1. Algeria

**Algeria doubts Morocco’s eagerness to engage in dialogue and resolve differences**

Algeria is still silent about the invitation made by Mohammed VI of Morocco, four days ago, to engage in “mutual dialogue in order to solve problems between both sides.” On the other hand, Algerian press described such call as “a manoeuvre,” “a change of tone,” and “rhetoric of appeasement.” In a speech on Tuesday, King Mohammed VI described the relations between the two countries as “out of the ordinary and unacceptable.”

*Middle East Monitor*

**China donates 28.8 mln USD to Algeria for economic, technical cooperation**

China on Thursday granted to Algeria a donation of 200 million yuan (about 28.8 million U.S. dollars), as part of an economic and technical cooperation agreement. The deal was signed by Secretary General of Algerian Foreign Ministry Noureddine Ayadi and China's Ambassador to Algeria Yang Guangyu in Algiers. *Xinhua*

2. Angola

**UK to give Angola $920m for projects**

The United Kingdom has pledged $920,000 million to support projects in Angola, a British official confirmed. The British Trade Envoy, Baroness Lindsay Northover, who arrived in Luanda Wednesday for a three-day visit, said her country would help in the construction and maintenance of electrical substations in Luanda and Cuanza Sul provinces. *The East Africa*

3. Cameroon

**Cameroon Journalist Jailed in Anglophone Unrest**

A popular journalist from Cameroon's restive Anglophone region remains in jail after she was arrested and charged with propagating false information and terrorism. Media rights groups say the arrest of Equinoxe broadcast journalist Mimi Mefo is an attempt to silence outlets that report on the crisis in that region. Mefo's lawyer, Alice Nkon, said her client
was taken to a prison called New Bell around midnight Wednesday, some 10 hours after she showed up as requested at a gendarmerie station in Cameroon's economic capital, Douala. Voice of America

4. Central African Republic

Humanitarian crisis continues

Aid agencies are calling the crisis in Central African Republic one of the world's most neglected conflicts. An elected government is now in power. However, the violence between armed groups continues. It has forced more than 20,000 people from their homes, this year so far. Aljazeera’s Nicolas Haque reports from a refugee camp in KagaBondoro. Aljazeera

5. Chad

Illegal trade and smuggling continues at Sudan-Chad border

The Sudan-Chad border has been the main trading route for merchants in Sudan's Darfur state. But the border, which has remained a point of tension between the two countries, is also a route for smuggling goods worth millions of dollars in and out of the country. The border has been shut down several times over the past decade due to the smuggling of weapons, cars and other goods, but the illegal trading continues. Aljazeera

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. Global Times

7. Egypt

Egypt convicts 65 on terror charges, allegiance to ISIS

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8. Ethiopia

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Ethiopia police find mass grave of 200 people

Police in Ethiopia say they have discovered a mass grave with 200 bodies near the border between the Somali and Oromia regions of the country. Hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced over the past year by violence there. *Daily Nation*

9. Ghana

Ghana's accident prone highway blocked by angry residents

Protesting residents in a part of Ghana’s capital, Accra, on Thursday blocked vehicular movement on a major highway, after a pedestrian was hit and killed by a speeding vehicle earlier in the day. The increasing spate of deadly accidents on the Adenta – Madina – Aburi highway had been the subject of a sustained campaign for footbridges on the stretch to be fixed. Protesters blocked the route by burning car tyres, the district police force called to maintain order have had a hard time dealing with the situation, local media portals have reported. *Africa News*

10. Guinea

Guinea soldiers shoot dead two after Conakry protests: witnesses

Guinean soldiers shot dead two men Wednesday night in a suburb of the capital city Conakry, where protesters and security forces clashed earlier in the day, sources told AFP. *News24*

11. Guinea Bissau

Onyeama leads FG’s special envoy to Guinea Bissau ahead of elections

President Muhammadu Buhari, as Chairman, ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government, has sent a Special Envoy to Guinea Bissau ahead of the country’s legislative elections. The delegation was led by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Geoffrey Onyeama and President of the ECOWAS Commission Jean-Claude Kassi Brou. The Onyeama-led mission met with President of Guinea Bissau José Mário Vaz and political leaders with other stakeholders. *The Punch*

12. Kenya

Uhuru to retain KDF in Somalia as Treasury cuts soldiers’ budget

President Uhuru Kenyatta on Thursday said Kenya Defence Forces will stay in Somalia until security is restored despite budget cuts signalling the start of the soldiers’ withdrawal slated for next July. Mr. Kenyatta spoke at the Recruits Training School in Eldoret where he presided over the passing-out parade. Kenya gets a refund for its soldiers in Somalia and expects Sh8.5 billion in the financial year starting next July. *Business Daily*
13. Libya

