1. Algeria

**Morocco's King Mohammed welcomes dialogue with Algeria**

Morocco's King Mohammed VI has expressed his country's willingness to dialogue with Algeria. The king said Morocco stands ready to set up a joint political mechanism for consultation to settle the differences between the two countries. In a speech on the 43rd anniversary of the Green March on Tuesday, King Mohammed recalled that, soon after he acceded to the throne, he asked that their common borders be opened and their relations be normalised. **The East African**

**Algeria keen on bolstering trade ties with Qatar**

The visiting Algerian Minister of Commerce Saeed Gallab said that his country is keen on developing its cooperation relations with Qatar in all fields. Both Qatar and Algeria share the same economic visions in diversification. The Minister was addressing a meeting hosted by Qatar Chamber in honor of the Algerian delegation representing 30 companies specialized in food, beverage and food processing. **Peninsula Qatar**

2. Burundi

**Burundi to set up capital market for firms this year**

Burundi plans to establish a securities exchange before the end of this year for companies to raise funds after a slowdown in commercial bank lending, a senior central bank official said. Economic growth output in the East African nation has slowed down since a political crisis in 2015 sparked by President Pierre Nkurunziza’s decision to seek a third term. **Standard Media**

3. Cameroon

**Cameroon kidnap: Joy as freed students returned to parents**

Students kidnapped from a boarding school in Cameroon's restive North-West region have been reunited with their parents amid joyful scenes. The 78 boys and girls and three
others were seized early on Monday in the region’s capital, Bamenda. A driver was also freed, but the principal and a teacher are still being held. The government and English-speaking separatists have accused each other of orchestrating the kidnapping. **BBC**

**Cameroon’s Paul Biya sworn-in for a seventh term**

Cameroon’s long serving president Paul Biya was on Tuesday sworn-in to serve a seventh term, having won the disputed October 7 election. Biya was declared winner of the presidential election with 71% of votes cast, but the opposition rejected the results citing electoral fraud. Opposition leader, Maurice Kamto has since called for a resistance movement against the outcome of what he describes as a flawed process. **Africa news**

4. **Central African Republic**

**C. Africa facing worst food insecurity since 2014, UN warns**

Nearly two million people urgently need feeding in violence-hit Central African Republic in the worst food insecurity in four years, the UN's food agency has warned. Figures on food security compiled by the World Food Programme in September found "the worst results since 2014, with 1.9 million people in need of urgent food action", WFP spokesman HerveVerhoosel said on Tuesday. Urgent action was necessary "to prevent a humanitarian tragedy", he warned, blaming the deteriorating situation on the "persistent insecurity". **PhilStar Global**

5. **Comoros**

**France and Comoros agree to end migration row**

France and the Indian Ocean state of Comoros have agreed to resolve a row linked to immigration and territorial disputes, they said on Wednesday. Comoros will reverse a March 21 decision to refuse to accept Comoros citizens turned away from the island of Mayotte, which is officially part of France, although Comoros claims it. In turn, France will rescind a suspension on visas for Comorians. **Reuters**

**DRC opposition sets talks for naming election challenger**

Leaders of Democratic Republic of Congo's divided opposition will meet in Geneva on Thursday to choose a joint candidate for the upcoming presidential elections, sources said on Tuesday "All opposition heads will gather in Switzerland to attend a meeting to designate a joint candidate," one of the challengers, Freddy Matungulu, told AFP. **News24**

6. **Djibouti**

**Loans from China ‘shape Djibouti’s economic development’**

A senior Djibouti government official dismissed the accusation that the African country was "illegally induced" by a Chinese company to breach a contract with another foreign investor, stressing that Chinese investment is legitimate and helps build a foundation for its economic development. The remarks were made by Aboubaker Omar Hadi, chairman
of Djibouti Ports and Free Zones Authority, after African media reported Tuesday that the Hong Kong-based China Merchants Port Holdings Co "unlawfully procured and induced" Djibouti into breaching agreements with DP World, a Dubai company. DP World filed a lawsuit against the Hong Kong-based company before the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Eritrean media Tesfa News reported on Tuesday. **Global Times**

7. **Egypt**

**Egypt court sentences 8 to death for attacking troop**

An Egyptian military court has sentenced eight men to death in absentia for their alleged involvement in deadly militant attacks on troops. The court in Ismailia issued life sentences on Wednesday to 32 defendants and sentenced another two to 15 years in prison on terror-related charges linked to the killing of at least 14 soldiers. **News24**

