1. Algeria

Algeria sentences a Moroccan national to 12 years in prison for spying on the country

A court in Ain Temouchent, a province in northwestern Algeria, sentenced on Sunday, November the 4th, a Moroccan national to 12 years in prison for «spying on Algeria for the benefit of a foreign country». «His alleged associate, an Algerian man, was handed down the same prison term while a third person was acquitted of all charges, said the Algerian newspaper El Khabar. The accused was arrested on March the 23rd while taking a video of two football clubs’ fans clashing. The Algerian police then found in his phone numbers of Moroccan officials, human rights activists in Algeria and «dangerous reports destined to the Moroccan authorities, added the same source. Yabiladi

2. Angola

Angola seeks UN support to fight corruption

The Angolan government has asked the United Nations to help it fight corruption, an official has confirmed. The state-owned Jornal de Angola quoted Paolo Balladelli, confirming the request by Luanda. Balladelli was quoted saying the UN was helping the southern African Country’s Attorney-General’s Office deal with the corruption issues transcending its borders. Southern Times Africa

Zambian and Angola signs an MOU on trade in oil and gas worth US$ 5 billion.

The Zambian and Angola government have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on bilateral cooperation on trade in oil and gas worth US$ 5 billion. And Minister of Energy Mathew Nkhuwa says the equity partner in Indeni oil refinery is expected to be announced by the end of this month. Mr Nkhuwa says the process of acquiring an equity partner for Indeni through the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) has reached advanced stage. Lusaka Times
3. Botswana

**Botswana in hasty plastic ban retreat**

 Barely two weeks after announcing that a retail plastic bag ban would be effected on November 1, Botswana has suspended the decision indefinitely. Minister responsible for environment, Tshekedi Khama, revealed that the decision to suspend the ban was necessitated by concerns from manufacturers who had complained that they were not consulted when the decision was made. The decision to suspend the ban indefinitely has been welcomed by an organisation that represents the interests of the private sector, Business Botswana. *Southern Times Africa*

4. Carbo Verde

**Angola and Cabo Verde to have air links once again by the end of this year**

The Angola-Cabo Verde (Cape Verde) air link will be resumed later this year, with only a few technical adjustments left to organise, the Angolan Transport Minister said recently. Ricardo Viegas D’Abreu provided the information after leaving a meeting held in Praia with the Cape Verdean prime minister and with whom he addressed issues about civil aviation and air transport. *Macauhub*

5. Cameroon

**Separatist Forces in Cameroon Have Kidnapped at Least 79 Students**

Armed separatists kidnapped at least 79 students and three staff members from a Presbyterian school in a troubled English-speaking region of Cameroon, the governor said Monday. North West Region Gov. Deben Tchoffo said the students abducted Sunday night were ages 11-17, and they were taken from Nkwen, a village near the regional capital, Bamenda, along with school staff that included the principal. *Time.com*

**Cameroon police arrest 38 opposition protesters**

Police in Cameroon have arrested 38 supporters of opposition leader Maurice Kamto at a rally protesting the result of last month’s presidential election, his party said Monday. Official results of the October 7 ballot declared President Paul Biya, who has ruled the west African country since 1982, the winner with 71 percent of the vote. Kamto was a distant second with 14 percent. But Kamto, candidate for the Movement for the Rebirth of Cameroon (MRC), rejected the result, claiming widespread fraud. *Nation*

6. Comoros

**EU withholds support to Comoros over political crisis**

The European Union has announced a decision to withhold assistance to Comoros due to ongoing political crisis. Comoros has been in turmoil as President Assoumani continues to face resistance to his bid to extend his term limit. The country’s Anjouan Island last month
witnessed violent clashes between soldiers and protesters. That was due to recent decision to end the rotation of the presidency of the country. *Africa Feed*

7. Djibouti

**Dubai's DP World sues China over Djibouti trade zone**

Dubai's DP World Limited and its subsidiaries have taken legal action against China for building an international free zone on a terminal being disputed with Djibouti. The lawsuit was filed in the High Court of Hong Kong for unlawfully procuring and inducing the Republic of Djibouti to breach various agreements between the African country and DP World. *Vanguard*

