1. **Algeria**

**Iran Willing to Boost Ties with Algeria**
In a message to his Algerian counterpart Abdelaziz Bouteflika on Thursday, Hassan Rouhani congratulated Algeria's government and nation on the anniversary of the Arab country's Revolution Day. He also expressed hope that Tehran-Algiers relations would grow in all areas in light of mutual cooperation. Rouhani finally wished success and prosperity for Algerian “friends and brothers”. *Tasnim News*

**China, Algeria celebrate 60 years of diplomatic relations, 64th anniv of Algerian Revolution**
Arkenlimirbaki (R), vice chairperson of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), attends a reception held by the Algerian Embassy in Beijing to celebrate the 64th anniversary of the Algerian Revolution of November 1st, 1954 and the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Algeria, in Beijing, capital of China, on Nov. 1, 2018. *Xinhua*

**UNSC Resolution 2440 Stresses Algeria’s Responsibility in Sahara Conflict**
Morocco scored yet a new victory in the UN process as the Security Council adopted resolution 2440 stressing Algeria’s role as a party to the regional dispute over the Sahara. Algeria, which arms, hosts and backs the Polisario separatist front diplomatically has refused in the last four decades to pull its head out of the sand as it continues to deny any responsibility in the Sahara conflict. *North Africa Post*

2. **Angola**

**Migrants expelled from Angola are in desperate need in the Congo**
A fresh humanitarian crisis is in the making along the Angolan/Congolese border. Since the beginning of October, more than 450,000 Congolese migrants working in diamond mines in the northeast of Angola have been expelled. The UN has cited excessive force and human rights violations against these migrants on the part of both Angolan and Congolese security forces. The expulsion of these miners was sudden. They are fleeing across the Angolan border into the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) provinces of Kasai, Kasai Central and Kwango. At least 6 migrants have died and 100 others have been injured. *Vatican News*
3. Cameroon

Cameroon is melting down and the United States couldn't care less

An American missionary was shot dead on Tuesday in Cameroon during clashes between the separatists and government soldiers. Charles Wesco, 44, was traveling with his wife, son and a driver when they came under fire. More than 400 civilians have already died in the conflict between the country’s French-speaking majority and its English-speaking minority. But perhaps the tragic death of a Westerner — one who had devoted his life to helping Cameroon — will now prompt the United States and Europe to stop looking away. Washington Post

Cameroon's Election Crisis Stressing A Nation On The Brink

Cameroon's President Paul Biya has, once again, won re-election. The win makes him the second-longest serving leader on the African continent. It also comes amidst growing violence in the country's English-speaking region. The second- and third-place candidates claimed they were the winners shortly after the election took place. Both have since contested the official results, accusing the ruling party of massive fraud by way of voter intimidation and ballot stuffing. The contentious election as a whole was marred by low turnout — less than half of the registered voters turned out during the October 7 vote. NewsChannel5

4. Central African Republic

Thousands shelter in hospital during Central African Republic clashes

Fighting between armed groups in Batangafo, Central African Republic, forced more than 10,000 people to take refuge in the town's hospital, Doctors Without Borders (MSF) said on Thursday. “Three camps for displaced people, many houses, and the central market were all burned down” during Wednesday's clashes, said MSF, which supports the hospital there. “More than 10,000 people took refuge inside the hospital in the northern town,” it said. Business Live

5. Comoros

Fresh crisis in the Comoros

On average, someone attempts a coup in the Comoros once every two years, according to The Economist. There’s no sign of bucking that trend. On October 28, the governor of Anjouan Island, who’s also a prominent opposition leader, was formally indicted by the state prosecutor. Arrested in the island's capital of Mutsamudu, Abdou Salami Abdou faces charges of undermining national unity, participating in an insurrection movement and complicity in murder and rebellion, acts which he is alleged to have committed against the government of President Azali Assoumani. Mail Guardian

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6. Democratic Republic of Congo