**Egypt has an excellent new pledge to deter Iran**

Americans should welcome Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi’s pledge to support the Sunni Arab kingdoms against regional instability. His pledge will help deter Iran from violent escalation. And el-Sisi’s **pledge** was certainly unambiguous: "We stand by our brothers in the Gulf wholeheartedly, and if Gulf security is directly threatened by anyone, the Egyptian people, even before their leadership, will not accept that and will mobilize force to protect their brethren." **Washington Examiner**

**Egypt treads carefully as Gaza broker**

A long-standing mediator, Egypt is maneuvering between Israel and the Palestinians to negotiate a durable truce to violence that has flared in the Gaza Strip in recent months - but with utmost discretion. Deadly clashes since protests began along the Gaza border with Israel on March 30 have at times generated fears of a new war between the Jewish state and the strip's Islamist rulers Hamas. **News24**

8. **Equatorial Guinea**

**Equatorial Guinea Expecting $2.4 Billion Oil Investment**

Equatorial Guinea expects international oil companies to spend about $2.4 billion on the nation’s oil and gas industry by the end of next year, a government official said. The investment should include about 11 new wells, the official said, asking not to be identified because the information is private. They didn’t give a breakdown in spending by company. In 2017, foreign direct investment across all industries in Equatorial Guinea was $304 million, United Nations data show. **Bloomberg**

9. **Eritrea**

**Eritrea president's visit to Ethiopia's Amhara region confirmed**

The Eritrean president, Isaias Afwerki, is due to back in Ethiopia this Friday with a scheduled visit to the Amhara region, Ethiopia state media outlet, FBC, have reported. It was announced in August this year that Afwerki will visit the region but no details of the date was advanced. He is due to visit the regional capital Bahir Dar and the historic city of
Gondar, the report added. The trip will be Afwerki’s third to Ethiopia following the July 8 peace deal with Ethiopia. It was during Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed’s historic visit to Asmara that the two nations agreed an end to decades of “no peace – no war footing.”

**Africa News**

10. Ethiopia

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

The 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. “This outbreak is of concern since the population of Ethiopia is highly susceptible to yellow fever due to absence of recent exposure and lack of large-scale immunisation,” the WHO report said. **Business Daily**

11. Gabon

**Questions surge over absent Gabon president**

Political speculation and concerns for the economy have gone into overdrive in Gabon as questions grow over the fate of President Ali Bongo who was hospitalised in Saudi Arabia two weeks ago. According to a non-Gabonese source close to Bongo, the president "suffered a stroke." **The East Africa**

**Gabon to scrap corporate tax launches offshore oil exploration round**

Gabon plans to scrap a 35 percent corporate tax on energy companies as part of a revised hydrocarbons law and has launched a new offshore oil and gas exploration licensing round for 34 blocks, Oil Minister Pascal Ambouroue said on Wednesday. **Reuters**

12. Gambia

**French Companies in Senegal Looking to Expand in the Gambia**

Jean-Yves Le Drian, the French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs in meeting with His Excellency, President Adama Barrow at State House Monday, 5th November 2018 announced that French companies operating in Dakar are ready to expand into The Gambia, through partnership with the country’s private sector. The Gambian President flew in from a high-level international forum in Dakar to meet with the French Minister and delegation in Banjul, who were on an official visit to the country. France had signed the Euros 50 million memorandum of understanding for agricultural support in the Gambia. **All Africa**

13. Ghana

**Ghana commodity exchange to create 200,000 jobs – Ken Ofori-Atta**

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Ghana commodity exchange is expected to create about 200,000 jobs for farmers and traders in the value chain, Finance Minister Ken Ofori-Atta has said. According to Mr Ofori-Atta, the opening of the Exchange is a boost to government’s quest to create an orderly, transparent and efficient market system for farmers. “The creation of approximately two hundred thousand jobs of both high and non-skilled areas will be open for commodity traders, data analyst, risk managers, business advisors, storekeepers, credit officers among others whiles some of the non-skilled jobs include cleaners, winnowers, re-baggers and loaders among others,” he said. My Joy Online

**Ghana approves state oil company as partner in Exxon deepwater field**

Ghana has approved state-owned company GOIL as minority local partner for Exxon Mobil’s deepwater offshore oilfield, Energy Minister Peter Amewu said on Wednesday. The West African nation is receiving “huge interest” from international and local oil companies after the government launched its first bidding rounds for offshore blocks last month, Amewu told reporters. Reuters