**Djibouti president receives Al-Rabeeah**

President of Djibouti Ismaïl Omar Guelleh met with Dr. Abdullah Al-Rabeeah, supervisor general of King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief) at the Presidential Palace in Djibouti City. During the meeting, they discussed issues related to relief and humanitarian work, including the latest projects implemented by the center in Djibouti. Dr. Al-Rabeeah briefed the president on KSrelief’s humanitarian work in 42 countries around the world. Guelleh expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Saudi leadership and KSrelief for their efforts to provide a wide variety of support to all in need. He lauded the Kingdom for its recent launch of the Saudi Village for Yemeni refugees at Obock Camp in Djibouti. *Saudi Gazette*

8. Egypt

**Egypt's First Lady praises WYF participants**

Egypt's First Lady, Entisar al Sisi, praised a group of young participants whom she met, accompanied by Egyptian President Abdel Fatah al Sisi, on the sidelines of the World Youth Forum (WYF) held in Sharm El Sheikh city. *Egypt Today*

**Anger erupts in Egypt after massacre of Christian pilgrims**

The Coptic bishop of this city south of Cairo, Anba Makarios, spent the weekend trying to comfort mourners after two buses carrying Coptic Christians were ambushed Friday (Nov. 2) as they left a monastery here, killing seven of the pilgrims and wounding 19. The Islamic State in Egypt claimed responsibility for the attack. *Religion News Service*

**Egypt struggles to restore Cairo's historic heart**

Workers perched on scaffolding delicately repair Cairo’s 13th-century al-Zahir Baybars mosque, a vital restoration project in the Egyptian capital's neglected Islamic quarter. Halted by the popular protests that toppled dictator Hosni Mubarak in 2011 and the ensuing political and economic turmoil which enveloped the country, restorative work on the Mamluk-era mosque picked back up last month. On the other side of the quarter, similar work on the 14th century al-Maridani mosque has just begun. *New Strait Times*
9. Equatorial Guinea

**Equatorial Guinea expels ruling party members it links to coup bid**

Equatorial Guinea's ruling party has expelled 42 of its members for their alleged role in a coup bid late last year, party sources told AFP on Sunday. *News24*

10. Eritrea

**U.N. Security Council considers lifting Eritrea sanctions next week**

The U.N. Security Council is considering lifting sanctions on Eritrea next week after a rapprochement with Ethiopia, although some members want to maintain some diplomatic pressure to ensure a dispute with Djibouti is resolved, diplomats said on Monday. *Reuters*

11. eSwatini

**U.S. Calls for eSwatini to end Ban on political parties**

The U.S. Ambassador to eSwatini, Lisa Peterson, has renewed her call for democratic transformation in the country, accusing King Mswati III of violating the constitution. For 27 years Mswati has run the southern African country like a personal fiefdom as he singlehandedly chooses the prime minister and government and can amend the constitution. *All Africa*

12. Ethiopia

**Ethiopia PM appoints woman as official spokesperson**

Ethiopia has a new government spokesperson as at Monday with the appointment of Billene Seyoum as Press Secretary at the office of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed. She is to be assisted by another woman, as Helen Yosef, was also confirmed as deputy press secretary. Both Billene & Helen have extensive experiences in communications & journalism, the independently-owned Addis Standard reported. *Africa News*

13. Gabon

**Opposition Leader Proclaims Himself President in Bongo's Absence**

Jean Ping, a prominent opposition leader in Gabon, has proclaimed himself the country's president amid the continued absence of President Ali Bongo Ondimba. *News24*

14. Gambia

**In push for stability, France gives 30-million-euro aid to Gambia**

France gave 30 million euros ($34 million) of aid to Gambia on Monday as part of efforts to support its democratic transition and ensure stability in a region Paris deems vital to its interests. The aid provided by France comprises 5 million euros for budgetary support, 20 million for drinking water projects and 5 million for agriculture. The International Monetary Fund has warned Gambia against any new borrowing after its debt stock reached 130 percent of gross domestic product at the end of last year. *Citizen Digital*
15. Ghana

**Prince Charles and Duchess of Cornwall attend traditional celebration in Ghana**

Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall have attended a dubar - a traditional celebration of leaders - as part of their visit to Ghana. The heir to the British throne and his wife, Camilla, arrived in the west African country's capital, Accra, on Friday night and flew into Kumasi on Sunday, where they met with the Ashanti royals. The two will then head to Nigeria next as part of their tour of west Africa. *Telegraph News*