**DRC rulers denounce 'cheating' in pre-vote poll**

Supporters of President Joseph Kabila on Thursday denounced alleged cheating in an opinion poll that placed two opposition leaders well ahead before a presidential election due on December 23. *New24*

7. Djibouti

**Saudi aid agency signs deals to run Yemeni refugee camp in Djibouti**

The General Supervisor of the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSRelief) Abdullah Al-Rabeeah signed three agreements on Wednesday for the running of the Yemeni refugee camp in Djibouti. *Arab News*

8. Egypt

**Forces from Egypt and 5 other nations to start ‘Arab Shield’ joint military exercise**

Ground, air and naval units from five Arab nations are arriving in Egypt to join their Egyptian counterparts for war games, according to the Egyptian military, in the first sign that a military alliance proposed by Washington for its Middle East partners may be gaining traction. *Arab News*

**Egypt reaches agreement with IMF on next $2bn loan payment**

Egypt has reached an agreement with the International Monetary Fund on release of the next $2 billion loan installment, the fifth under the country's three-year aid programme, the IMF announced on Wednesday. The agreement with the IMF staff is subject to approval by the executive board of the Washington-based crisis lender. *News24*

**Abbas to discuss 'Palestinian issue' with Egypt's al-Sisi**

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi are expected to meet in Sharm el-Sheikh this weekend to discuss the “Palestinian issue” among other things, an official confirmed on Thursday. *i24news*

**WYF sends message reflecting Egypt's security, stability**

1 November 2018: Head of the National Media Authority (NMA) Hussein Zein asserted that organizing the World Youth Forum (WYF) for the second year in a row conveys a clear message to the whole world that Egypt is a country of security and stability. *Egypt today*

9. eSwatini

**Call to eSwatini PM to protect human rights**

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Lobby group Amnesty International (AI) has urged eSwatini (former Swaziland) new Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini to ensure respect for human rights. “As prime minister, (Mr) Ambrose Dlamini has a real opportunity to take eSwatini in a new direction, ensuring that all human rights are fully guaranteed,” AI quoted Mr Deprose Muchena, its Regional Director for southern Africa, as saying. The East Africa

10. Ethiopia

**Ethiopia Swears In First Woman Supreme Court Chief**

Ethiopia swore in its first female Supreme Court chief on Thursday, part of a wave of appointments of women to top government positions backed by Ethiopia's new Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed. The new chief, Meaza Ashenafi, a champion of women's rights, was a judge on Ethiopia's High Court from 1989 to 1992 and adviser for the UN Economic Commission for Africa. She founded the Ethiopian Women Lawyers Association and started the country's first women's bank. National Public Radio

11. Gabon

**TV station banned for reporting ‘death’ of Gabon strongman Ali Bongo**

A television station has been banned from broadcasting in the West African nation of Gabon for reporting the death of its strongman ruler amid conflicting stories about his health. Aides of President Bongo, whose family have ruled the oil-rich African nation for more than half a century, confirmed he is being treated at a hospital in Saudi Arabia for “fatigue” after days of speculation that his condition is far more serious. The Times

12. Gambia

**Prince Charles urges The Gambia to work with UK to promote democracy**

The Prince of Wales on Thursday (Nov 1) called on The Gambia to work with Britain to promote democracy nearly two years after the small West African nation emerged from decades of authoritarian rule. Channel NewsAsia

13. Guinea

**Amnesty alarmed at number of protesters killed in Guinea**

Amnesty International voiced concern on Wednesday at the number of protesters killed in Guinea - three in the last fortnight and 18 this year - urging the government to "take all necessary measures to ensure the situation does not spiral out of control". News24

14. Kenya

**Kenya benefits from Sh30b W Bank kitty**

Kenya is one the beneficiaries of Sh30 billion financing approved by the World Bank yesterday for three East African countries. Standard Digital

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Kenya loses Sh8 billion treated water every year

Kenya loses over Sh8 billion worth of treated water annually; meaning more than 45 per cent of the water produced for drinking is stolen, unbilled, or cannot be accounted for. Daily Nation