14. Guinea

**Guinea’s bauxite boom is helping China but failing locals**

In the small village of Lasanayah, Mamadou Kalissa looks out over his ancestral home. Last year it was farmland but now bauxite mining has turned it into a Martian landscape that extends as far as the eye can see. Guinea’s red gold is the main ore used to make aluminium. The Boké region in western Guinea has some of the world’s richest reserves. A mining lorry rolls past, kicking up dust and causing Mr Kalissa to cough and spit saliva with a reddish tinge. The Economist

15. Kenya

**Kenya wins key global ICT position**

Kenya has been re-elected to the Council of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), the UN specialized agency for ICTs. Kenya garnered 140 votes, the highest on the continent, followed by Algeria and Morocco with 134 and 133 votes respectively, and is among 13 countries that will represent Africa to one of the key decision making organs of the ITU. It is the best performance Kenya has posted in recent times at the ITU elections. Standard Media

**Kenya, China to sign deal to end trade imbalance**

Kenya and China are today expected to approve a MoU aimed at ending trade inequalities. President Uhuru Kenyatta and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping will preside over the signing of the cooperation agreement the deal will factor imports and exports of animal and plant products to be traded between the two nations. Kenyan and Chinese delegations held a formal discussion in Shanghai yesterday to conclude the trade agreements ahead of signing. The Star

**Friend of Kenya set to take charge of US House panel**

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The Democratic Party’s takeover of the US House of Representatives will likely result in an African-American woman becoming chair of the chamber’s Africa policy sub-committee, Congresswoman Karen Bass, who is projected to win a fifth term in Tuesday’s US midterm elections, has visited Kenya twice in recent years. Daily Nation

16. Libya

Libya shelves plans for December elections as fighting between rival militias intensifies

The United Nations and Western powers have given up hope that Libya will hold elections in the immediate future, focusing on reconciliation first among rival factions locked in a cycle of conflict, diplomats and other sources said. In May, France had persuaded major players in the North African country to verbally agree to elections on Dec. 10 as a way of ending repeated rounds of bloodshed between competing factions that emerged after a 2011 Nato-backed uprising. The Telegraph

Libya commander Haftar visits Russia ahead of conference

Russia’s defence minister Sergei Shoigu met Libyan commander Khalifa Haftar in Moscow on Wednesday, Russian media reported, signaling Kremlin support ahead of a conference aimed at settling the north African country’s years of strife. Russia’s military has long shown backing for the powerful Libyan commander, who dominates eastern Libya. He has visited Russia before, and last year the Russian defence ministry hosted him aboard its sole aircraft carrier. Reuters

17. Madagascar

Madagascar goes to the polls to pick next president

Madagascar went to the polls on Wednesday to elect a new president, with the three front-runners all former heads of state facing-off amid efforts to defuse a political crisis. Attempts by the most recent president, HeryRajaonarimampianina, to change the large Indian Ocean Island’s electoral laws backfired, sparking nearly three months of sometimes violent protests in the capital Antananarivo. The East African

Madagascar elections: Rivals vie for presidency

People in Madagascar are voting in a presidential election that sees the incumbent president battling against two of his predecessors. There are 36 candidates in all to lead the Indian Ocean Island, which in recent years has been hit by periods of political instability. In May, the army threatened to take over amid huge street protests. The main candidates promised to boost the economy in a country where 80% of the population live in poverty. BBC News

18. Malawi

Malawi’s Mutharika dumps vice presChilima ahead of 2019 elections

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Malawian President Peter Mutharika sacked Vice President Saulos Chilima on Wednesday in a cabinet reshuffle, the government said, ahead of a presidential election next year in which Chilima is seen as the biggest threat to Mutharika. Chilima had quit the ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) in July in protest at alleged corruption in the southern African nation, which has been rocked by graft scandals over the last decade. The issue has resurfaced in the build-up to the elections next year, when the country is also due to elect a new parliament and ward councillors. Reuters

20 Pakistanis arrested for entering Malawi illegally

According to ACB spokesperson Egritta Ndala, the Pakistanis entered Malawi through Kamuzu International Airport using illegally obtained visas. The illegal immigrants are being kept at Lilongwe Police Station awaiting remand to Maula Prison and they will be taken to court in due course. “This is a continuation of investigations by the Bureau on allegations of connivance among public officers in allowing foreigners to use the country as a transit route to other countries,” said Ndala in a statement on Tuesday. Malawi24