I am a refugee in a Libyan camp. Conditions are so bad, people are dying
I tried to reach Europe at the start of this year. We were in the boat for 26 hours, in the middle of the Mediterranean, and an Italian helicopter came to take photos. After that, the Libyan coastguards appeared to take us back to Libya, and they brought us to hell. Since then, I’ve been in a detention centre in Tripoli. As of today, infected people here have gone three weeks without tuberculosis medication, and now we think all the men and boys have it. The Guardian

Libya's feuds cross the Mediterranean

For once Italy’s populist government will be pleased to see a group of Africans cross the Mediterranean. On November 12th the leaders of Libya’s warring factions will gather in Palermo, the capital of Sicily, for a two-day peace conference. Italy has an interest in bringing order to its former colony. Libya is an important source of fossil fuels. Its Greenstream pipeline carries gas from western Libya to Sicily. The Economist

14. Madagascar

Former president alleges fraud in Madagascar election

Former Madagascar president HeryRajaonarimampianina has alleged "many voting irregularities" in this week’s election, raising fears of protests and a disputed result. In a statement on Thursday, Rajaonarimampianina said a number of "anomalies" have been detected, including an "invalid electoral register, intimidation [and] the presence of pre-ticked ballots". Aljazeera

15. Mali

French, Malian presidents pay tribute to African WWI troops

The presidents of France and Mali paid tribute on Tuesday to the role played by African troops who fought for France during World War I. French President Emmanuel Macron and Malian President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita attended a ceremony in the French city of Reims in northeast France to pay joint tribute to the soldiers. "Today, we honour heroes," said Keita, whose great-grandfather fought and died in the Battle of Verdun nearby and whose body was never found. News24

16. Mauritius

Blue economy in Mauritius [Business Africa]

US$15 million is the worth of the world’s first ever blue bond issued by Seychelles. The loan will enable this archipelago of 115 islands finance sustainable marine projects, extend its marine protected areas and develop the fishing sector. We spoke to development economist, DR. Carlos Lopes from Johannesburg, South Africa for more details. Africa news

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17. Mozambique

**Sasol goes for more gas in Mozambique**

Fuel and Petrochemicals Company Sasol has been awarded two new licences for gas exploration in Mozambique. Sasol may now explore an area of over 3,000km² in southern Mozambique, and is also part of a successful bid to explore an area of 5,145km² further north in the Anoche Basin. *Business Daily*

**Mozambique lands good terms on $726.5m Eurobond restructuring**

Mozambique’s agreement with the bulk of its creditors to restructure a $726.5m Eurobond has good terms and conditions and was “a relief for the budget”, finance minister Adriano Maleiane said on Thursday. Mozambique, which has missed several repayments, said on Tuesday it had struck an agreement with the bulk of its creditors to restructure the Eurobond, including extending maturities and sharing future revenue from offshore gas projects. *Business Daily*

18. 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 Toumma reserve in the southeast of the West African desert state is at threat from poaching, deforestation, over-grazing and armed conflict. *Star*

19. Nigeria

**Gunmen in Nigeria abduct four Catholic priests**

Nigerian Catholic Church authorities have asked the faithful in that country to pray for the release of four priests abducted by gunmen, this week, in the Delta State, south-east of Nigeria. On Tuesday evening, after a successful reunion in Warri, the priests were relocating to the All Saints seminary in Uhiele-Ekpoma, their Alma Mater, where they were scheduled to continue the celebrations with the seminary community. On their way to Ekpoma, gunmen suddenly ambushed them, spraying the convoy of vehicles with bullets. Some priests managed to escape in their damaged cars while the four priests were captured. The abductions come hardly two weeks after five religious’ women of the Congregation of Martha and Mary in the Diocese of Issele-Uku, State of Delta were released. Nigeria media quoted the Public Relations Officer of the Delta State Police Command, DSP Andrew Aniamaka as confirming the abductions but releasing no further details. Church authorities have asked the faithful to pray for the release of the priests. *The Vatican*
20. Rwanda

**Rwanda aims for universal coverage of maternal, child health services by 2024**

Rwanda aims to achieve universal coverage of equitable quality maternal, neonatal and child health services by 2024, Rwandan health minister Diane Gashumba said Thursday in the capital city of Kigali. There are currently about 610 health posts across the country, but in partnership with other development partners, more efforts are being put in to ensure that every cell has one. The New Times