Kenya moves quickly to capitalise to fast route to US

Kenyan officials and business leaders moved quickly to capitalise on the daily non-stop service between New York and Nairobi that was inaugurated on Sunday. They were joined by a senior Trump administration official and dozens of US potential investors at a conference in Manhattan on “Doing Business in Kenya” sponsored by the US-based Corporate Council on Africa. Daily Nation

15. Libya

Military official: We reject any initiative to unify Libya’s army with Haftar included.
The chief of military intelligence at Al-Bunyan Al-Marsous forces Mohammed Al-Ganidi said “honorable military officials” reject the results of Cairo meetings that aim at unifying the Libyan military institutions. The Libya Observer

Libya's rival assemblies see progress in unifying authorities
Libya's rival parliaments agreed on Wednesday to work together to reform state institutions in an attempt to unify government authority in the oil producer, officials from both sides said. The North African country has two governments, the U.N.-backed administration in Tripoli and a rival one based in the east, part of an ongoing power struggle since the overthrow of Muammar Gaddafi in 2011. Reuters

16. Madagascar

Corruption looms large in Madagascar presidential poll
Angry residents in a rural Madagascar town line up along a road construction brandishing a banner emblazoned with the words "stop property plunder!" in a bid to halt expropriation of their land. For hundreds of local families, the protest alongside a motorway promised by HeryRajaonarimampianina, who is running for reelection as president, has become a symbol of how widely official corruption has spread before November's election. NEWS24

Madagascar seeks to emulate Mozambique
After a protracted process, new licenses have been signed, while onshore LNG projects are edging closer to realisation In the week that the citizens of Madagascar go to the polls in the first round of their presidential election, a new licensing round, covering 44 offshore blocks in the Morondava basin, will be launched by Omnis, the government agency responsible for the extractives sector. Petroleum Economist
17. Malawi

**Malawi to host AU Summit of Ten States and Govts Committee**
The Malawi Government is pleased to inform the nation that Malawi will host the African Union (AU) Summit of the Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government championing Education, Science and Technology in Africa (AU-C10). The Summit will be held at the Bingu International Convention Centre (BICC) in Lilongwe, from 2nd to 3rd November, 2018. *The Maravi post*

18. Mauritania

**Hope for Mauritanian desert economy as tourists return**
For most of the last decade, the spectacular dunes, barren canyons and oases of the Adrar region have been a no-go zone for European nationals. The danger of terrorist attacks and kidnappings is still real, reflected by Mauritania’s decision to join four other countries in fighting terrorism in the Sahel. *Gulf News*

**Mauritania: A bastion for modern-day slavery**
In 1981, Mauritania made history by becoming the last country in the world to officially abolish slavery. But, to this day, it continues to have one of the highest rates of modern-day slavery in the world. It is not that the government is not alive to the situation; in 2007, it even passed an anti-slavery law. *Gulf News*

19. Nigeria

**Nigerian soldiers shoot dozens of peaceful Shia protesters**
At least 45 members of the Islamic Movement of Nigeria (IMN) were killed in the capital, Abuja, and the neighbouring state of Nasarawa on Saturday and Monday, by Nigeria’s security forces in two days while peacefully protesting against the imprisonment of their leader - Ibrahim Zakzakysince 2015, as per the evidence collected by Amnesty International shows. Four hundred people were reportedly arrested on Tuesday. The Nigerian military said its troops were acting in self-defence. *The Guardian*

**Nigeria shores up fuel needs with BP deal ahead of election**
Nigerian state oil firm NNPC said on Thursday that it had signed a crude-for-product deal with BP for the next six months to help meet the country’s petrol needs over the holidays and ahead of its general election early next year. NNPC said the arrangement with BP would account for 20% of the country’s total petrol needs. The NNPC already has 10 similar deals for a total of just over 300,000 barrels per day of crude out its close to 1.9-million bpd production in October. *Business Day*