16. Guinea Bissau

**Atiku Berates Buhari over $500,000 Donation to Guinea Bissau**

Following the decision of the federal government to donate a sum $500,000 to Guinea Bissau, along with other material donation, the presidential candidate of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, has said that administration of President Muhammadu Buhari is persisting in the financial wistfulness that has seen them destroy a once thriving economy. *This Day Live*

17. Kenya

**New law bad for Kenya, cartels at work: Pharmacy students**

Undergraduates at the Pharmacy Students Association of Kenya (Kephsa) have called for the withdrawal of sections of Health Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2018, saying it will dilute professionalism. Led by chair Dr Cohen Andove, they marched on the streets of Nairobi in protest on Monday, from Uhuru Park, to the Office of the President at Harambee House and then to Parliament. *Daily Nation*

**South Africa scraps short-term visa requirements for Kenyans**

Kenyan business people and students travelling to South Africa will now be issued with multiple entry visas valid for up to 10 years. The country agreed to ease visa application rules and entry conditions for the above categories following deliberations between Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang’i and South Africa Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba in Pretoria on Monday. Government officials travelling on official business to South Africa will be granted three months’ free visa immediately. *Standard Media*

**What Kenyans had to say about Uhuru’s visit to China**

After President Uhuru Kenyatta announced online that he was in China for bilateral talks with President Xi Jinping, Kenyans it was a flurry of mixed reactions on social media. While in China, President Uhuru is expected to sign a horticulture trade deal which will allow Kenya to export fresh produce such as avocados, cashew nuts and mangoes to China. The visits come on the heels of some unease after President Uhuru hinted at protective tariffs against Chinese fish exports to Kenya with Beijing ambassador to Kenya talking of a trade war.
18. Libya

**UN gets tougher on human traffickers in Libya**

The United Nations Security Council adopted a resolution Monday that keeps the pressure on suspected human traffickers and sexual abusers in Libya. Russia and China abstained on the resolution. Six months ago, the Security Council for the first-time imposed sanctions on six people accused of human trafficking. CNN

**What led to Muammar Gaddafi’s downfall and the break-up of Libya?**

Libya's self-proclaimed "Brother Leader", the one-time revolutionary who overthrew a king and promised a country governed by the people, met his end at the hands of a new generation of revolutionaries - Libyans seeking an end to Gaddafi’s often brutal 42-year rule. But as the so-called "Arab Spring" uprisings deposed leaders to the east and west of Libya in Egypt and Tunisia, was the fall of Gaddafi inevitable? Was it always destined to be so bloody? Aljazeera

**UN adds sexual violence as reason for sanctions in Libya**

The UN Security Council has authorised action against illicit oil exports from Libya for another six months and added planning and committing sexual and gender-based violence as reasons for sanctions, despite objections from Russia and China. Monday's vote in the UN's most powerful body was 13-0, with Russia and China abstaining. News24

19. Madagascar

**Madagascar election: Expenses soar amid extreme poverty**

Madagascar is gearing up for what could be the most expensive presidential election in its history. More than three-quarters of the population live in poverty, but politicians are spending more than ever on their bid for the top office. Aljazeera

**Local fishers oppose $2.7 billion deal opening Madagascar to Chinese fishing**

Life on the coast of Madagascar is increasingly precarious. In recent decades, the overexploitation of marine life has made it difficult for hundreds of thousands of small-scale fishers to make a living. So it’s no surprise that they are vocally opposing a new agreement to bring hundreds of additional Chinese vessels into their waters. Two months ago, a little-known and ostensibly private Malagasy association signed a 10-year, $2.7 billion fishing deal the largest in the country’s history with a group of Chinese companies that plans to send 330 fishing vessels to Madagascar. Mongabay
20. Malawi

India, Malawi ink MoUs on extradition, atomic energy, visas as Venkaiah Naidu meets Prez Mutharika

India and Malawi on November 5 signed three MoUs on extradition, cooperation in atomic energy and visa waiver for diplomats and officials as Vice President Venkaiah Naidu met Malawian President Arthur Peter Mutharika and held wide-ranging talks. During the meeting between the two leaders, India also offered specialised training programmes for Malawi defence forces, T S Tirumurti, Secretary (Economic Relations) in the Ministry of External Affairs, said. Money control

India is "on the move": M Venkaiah Naidu tells diaspora in Malawi

India is "on the move" and global organisations like the World Bank and the IMF have appreciated the country’s economic progress, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has said, as he addressed the Indian community in Malawi. Naidu reached here on Sunday on the last leg of his six-day three-nation tour to Africa, which aims at deepening India's strategic cooperation with Botswana, Zimbabwe and Malawi. The Economic Times