21. Seychelles

**Seychelles' budget: Opposition leader sees lack of vision, gov't leader sees sustained successes**

The two leaders in the National Assembly of Seychelles on Thursday responded to the proposed budget for 2019 made by the Minister for Finance, Trade, Investment and Economic Planning, Maurice Loustau-Lalanne. The opposition leader says the new budget lacks vision and direction, while the leader of government business said it shows the government’s long-term commitment to improving the lives of all Seychellois. A proposed national budget of nearly SCR 8.5 billion for next year, an increase of 6.6 percent compared to the 2018 budget, was presented to the National Assembly for approval on Monday. Seychelles News Agency

**Race to stop Norway frigate sinking after oil tanker collision**

An operation was underway Thursday to try to stop a Norwegian navy frigate from sinking after it collided with a Maltese oil tanker in a fjord in western Norway. Eight people received minor injuries in the accident, which took place shortly after 4:00 am (0300 GMT) in a busy waterway in the Hjeltefjord near Bergen, Norway’s army said. The 137 people on board the KNM Helge Ingstad frigate, which was returning from NATO’s Trident Juncture exercises, have been evacuated after the collision with the Sola TS tanker, the army said. “It took on a lot of water and there is a real danger that it sinks where it is," an official for the Sola rescue centre told AFP. Seychelles News Agency

22. South Sudan

**Will South Sudan’s New Peace Agreement Hold This Time?**

Tens of thousands of South Sudanese cheered, paraded and danced around the grounds of the John Garang Memorial Park in the capital city of Juba last week, celebrating a fresh peace deal. It was a striking change of mood for a country that has seen little joy in the past five years, ripped apart by a civil war that has displaced millions and left hundreds of thousands of dead. Rebel leader, Riek Machar, who once served as the country's vice president, had flown back from exile and took the stage last Thursday along with South Sudan's president, Salva Kiir. The arch rivalry between these two men has fuelled the civil war in South Sudan. KPBS News

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South Sudan monitoring body urges to order commanders to stop clashes

South Sudan’s ceasefire monitoring body, the Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangements Monitoring and Verification Mechanism (CTSAMVM) has urged the peace partners to direct their forces on the ground to stop clashes in Yei and Wau areas. On Wednesday, the head of CTSAMVM Maj. Gen. Ibrahim Abduljelill chaired the 4th meeting of the CTSAMVM Technical Committee (CTC) in Khartoum with the participation of the government and opposition groups. In his speech to the meeting, Abduljelill regretted that they continue to receive an increasing number of allegations from the parties including reports of fighting, recruitment, displacement, and sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV). "We urge parties to clearly and forcefully communicate orders to field commanders at all levels and make your commitments here at the CTC credible and deliverable," he said. Based on the reports they receive, the Ethiopian general said: "there is ongoing fighting" in the Wau area and continued reports of conflict in the Yei area. Sudan Tribune

Ex-SA colonel returns home after escaping South Sudan death penalty

William Endley, the former South African defence colonel, is back home from South Sudan after being pardoned by President Salva Kiir last week after he was sentenced to death by hanging by a court in the capital Juba in February following his conviction on charges of espionage and conspiring to overthrow the government. Speaking to the media on Thursday, Endley said he was enjoying drinking a cold beer and the freedom of being able to move around after being held in solitary confinement for long periods of time. Independent online

23. South Africa

Police in South Africa investigate suspected murder of Irish father-of-four

Police in South Africa begin murder investigation after Irishman found dead at his apartment. Father-of-four John Curran was well-known in education circles on a national level in Ireland. It is understood the victim’s phone was missing but police in South Africa haven’t confirmed whether it was robbery or not. Mellon Educate posted a tribute to their 'dear colleague' this afternoon. News Africa

24. Tanzania

SA journalist Angela Quintal, colleague left Tanzania safely - CPJ

South African journalist Angela Quintal and her Kenyan colleague MuthokiMumo have safely left Tanzania after being detained, the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) said in a statement on its website. Tanzanian authorities detained the pair on Wednesday night for reasons that are still unclear and released them in the early hours of Thursday. CPJ executive director Joel Simon said Quintal and Mumo had travelled to Tanzania to understand the challenges faced by Tanzanian press and to inform the global public. NEWS 24
25. Uganda

Uganda activist back in jail for insulting president

A prominent Ugandan activist is back in jail, accused of making "obscene comments" on her Facebook page about President Yoweri Museveni and his late mother. "Dr (Stella) Nyanzi appeared in court today after five days in police cells and she was charged for allegedly disturbing the peace, quiet, or right to privacy of President Museveni and his late mother," the academic's lawyer Isaac Semakadde told AFP. She was then sent back to prison as the presiding magistrate had no jurisdiction to hear the case, Semakadde said, adding: "We are working to secure her release. NEWS 24