1. **Algeria**

**Algeria Frees Senior Generals Detained in Corruption Sweep**

Algeria’s prosecutors freed six senior generals detained two weeks ago over charges of corruption and wrongdoing. The six are only a few of a large sweep, by President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, that sacked dozens of officials. The former commander of the National Gendarmerie, Maj. Gen. ManadNuba, former commander of the 1st Military Region Major General Habib Shantouf, former commander of the second district Major Saeed Bay, former commander of the Fourth Military Region Major General Abdul Razzaq Sharif, and the Director of Finance of the Ministry of Defense Major, General BujmaaBudwar, have walked out of military detention. **AL-AWSAT**

**Mass return from Angola**

At least 347,100 Congolese have returned from Angola since 1 October 2018, according to the 'Direction Générale de Migration' (DGM) of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Caritas, which is monitoring the return on the ground, estimates an even higher number of returnees (half a million people). Angolan authorities had set an ultimatum to all persons with an irregular migrant status to leave the country within 15 days, classifying the operation as targeting illegal immigration and illegal exploitation of informal mines. **Relief Web**

2. **Benin**

**Benin MP jailed for 6 years over fake drugs scandal**

A court in Benin on Tuesday sentenced an opposition MP to more than six years behind bars and fined him 4.5 million Euros ($5.1 million) in connection with a scandal involving fake drugs. The sentence came as Benin cracks down on the trafficking of expired and counterfeit drugs in West Africa – a business that has deeply alarmed health watchdogs. **France 24**

3. **Botswana**

**Two soldiers killed in Burkina blast**
Two soldiers were killed and three were injured, two of them seriously, in a blast in northern Burkina Faso, the theatre of a jihadist insurgency, security sources said on Tuesday. Their vehicle triggered an improvised explosive device (IED) late on Monday on a road near Nassoumbou, near the Malian border, they said. The landlocked Sahel country has seen regular Islamist attacks since the start of 2015. News 24

Cameroon authorities suspend vehicle movement in region where 79 children were kidnapped

Cameroon's northwest authorities suspended the movement of all non-emergency vehicles in the area where they say 79 schoolchildren were abducted. The restrictions began Tuesday in some districts in Bamenda to facilitate search and rescue operations for the abducted children, according to local authorities. The pupils were taken around midnight Monday along with their teacher, the principal and a driver, from their boarding school, the Presbyterian Secondary School in Bamenda city, authorities told CNN. CNN

4. Central African Republic

Thousands Hiding in Central African Republic Hospital Risk Attack

Some 5,000 people seeking refuge in a hospital in Central African Republic (CAR) risk being attacked by armed groups, a medical charity said Tuesday, amid ongoing clashes. About 10,000 people ran to the hospital in Batangafo, some 400 km (250 miles) north of the capital Bangui, last week, after armed groups looted and burned thousands of homes, three camps hosting 27,000 displaced and a market in the city. Voice of America

5. Djibouti

Djibouti row: DP World sues China Merchants

Dubai-based global port operator DP World on Tuesday confirmed that it had filed a lawsuit against state-owned China Merchants in a Hong Kong court for building a free zone on a terminal being disputed with Djibouti government. Filed in a High Court in Hong Kong, the lawsuit seeks damages, interest and declaration that China Merchants unlawfully procured and/or induced Djibouti’s breaches of its agreement with DP World. Khaleej Times

6. Egypt

Egypt central bank says to target inflation as part of monetary policy

Egypt’s central bank will begin targeting inflation as part of its monetary policy, its deputy governor said on Tuesday. “We will move to inflation targeting, a flexible inflation targeting framework,” said Lobna Helal, deputy governor of the Central Bank of Egypt at a conference in Abu Dhabi. Reuters
7. Eritrea  
**Eritrea nears trade boost with UN sanctions lifting, regional devts**

Eritrean ports will be major beneficiaries of proposed United Nations lifting of sanctions on the country and recent regional developments. This is the view of a former United States Assistant Secretary of State, Herman Cohen. According to Cohen, the trade potentials of the port of Massawa, which faces the Middle East, is a huge opportunity for the country that has for close to two decades been shut out from economic use of its ports. **Africa News**

8. Ethiopia  
**Egypt wants 'formal agreements' on Ethiopia's dam**

Egypt wants "formal agreements" that Ethiopia will not reduce Cairo's share of the Nile during the filling of what will be Africa's largest hydroelectric dam. President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi told reporters on Tuesday that "we need to turn Ethiopia's goodwill into formal agreements" and ensure the dam is not used for "political purposes." He did not elaborate, saying only that Egypt has seen "positive signs" from Ethiopia's government. **Washington Post**