**Nigeria’s economy looking good, says Buhari**
President Muhammadu Buhari, while receiving the new Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark to Nigeria, Mr. Jesper Kamp, on Thursday said Nigerian economy under his
watch was looking good. Buhari said Nigeria welcomed further strengthening of relations with countries, especially in the areas of agriculture and trade. **Punch**

20. Rwanda

**South Africa to probe Rwanda ex-spy chief mysterious murder**

An inquest into the death of an exiled Rwandan ex-spy chief, Patrick Karegeya, 53, who was found strangled in a luxury Johannesburg hotel in 2014 will open in January, a South African court official said Thursday. Mr Karegeya was head of external intelligence for nearly a decade before falling out with President Paul Kagame. MrKaregeya's supporters have accused the Rwandan government of being behind his killing. **Daily Nation**

21. Niger

**Germany, Netherlands back Niger border force to counter migration**

Germany and the Netherlands have pledged to fund Special Forces in Niger to control its border and prevent illegal migration, the EU's security mission in the country said on Thursday. Under the new plan, the two European nations will disburse $11.4m to finance the new force, according to EUCAP Sahel, which provides support for Niger security forces. **News24**

22. South Africa

**South Africa corruption: Ramaphosa says 'dark period' ending**

South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa has described the corruption that has engulfed the country in recent years as "an amoeba" with "tentacles all over". But he insisted South Africa's "very dark period" under his predecessor, Jacob Zuma, was coming to an end. Mr Ramaphosa confirmed he would give evidence in a judge-led inquiry into allegations that top officials looted from the state on a grand scale. Mr Ramaphosa served as then-President Zuma's deputy. **BBC News**

**A life of anonymity - Migrants die, unnamed and unclaimed, in South Africa**

Ever since Francis Nkomo went missing 10 years ago, his older sister Banele has been waiting for a sign of life. "I miss him," says Banele while holding his picture, all she has left of her brother. "I miss him a lot."Francis, a Zimbabwean migrant living in Johannesburg, was 29 when he disappeared, one of thousands who have gone missing in South Africa. **News 24**

23. Tanzania

**Tanzanian opposition MP ZittoKabwe arrested**

Tanzanian opposition lawmaker ZittoKabwe was arrested in Dar es Salaam Wednesday after having claimed that dozens of people were killed in recent clashes between herders and the security forces, his ACT party said.Kabwe, head of the Alliance for Change and Transparency and its only member of parliament, is an outspoken critic of President John

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Magufuli."Our leader was arrested at his home. He is now being questioned by police. Our lawyers are with him," ACT spokesman Ado Shaibu said. Daily Nation

Tanzania’s gay community threatened with mass arrest

Gay people in Tanzania face mass arrest from next week after a warning by the governor of Dar es Salaam that authorities would hunt down members of the LGBTI community and punish them. This week, Paul Makonda, governor of the east African country’s biggest city, asked Tanzanians to report gay people living in the community. Giving out his personal phone number, he said: “Give me their names,” adding that a specially convened team would start rounding up gays and lesbians from Monday. Financial Times

24. Tunisia

In Tunisia, the sea takes migrants and brings back bodies
The boys grew up within sight of the sea that took them away, rambling along paths and climbing rocks that would later be the launching pad for their flimsy rafts. The Mediterranean has been robbing Tunisia of its young, who abandon their homeland in hopes of a better life in Europe. At the closest points, Ras Jebel in the north and the Kerkennah Islands in the east, it's a half-day sail if all goes well. News 24

25. Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe president says study points to oil in country
Zimbabwe's President Emmerson Mnangagwa said on Thursday that an Australian firm would explore for oil and gas in the nation after a study indicated deposits. Invictus Energy has in recent months reworked survey data generated in the early 1990s by US oil giant ExxonMobil, previously known as Mobil. "We have been advised by Invictus that the findings are positive and point to oil and gas deposits in" the country's northern Muzarabani district, Mnangagwa told journalists in the capital. News 24