over deadly crash**

A Moroccan train driver went on trial Tuesday for involuntary homicide over a crash earlier this month that left seven people dead and 125 injured. The driver, faces five years in prison for the derailment of the passenger train near the capital Rabat on October 16. *News 24*

23. Namibia

**Namibian farmer threatens to sue after govt leases 4 farms to Russian billionaire**

A Namibian farmer, who claims he has been applying for resettlement in the southern African country for 15 years without success, has reportedly threatened to sue the government for leasing four farms to a Russian billionaire. *News 24*

**Namibia's long-standing land issue remains unresolved**

Thirty years of German settler colonialism in South West Africa – from 1884 to 1914 – paved the way for continued apartheid under South Africa. The resistance of the local communities against the invasion culminated in the first genocide of the 20th century among the Ovaherero, Nama and other groups. As main occupants of the eastern, central and southern regions of the country they were forced from their land into so-called native reserves. *News 24*

24. Nigeria

**Nigeria needs a leader, not a saint**

Nigerians desired a change from what they considered Jonathan’s spineless and directionless governance. Moreover, they were sold on Buhari’s lickerish electoral promises, and his much vaunted incorruptibility and integrity. *Vanguard*

25. Senegal

**Merkel begins West African tour in Senegal**

German Chancellor Angela Merkel arrived in Senegal on Wednesday, at the start of a west African tour, with Berlin hoping that development of the continent will help stem migration and boost the fight against jihadism. Signalling that Germany means business, Merkel was accompanied by around a dozen German business leaders. In Ghana, Merkel plans to visit a start-up hub and in Nigeria she will meet with Ecowas head Jean-Claude KassiBrou. On her arrival in Dakar late Wednesday the German leader was greeted by
Senegalese president Macky Sall and a guard of honour by dozens of Senegalese marines. 

NEWS 24/AFP

25. Somalia

A former al-Shabab leader is running for office in Somalia

Can a former warlord run for office in Somalia? In just over two weeks, voters across the country will be choosing their five regional presidents. In the South West region, Mukhtar Robow - a former deputy leader of al-Shabab - is on the ballot. Although he has officially defected from the Islamist insurgent movement, he is still wanted by the US. Abukar Arman - a former Somali diplomat - told Newsday more about Mukhtar Robow. BBC

Somalia Seeks to Boost Fledgling Tech Sector

Somalia hosted its first technology and innovation conference this month, with much talk about the industry’s potential. Somalia’s security threats and poor governance make attracting investment a huge challenge. But as neither Mohamed Sheikh nor reports from Mogadishu, a company has set up the capital city’s first co-working space to help foster Somalia’s digital economy. VOA NEWS

26. South Africa

Fire claims 1847 toll house at Montagu Pass, but this is not the end of the road

Two world wars, a hungry forest fire and the sneaky hands of vandals and thieves - this is what the old Toll House on the Montagu Pass has survived in its 171 years of existence. This week though, widespread blazes in the Southern Cape took a toll and left the stone building, and its renovators, gutted. It was a sad sight for Gerda Stols, who together with her husband Johan before his death in 2006, decided years ago that something must be done to improve the building and subsequently spearheaded a restoration project. NEWS 24

Cape Town Mayor to Resign

The mayor of South Africa’s coastal city of Cape Town, Patricia De Lille, has said she will step down amidst a drawn out, acrimonious relationship with her political party, the Democratic Alliance (DA). She signed her resignation letter on the steps of the Cape Town High Court after filing papers challenging a report which resulted in the DA laying criminal charges against her. She is alleged to have knowingly covered up fraud involving the city’s transport authority. Ms De Lille denied any wrongdoing saying: "One report
cleared me of wrongdoing and the other one found me guilty." The veteran politician also said that she was resigning from the DA, the main opposition party in South Africa. BBC

27. South Sudan

Ex-South Sudan VP Machar arrives in Juba for peace celebration

Former first vice-president of South Sudan, Riek Machar has arrived in the capital Juba after fleeing two years ago, multiple media outlets have reported. Machar who leads the Sudan People's Liberation Movement In Opposition, SPLM-IO, is expected to join in peace celebrations later today. Along with president Salva Kiir, and other leaders from across the region, Machar will join the celebrations that are premised on a peace deal signed in September under the aegis of the regional bloc, IGAD and other international stakeholders. Africa News

28. Sudan

Sudan to repatriate 150,000 refugees from Chad: official

Sudan’s Refugee Commission said Chad is currently hosting over 300,000 Sudanese refugees pointing out that 50% of them have expressed their desire to return to the country voluntarily. On Tuesday, the State Minister of Interior Musa Madibu visited the Refugee Commission to learn about the efforts it exerts on various issues including voluntary return, human trafficking and mixed migration. He has also been briefed about the challenges facing the refugee body as well as the commission’s relationship with its regional and international counterparts. For his part, the refugee commissioner Hamad al-Gizouli said they dispatched a team to the refugee camps in Chad to register those wishing to return to the country voluntarily. Sudan Tribune

29. Tanzania

Anti-gay crackdown in Dar es Salaam

A Tanzanian governor has announced the creation of a surveillance squad dedicated to hunting down gay people. Paul Makonda, governor of the economic capital Dar es Salaam, told reporters round-ups would begin next week. The team will scrutinise social media in order to track down and arrest people in same sex couples, he added. Homosexual acts are illegal in Tanzania, where anti-gay rhetoric has been on the rise since President John Magufuli’s election in 2015. Many gay, lesbian and transgender people are forced to hide their sexuality as a result. BBC

30. Tunisia

Libya situation highlighted as Merkel meets Tunisia’s Essebsi

The Libyan situation was highlighted at a meeting between German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Tunisian president, BejiCaid Essebsi on Wednesday. Merkel received Essebsi
in Berlin after participating in Tuesday’s G20 Compact with Africa conference. The German Chancellor raised security issues, particularly the presence of jihadist fighters in Libya. Tunisia is among nations that have expressed their concerns over the presence of militants in the region. The meeting with both leaders comes a few days after a woman blew herself up in Central Tunis, injuring 15 people. *Africa News*

31. Zimbabwe

**Zimbabwe's economic crisis deepens**

Inflation and prices are on the rise, there is a shortage of foreign exchange and supplies of fuel, food and pharmaceuticals are drying up. The opposition is calling for a transitional government to resolve the worsening economic and political crisis hitting Zimbabwe. President Emmerson Mnangagwa is increasingly under pressure to act swiftly. On Monday, Mnangagwa met with the country’s business community. The president assured them that he was “working day and night to stabilise the economy.” Signs in Zimbabwe are pointing to a possible rerun of the massive crisis that engulfed the country about a decade ago. Among them is a sudden surge of the country’s stock exchange’s industrial index in October, which now stands at the relatively high market valuation of $22-billion, a sudden gain of more than 50% in a matter of days. *Guardian*

**Zim's Mnangagwa speaks on foreign medical trips**

Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa has reportedly said that foreign trips for specialised medical attention are bleeding the country of the much-needed foreign currency. Writing in a weekly column published on the [The Sunday Mail](https://www.thesundaymail.co.zw) website, Mnangagwa said that the southern African nation needed to develop its own capacity. "Many Zimbabweans are turning to foreign countries for specialised healthcare. This is very expensive for our nation," the president said. Mnangagwa himself and other leading government officials have sought medical treatment outside the country. *News24*