**Yellow fever kills 10 in Ethiopia, WHO ships 1.45m vaccines**

World Health Organisation is releasing more than a million doses of yellow fever vaccine from its emergency stockpile after the deadly mosquito-borne disease killed 10 people in southwestern Ethiopia, a WHO report said on Monday. The outbreak was confirmed in Wolaita Zone of the Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples’ Region and has been traced back to a patient who fell ill on Aug. 21. It has caused 35 suspected cases of the disease. **Business Daily**

9. Kenya  
**State seeks Sh1.4 trillion to develop blue economy**

The Government has embarked on a plan to develop Kenya’s maritime resources by pumping $14.3 billion (Sh1.4 trillion) into the sector. Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary Macharia Kamau says the sector, which now goes under the banner of ‘blue economy’, will be developed through engagement with the private sector and roping in international partners to invest in 35 key projects identified by the State. **Standard Media**

**I'm ready to resign for sake of my dignity, says CS Kiunjuri**

Agriculture CS Mwangi Kiunjuri yesterday said he is ready to resign if his dignity is rubbedbished over the maize scandal. Responding to MPs at Parliament Buildings, Kiunjuri said he will not accept to be intimidated because he is a family man. Kiunjuri told the
National Assembly’s Agriculture committee his dignity matters to him more than being a Cabinet Secretary. “If you ask me today whether I need to be a minister or retain my dignity, I will retain my dignity and walk home,” Kiunjuri told the team chaired by Mandera South MP Adan Haji. The Star

**Three killed in Isiolo-Garissa border inter-community attack**

Three people among them two children were killed on Tuesday morning in a retaliatory attack between two communities at Maraha area on the Isiolo-Garissa Counties border. Isiolo County Commissioner John Ondego said the deceased include an adult and children aged 11 and 13. Citizen Digital

10. Libya

**Russia, China abstain on UN vote to punish Libya rapists**

Russia and China on Monday refused to back a UN resolution that will allow the Security Council to slap sanctions on perpetrators of rape and sexual violence in Libya. The British-drafted resolution renewing sanctions on Libya was adopted by a vote of 13 in favour in the 15-member council. News24

11. Madagascar

**Madagascar: three presidents, three crises**

Madagascar's past three presidents Marc Ravalomanana, Rajoelina and HeryRajaonarimampianina - all in the running against 33 other candidates in Wednesday's presidential vote, each had their terms tarnished by political crises. Daily Nation

**Madagascar election: Women struggle for place in politics**

Out of 36 candidates vying for president's office in Madagascar, only five are women. Women have little representation in the island's government. There has been some progress ahead of the vote, but many say it is not enough. Aljazeera

12. Malawi

**Joyce Banda 'is the most trusted political leader' in Malawi**

A survey has reportedly revealed that former Malawi president Joyce Banda is the "most trusted" political leader in the southern African country, despite being mired in the worst corruption scandal dubbed Cashgate. News24
13. Mauritania

**Mauritania, US in spat over 'slavery' charge**

Mauritania reacted furiously on Monday after the United States pulled its status as a preferential trade partner, accusing the West African state of tolerating forced labour and hereditary slavery. The decision, made by Washington last Friday, will terminate Mauritania's eligibility for trade preference starting January 1. News24

14. Namibia

**EU tax haven blacklist drops to five as Namibia removed**

European Union finance ministers removed Namibia from the bloc's blacklist of tax havens today after it committed itself to changing its tax rules and practices. The move brought the list down to five non-cooperative jurisdictions - Samoa, Trinidad and Tobago and the three US territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the US Virgin Islands. Namibia was on the blacklist because its tax regulations and practices were not deemed to be in line with EU standards. RTE

**Namibia aims to fight land degradation**

The environment ministry is hosting a two-day workshop at a hotel in Windhoek, where delegates from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), South Africa, Angola, Lesotho, Mauritius, Mozambique, Madagascar and Eswatini (Swaziland) are participating. Namibia joined other southern African countries in drafting a concept paper on how to implement the Great Green Wall project to curb desertification, land degradation and climate change. Some of the initiatives are aimed at boosting food security, resilience to climate change and creating jobs, as well as bringing together African countries and international partners. The Namibian

15. Nigeria

**At least 16 Nigeria troops missing after Boko Haram attack**

The Islamic State in West Africa (ISWAP) group, a faction of the Boko Haram, claimed responsibility for the attack in which it said 15 soldiers were killed, according to SITE, which tracks the online activities of terrorist organisations. The incident began when gunmen in several trucks attacked a military base and a local market in the town of Kukawa late on Monday, briefly forcing troops out of the base. The attack came hours after Boko Haram jihadists attacked soldiers in Kumshe village near the border with Cameroon. News24

**Prince Charles cuts out stop in Nigeria over security concerns**

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Prince Charles and his second wife, Camilla, arrived in the Nigerian capital Abuja on Tuesday, on the tail end of a West African tour that has included Gambia and Ghana. The Prince of Wales has cut out a stop of a trip to Nigeria over security concerns, following months of deadly clashes between nomadic herders and farmers in the restive region. Nigerians are set to vote in hotly contested presidential polls in February 2019.