19. Mali

Mali militia demobilization underway

The first phase of a disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) exercise targeting disparate armed groups in Mali is underway in the northern city of Gao. An official told APA Wednesday that representatives from different armed groups who are signatories to the agreement participated in the launching ceremony on Tuesday. They include the ex-rebels of the Coordination of Movements of Azawad (CMA) and the Platform of Armed Movements of 14 June 2014, who are reputed to be close to the régime. The DDR process will be conducted until 30 November and will involve more than 1,000 ex-combatants. Journal du Cameroun

Navy completes investigation into death of Green Beret in Mali here’s what happens next

A Navy admiral will now determine whether two SEALs will face charges in the strangling death of an Army Special Forces staff sergeant last year in Mali. More than a year after the incident, the Navy’s criminal investigation into the death of Army Staff Sgt. Logan Melgar, 34, has concluded and been turned over to Rear Adm. Charles Rock, commander of Navy Region Mid-Atlantic in Norfolk, Virginia, as reported by the Institute. Rock was appointed by Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer to oversee the case, according to USNI. Army Times

20. Mauritania

Mauritania president replaces top military brass

Mauritanian President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz on Tuesday issued a presidential decree making significant changes in the country’s military hierarchy. In a statement broadcast on state media, the Mauritanian presidency announced the appointment of Lieutenant-General Mohamed Cheikh Ould Mohamed Lemine as new army chief-of-staff;
Major-General Isselkou Cheikh al-Wely as the latter’s assistant; Colonel Ahmed Said ben Aouf as naval commander; and Major-General Habouboullah Nahah Ahmedou as inspector-general of the armed forces. AA

21. Niger

**Niger turns to drones to protect precious wildlife**

Niger is turning to drone technology to help protect a Saharan antelope and other endangered species in Africa’s largest terrestrial park. The Termit and Tin Tumma reserve in the southeast of the West African desert state is at threat from poaching, deforestation, over-grazing and armed conflict. New 24

**Niger decries circulation of contaminated meat**

Niger State Government has raised the alarm over contaminated meat in circulation in all the 25 local government areas of the state, saying the pieces were dangerous to health. The state Commissioner for Livestock and Fisheries, Zakari Bawa, said butchers now induced animals with steroid before slaughtering them. Punch

22. Nigeria

**'How you dey?': Prince Charles goes Pidgin in Nigeria**

Prince Charles, winds up a tour of The Gambia, Ghana and Nigeria on Thursday, said he was pleased to be back in “Lasgidi” (Lagos). Lagos home to more than 20 million people and driver of the economy of Africa’s most populous nation – is a hub of innovation and industry. Charles, whose Prince’s Trust charity has helped launch the careers of hundreds of thousands of young entrepreneurs, The Guardian

23. Rwanda

**Rwanda prosecutors seek 22-year sentence for Diane Rwigara**

Prosecutors on Wednesday requested that Rwanda’s leading dissident politician, Diane Rwigara, be imprisoned for 22 years in prison for inciting insurrection and forgery as her trial opened in the capital Kigali. She appeared in court on Wednesday alongside her mother who prosecutors also want sentenced for 22 years for inciting insurrection and promoting sectarianism in a country still overshadowed by the 1994 genocide. The High Court is due to issue its verdict, and any sentence, on 6 December. Daily Nation; the Guardian

24. Senegal

**Senegal launches African 'cyber-security' school**

Senegal on Tuesday inaugurated a cyber-security school to strengthen West Africa’s defences against computer hackers and use of the internet for terror funding and propaganda. Senegalese Foreign Minister Sidiki Kaba and French counterpart Jean-Yves
Le Drian gave the ceremonial start to the National Cyber-Security School (ENVR) on the sidelines of an annual regional security conference in Dakar. The school will provide training in combating cyber-crime for the security services, judiciary and private enterprises. **News 24**

25. Somalia

**Ilhan Omar: Reaction to first Somali-American elected to Congress**

Ilhan Omar, who has become the first American-Somali to be elected to the US Congress, has expressed her determination to push for the protection of women and refugees. Ms Omar, who fled civil war in Somalia as a child and spent four years in a refugee camp in Kenya, won Minnesota’s Fifth Congressional District in the mid-term elections. She is also the joint first Muslim woman to be elected to Congress, alongside Rashida Tlaib. Somali-Americans have been celebrating her victory. **BBC**