21. Mauritania

Bourita is Optimistic about Morocco-Mauritania Relations, Western Sahara

As the international community pushes for a political settlement in Western Sahara, Morocco’s foreign minister has expressed optimism about Morocco-Mauritania relations. “Nothing will be like before,” Al Ahdath quoted foreign minister Nasser Bourita as saying. The Moroccan minister was referring to Mauritania’s growing role as an important stakeholder in the Western Sahara dossier. Bourita’s remarks came just hours after his meeting on Friday with Mauritanian President Ould Abdelaziz. Bourita, on a state visit to Nouakchott, Mauritania, extended a “special royal message” to the Mauritanian president, according to reports. Morocco World News

22. Mauritius

Mauritius aims for 5% tourism growth in 2019

Mauritius is setting its sights on tourism growth of 5% in 2019 off the back of continued interest in the island, hosting of the regional Island Games, significant boost in airlift and an expansion in the year-round appeal of the destination. “We have around 1.4 million visitors now, and are very proud that 40% are repeat guests. A sustainable approach to tourism is key for us,” said Raj Bhujohory, chairman of Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority, who said Mauritius had experienced an increase of 2% year-on-year to the end of September. TTG Media


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Six Mauritian teams that participated in the 2018 edition of the International Convention on Quality Control Circles (ICQCC 2018) in Singapore from 22 to 25 October have each bagged a Gold Award on their first participation. They are Kanhye Health Foods Co Ltd, CheeKips Ltd, Cervonic Ltd, Sofap Ltd, the Central Electricity Board, and Haemophilia Association of Mauritius. The six teams, also the grand winners of the 2018 edition of the National Productivity and Quality Convention organised earlier by the National Productivity and Competitiveness Council (NPCC) in August this year, were required to present productivity and quality projects that they had implemented in their respective organisations. All Africa

23. Morocco

Morocco competes to be the renewable energy leader in Africa

Morocco is competing to be the renewable energy leader in Africa with King Mohammed VI spearheading efforts with the launch of large-scale projects aiming to generate 52% target in national electricity mix by 2030 of the country’s electricity needs from solar, wind and other renewable sources. the government to promote the use of renewable energy in public buildings and to encourage energy efficiency. Construction-review-online

24. Namibia

Fuel price hikes rock Namibia

Namibian motorists are facing a bleak festive season as the Ministry of Mines and Energy announced another steep fuel price hike that will take effect on Wednesday. Prices for 95 octane unleaded petrol will increase by 50 cents per litre, while diesel 500ppm and 50ppm will go up by 70 cents per liter. journalducameroun.com

25. Nigeria

Following the money: Using tech to tackle corruption in Nigeria

Several decades of corruption have slowed progress in Nigeria, which is the largest oil producer in Africa. Public funds allocated for projects and services often go unaccounted for; mismanagement and corruption have fueled inequality and poverty. In June 2014, BudgIT started the Tracka initiative to follow public projects and help communities ask serious questions that would enhance efficiency. Tracking officers also take photos and upload them on Twitter and Facebook, adding pressure on government ministries to act transparently. Al Jazeera

26. Rwanda

Rwanda, WB ink deal to boost accountability

The Government of Rwanda and the World Bank, on Monday, signed a $20 million (approximately Rwf17bn) credit facility to support the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MINECOFIN) in budget transparency and reliability. The loan will facilitate the enhancement and rollout of these systems (FMIS and (e-GP). The New Times
27. Sierra Leone

Parliamentsarians in Sierra Leone in hot water over massive salary demands

Sierra Leone’s Parliamentarians have caused unnecessary controversy in the country, over their proposal to the minister of finance for a massive increase in their salary and benefits, which many say could see their total income and benefits package go up by over 300%, should the government approve. A controversial document believed to have been produced by a committee of MPs representing the interests of all parliamentarians was leaked last week, causing widespread uproar among the population across the country. The document which contains proposals for salary and benefits increase from MPs was sent to the minister of finance for approval before it could even be discussed and voted upon in open parliament. But some MPs are now backtracking, realising the massive negative public reaction the leaked document has caused. Sierra Leone Telegraph

Sierra Leoneans will have a quiet and peaceful Christmas as economic hardship bites