16. Rwanda

**Some win, some lose out in Rwanda mine licensing**

Rwandan has renewed 27 licences for mining companies in an exercise that will also see some lose their contracts. Rwanda seeks to collect $1.5 billion from mineral exports by 2024, over four times what it collected in 2017, and has reviewed its laws and regulations in the sector, and set up a new institution that is focused on mining. *The East African*

17. Somalia

**The Somali family in the US divided by Trump's travel ban**

Somali refugee Nimo Hassan, and her family, have been living in the US without her husband. His visa application was stalled since when President Donald Trump introduced new migration rules. *BBC*

18. South Sudan

**President of war-torn South Sudan to mediate Sudan peace talks**

South Sudan's President Salva Kiir has been appointed to mediate peace talks between Khartoum and rebels in the Blue Nile, South Kordofan and Darfur conflict zones. Tut Kew, Kiir's security advisor, told journalists on Monday that the president had agreed "to mediate between the Khartoum government and the armed opposition in Sudan." South Sudan achieved independence from Sudan in 2011, but the states of Blue Nile and South Kordofan which both have large ethnic minority populations who fought alongside the south were left north of the border. *Daily Nation*

**South Sudan in Focus**

A senior U.N official says restored peace in South Sudan will facilitate the release of child soldiers, women activists call on South Sudanese leaders to include more women in the Peace process; and some South Sudanese refugees living in Uganda say they are ready to return home, while others want to wait until the peace deal is fully implemented. *VOA NEWS*

19. Tanzania

**Hundreds in hiding as Tanzania launches anti-gay crackdown**

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Hundreds of LGBT activists in Tanzania have gone into hiding after a senior official announced a taskforce aiming to identify and punish gay people in Dar es Salaam. Paul Makonda, the city’s administrative head, said he had put together a team of officials and police that would target gay people, who could face lengthy prison sentences, in an intensification of anti-LGBT discrimination. In an interview posted on YouTube, Makonda called for Tanzanians to report gay people and told a news conference he had already received more than 5,700. Messages from the public, including more than 100 names. The Guardian

Tanzania says anti-gay squads are not government policy

Tanzania's government has said that a call by a local official to create a surveillance squad to track down homosexuals "does not represent" official policy. Last week, Paul Makonda, the head of the administration for the commercial capital, Dar es Salaam, said the squad would start work on Monday. The announcement was criticised by rights groups. Homosexual acts are illegal in Tanzania under a colonial-era law. Makonda said last week that he wanted his team, made up of officials from the Tanzania Communications Authority, the police and media practitioners, to scrutinise social media in order to track down and arrest people in same-sex relationships. Star

20. Uganda

Uganda activist Stella Nyanzi held for 'abusing Museveni'

Police in Uganda will decide today whether to charge Ugandan academic and feminist activist, Stella Nyanzi, with crimes concerning an "offensive" post on Facebook. She made offensive statements against President Yoweri Museveni and his late mother, Vincent Ssekatte, the spokesperson for the police's Criminal Investigations Department said. Her lawyers, however, say that they have not been officially informed of the charges she's facing. Daily Nation

21. Zambia

Forget Zimbabwe, Zambia Is 'Open For Business'

When you hear this phrase/mantra ‘Open for business’, you naturally know that we are talking about President Mnangagwa’s Second Republic. Ironically, Zimbabwe has of late been ‘Closed’, with inflation, foreign currency shortages, commodity shortages, and pessimism inspiring an economic downturn. Tech Zim News

Bank of Zambia introduces new bank notes

Bank of Zambia (BOZ), Assistant Manager Talent and Resourcing Nelly Phiri says the bank has introduced new bank notes with improved features that will disadvantage counterfeit money launderers. Ms Phiri said this when she paid a courtesy call on Lundazi District Commissioner’s (DC) office. She said that BOZ is in the district to sensitise Banks, Business entities and the general public on the revised notes to avoid unscrupulous
traders from swindling people with counterfeit notes. And Lundazi DC, Janet Palukani said she is weary of visiting institutions that concentrate their programs within Lundazi town instead of extending to the rural parts of the district to benefit the masses. **Lusaka Times**

**Irate Zambians demand answers to the Chinese question**

The Zambian government has denied selling a state-owned forestry company as the unease about the Asians' entrenchment in the economy came to the fore once again. Police late Monday arrested over 100 people in a crackdown in the Copperbelt Province against rioters protesting the alleged sale of the Zambia Forestry and Forest Industries Corporation (ZAFFICO). “Police in Kitwe in the Copper-belt are running battles with saw millers and some residents of Buchi, Chimwemwe and Kawama townships,” reported state TV. **East African**