26. South Africa

**South Africa is five times bigger than the UK - here's how our size compares to other countries**

Over the weekend, former FNB CEO and venture capitalist Michael Jordaan set Twitter alight with maps showing the sheer geographic scale of Africa: The maps were designed by the German software and graphics designer, Kai Krause, who a few years ago changed the way people look at the continent by creating a map that showed Africa is larger than the US, China, India and all of Europe, combined. **Business Insider SA**

**Elections to take place in May, final registration weekend in January – IEC**

The 2019 elections will take place on May 8, 15, 22, or 29, while the final voter registration weekend will take place at the end of January; the IEC has announced. Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC) chairperson Glen Mashinini made the announcement at a press briefing in Centurion on Wednesday. **NEWS 24**

‘There will be hell to pay' if I am removed from ANC - Gigaba

Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba has vowed that there would be "hell to pay" if he were removed from the ANC. In an interview with Isiselele on Monday, Gigaba said in isiZulu: "I grew up in the ANC. There is another young man that once insisted he would never leave the ANC. After that, he ended up leaving and starting his own political party." This in an apparent stab at Economic Freedom Fighters leader Julius Malema, who had earlier mocked Gigaba following the leaking of a "sex tape" featuring the minister. **News 24**

27. Sudan

**Struggling Sudan Aims To Revive Oil Industry**

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Sudan, a relatively small African oil producer plagued by economic hardships since South Sudan seceded in 2011, wants to attract oil investments and will launch an exploration bid round next year, Sudan’s Petroleum Minister Azhari Abdalla said on Wednesday. “Sudan has been suffering for quite some time, we feel confident that now is really the time for a second boom in this country,” South African news outlet SowetanLIVE quoted Abdalla as saying at a press conference at the Africa Oil Week conference in Cape Town. “We are open and willing to receive whoever wants to come and invest in our country with an open mind and open arms — no restrictions whatsoever,” Abdalla said. Oilprice.com

28. Tanzania

**Devices of CPJ staff detained in Tanzania 'compromised'**

The Twitter accounts of two staff of Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) who were detained by Tanzanian authorities have been suspended, leading to confusion whether the former Nation reporter Muthoki Mumo and former Mail & Guardian editor Angela Quintal have been released. A South African news site, News24, reported that a tweet had been sent from Ms Quintal’s account before it was suspended appearing to allay fears by confirming that she and Ms Mumo had been released but her family claimed that someone else may have been in possession of her phone. When Nation tried to reach Ms Quintal on one of her WhatsApp lines, a reply was sent saying: 'You've got the wrong number does not anger.' On Thursday, CPJ's executive director Joel Simon said the journalists' mobile phones may have been compromised. Daily Nation

29. Uganda

**The capture of Uganda’s State House and how we got stuck in reverse gear**

Last week’s World Bank Ease of Doing Business report was not good reading from the highs of Kampala. In the East African Community (EAC) countries, Rwanda topped and ranked 29th globally, from last year’s 41 while Kenya recorded the biggest jump, from last year’s position 80 to 61 this year. Rwanda and Kenya have improved two years in a row. Uganda fell five places to 127 from 122. Tanzania dropped to 144 from 137. Burundi was 168th, and an index measuring 190 countries you would think that was a hopeless position. No, South Sudan did even worse, coming in at 185. Daily Monitor

30. Zambia

**Zambia opposition faction leader minister sacked**

Zambian President Edgar Lungu has sacked from his cabinet the leader of a faction of the former governing Movement for Multi-party Democracy (MMD) party. Mr. Felix Mutati, who was the Works and Supply minister, was sent packing on Tuesday, following the revocation of his nomination as an MP. East African
31. Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe bus crash toll hits 47
At least 47 people were killed in Zimbabwe on Wednesday when two buses collided on a road between the capital Harare and the south-eastern town of Rusape, police confirmed to AFP. "We confirm 47 people have died in a road traffic accident at the 166-kilometre peg along the Harare-Mutare highway," police spokesman Paul Nyathi said. In a post on Twitter, the state-run Herald newspaper said pictures from the scene were too graphic to post. News 24

Mugabe ministers in court on graft charges in Zimbabwe
Two former ministers under Robert Mugabe appeared in court in Harare on Wednesday on corruption charges, nearly a year after Zimbabwe's long-time ruler was ousted from power. Mugabe's successor President Emmerson Mnangagwa has vowed to crack down on corruption, though critics say his government is still mired in the corruption that marred the Mugabe era. Former information, communication and technology minister Supa Mandiwanzira faces two graft charges involving $5m. Harare's chief provincial magistrate granted him bail of $2 000 and set his trial date for December 10. News 24