Sierra Leone’s Inspector General of Police – Dr. Richard Moigbe, last Thursday made a public statement warning those planning to organise street parades, carnivals and masquerades this Christmas to think again, in a bid to clamp down on lawlessness, public nuisance, violence and robbery. Every year in the run-up to and including Christmas Day and Boxing Day, dozens of people are taken to hospital for stab wounds and other injuries sustained in gang violence – fuelled by drugs and alcohol, especially in the capital Freetown. But the Inspector General of Police now says that enough is enough. Sierra Leone Telegraph

28. Somalia

6 al-Shabab militants killed in southern Somalia

At least six al-shabab militants were killed on Sunday after Somali National Army (SNA) carried out operation against the militants at a location in Lower Jubba region of Somalia, officials said Monday. Army Commander for Jubbaland in Somalia, Mukhtar Abdi Mohamed, told reporters that the joint forces faced resistance from the militants during the operation carried out on Sunday. "We killed six al-Shabab militants and injured more others at Arare location on Sunday, SNA and Jubbaland forces carried out the operation against the terrorists. There were no casualties on our side," Mohamed said. Xinhua

South Africa

SA teacher dies in Vietnam accident

A South African teacher has died in an accident in Vietnam, media reports suggest. According to VN Express, two South Africans were travelling from Hanoi to Hai Phong City when the accident occurred on Saturday. Their motorbike hit the back of another vehicle, and one of the men was then run over by a container truck. News 24
29. South Sudan

Non-signatory group calls for new alliance to achieve fundamental change in South Sudan

The opposition People’s Democratic Movement (PDM) has called for a new National Alliance for Democracy and Freedom Action (NADAFA) saying it would be a popular tool to achieve fundamental change in South Sudan. The PDM which calls for a federal government in South Sudan with three regions is a non-signatory of the revitalized peace agreement and several times denounced the support of the IGAD countries particularly Sudan and Uganda to President Salva Kiir. "It is our strong conviction that the elites alone, suffer a high deficit of incentive to bring decisive and fundamental change to transform South Sudan without the people driving the transformation mindset," said the PDM Chair Hakim Dario in a statement extended to Sudan Tribune.

South Sudan denies defection of diplomat in Kenya

The South Sudanese embassy in Kenya Monday dismissed rumours about the defection of one of its diplomats to a rebel group led by General Paul Malong Awan. The diplomatic mission in Nairobi was reacting to a statement circulating Sunday in the social media announcing the defection of Minister Plenipotentiary Kur Garang Deng to the South Sudan United Front/Army (SSUF/A) of Gen Malong who is based in Kenya too. Deng in his alleged statement of defection denounced the bad leadership, tribalism, lack of governance, killing of civilians and corruption. Also, in the personal statement appeared the stamp of the embassy but it was obviously photocopied from another document. "We would like to unequivocally state that this document is not genuine and is aimed at defaming and maligning the character and name of Mr Kur Garang Deng and the Embassy in an attempt to create obstacles in his dispensation of duties at the mission," said a statement released on Monday. The embassy further denounced the "smear campaign" against its diplomat and pointed out that the stamp has been copied and pasted onto the document and also the document bears no signature. Sudan Tribune

30. Uganda

Uganda's Museveni in hot water for saying men shouldn't cook

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni came under fire Monday for saying he had not stepped into the kitchen since he got married, and that it was not a man's role to cook. "The head of the home never goes into the kitchen. It is now 45 years with Mama Janet, I have never stepped into the kitchen. That is how it should be," he said on Sunday in a statement, as an example of how politicians and civil servants should stick to prescribed roles. IOL NEWS
31. Zambia
**Government pays K53m for make shift tollgate**

Government has again dubiously overpaid the contractor who built the recently commissioned Michael Chilufya Sata Toll Plaza, in questionable circumstances where the treasury is to bleed USD4.3 million (K53) million. Sources at the National Road Fund Agency (NRFA) told the Zambian Watchdog over the weekend that the total cost for the construction of the structures were over priced by more than K40 million. “The true value of those structures is about K10 million Kwacha. When you look at those buildings they are really makeshift to cost the government treasury USD4.3 million. Who is benefiting from the K40 million?” wondered the source. According to the source Housing and Infrastructure Minister Ronald Chitotela singlehandedly imposed the Inzovu, the Contractor on the NRFA agency. **Zambia watch dog**