1. Algeria

**Secretary-General of Algeria’s ruling party resigns**

The Secretary-General of Algeria’s ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) Djamel Ould Abbes resigned for “health reasons” yesterday, APS news agency reported an unnamed official source as saying. According to the source, and Parliament Speaker Mouad Bouchareb will temporarily replace Abbes until the party decides who will succeed him. Ould Abbes took office in October 2016; replacing former Secretary-General Amaar Saadani who also abruptly resigned. *Middle East Monitor*

2. Angola

**34 churches shut in Angola police operation**

At least 34 churches have been shut in Angola following an operation dubbed *Operação Resgate* (rescue operation), police confirmed. The national police director for communication, Mr Orlando Bernardo, said 19 churches were shut in Cabinda Province, 11 in Luanda and four in Malanje province for operating illegally. The government said recently that more than 50 per cent of churches operating in Angola were foreign, mainly from the DR Congo, Brazil, Nigeria and Senegal, adding that at least 1,116 of them operated illegally. *Daily nation*

3. Central African Republic

**Central African Republic calls on Russia to train its army**

Al Jazeera has been given unprecedented access to Russian military instructors on the ground in the Central African Republic (CAR). CAR President Touadéra has called on Russia for help in controlling the country, which has an arms embargo on it and 14 militia groups fighting for control of the territory. *Aljazeera*
France, Russia, US wrangle at UN over CAR

France, Russia and the United States were locked in negotiations on Wednesday to overcome differences over peace efforts in the Central African Republic ahead of a deadline for renewing the mandate of the UN peacekeeping mission there. The Security Council must vote on prolonging the 12 000-strong MINUSCA mission in the Central African Republic by midnight on Thursday, when the mission’s mandate expires. News 24

Over 400 Rwanda Police Peacekeepers in CAR Decorated With UN Service Medals

The United Nations, yesterday awarded 431 Rwandan Police peacekeepers serving in its mission in Central African Republic (CAR) with the medal of service excellence. The medals serve as recognition for their efforts in enhancing peace and security under the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the CAR (MINUSCA). The decorated officers constitute three contingents; two Rwanda Formed Police Units (FPUs) and a Protection Support Unit (PSU). Other 13 serve as Individual Police Officers (IPO), who work as advisors and mentors. All Africa

At least 7 UN peacekeepers killed in clash in Democratic Republic of Congo

At least seven United Nations peacekeepers stationed in the Democratic Republic of Congo have reportedly been killed in clashes. A report from the Reuters news agency Thursday afternoon cited clashes with militias near Beni, a town located in the eastern part of the conflicted country. The news comes as the DRC struggles with its worst-ever breakout of Ebola. Global News, New York Times, Aljazeera

4. Djibouti

Eritrea sanctions lifting: Djibouti, Somalia, Ethiopia, AU welcome move

Major players in the Horn of Africa region have all reacted to United Nations Security Council’s sanctions removal on Eritrea. The African Union has also said it welcomed the development. So far Ethiopia, Djibouti, Somalia and the African Union have reacted to what they agree in unison is a boost for regional peace, development and economic cooperation. Ethiopia through the office of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed almost immediately reacted to the move on Wednesday. In the case of Somalia, President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed Farmaajo welcomed the move in a tweet. Africa News

5. Egypt

Egypt announces accession to Kigali agreement’s principles

15 November 2018: The Egyptian Foreign Ministry announced Thursday, Nov. 15 Egypt’s accession to the Kigali agreement’s principles for the protection of civilians in peacekeeping operations. Egypt’s decision is based on the country’s belief in the leading role of the UN peacekeeping operations in achieving peace, security and stability and its
commitment to achieving peace in the African continent, where most UN peacekeeping operations take place, an official statement read. **Egypt Today**

6. **Ethiopia's**

**Ethiopia's PM Abiy Ahmed takes on the military**

A year ago, many Ethiopians would not have dared to imagine the spectacle they are being treated to right now, as the government intensifies its crackdown on alleged corruption and gross human rights violations within the military and intelligence services. The nation has watched in disbelief - and then cheered - as former high-ranking officers have been arrested on live television, handcuffed while surrounded by heavily armed security personnel and bundled into police vehicles. Times have indeed changed. **BBC News**

7. **Gabon's**

**Gabon's constitutional court intervenes over Bongo's absence**

Gabon's Constitutional Court has intervened in a crisis surrounding hospitalised president Ali Bongo, declaring to a storm of criticism that it had modified the constitution to address his "temporary incapacity". Speculation about Bongo's future has swollen since the 59-year-old president was taken to hospital in the Saudi capital Riyadh on October 24. **News24**

8. **Kenya**

**Kenya's Foreign Affairs CS roots for a reformed AU Executive Council**

It was a full day for Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Monica Juma on her second day in Addis Ababa where she is attending the 20th Extra Ordinary session of the African Union Executive Council. The session is focused on the reform of the African Union Commission; and is also a preparatory session for the 11th extra ordinary summit of the African Union scheduled for 17th and 18th of November 2018. During her statement the CS underscored the imperative to have a structure that was rationalised, that ensured no duplication and enhanced coherence and synergy. **Capital News**

9. **Madagascar**

**Madagascar rivals set for election run-off**

Two former presidents of Madagascar look set to compete in a hotly-contested run-off election in December after partial results Thursday showed they were frontrunners in the first-round vote. With 80 percent of the ballots counted from last week's vote, Andry Rajoelina was on 39.63 per cent and Marc Ravalomanana was on 35.42 per cent pointing towards a close race for the presidency in the head-to-head second round. **The East African; African News**

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10. Malawi

**Four Malawian UN soldiers killed in DRC: Malawi army**

Four Malawian peacekeepers in the Democratic Republic of Congo have been killed, the Malawian military said on Thursday. One sergeant and three privates were aged between 29 and 38, but gave no further details on where or how they died. *News24*

11. Sierra Leone

**Sierra Leone passes US corruption test**

Sierra Leone has finally passed the Control of Corruption (COC) indicator of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). The development has boosted the new government's war on corruption, and raised it chances of attracting US financial support. MCC, an initiative of the US government, was designed to promote good governance and democracy with the ultimate goal of ending widespread poverty in developing countries. The latest scorecard was released last week, in a joint statement by the government and the US Embassy in Freetown. *The East Africa*

12. Somalia

**UN lifts sanctions on Eritrea, keeps arms embargo on Somalia**

The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously Wednesday to lift sanctions against Eritrea following its thaw in relations with Ethiopia and other neighboring countries but it kept an arms embargo on Somalia and a ban on trade in charcoal, a key source of funds for al-Shabab militants. The resolution approved by the U.N.'s most powerful body commended "efforts toward peace, stability and reconciliation in the region" sparked by Ethiopia's reformist prime minister, Abiy Ahmed, who came to power in April and accepted an international commission's border decision that favored Eritrea. *ABC News*

**Somalia, Libya top list of World’s most dangerous countries**

Libya, Afghanistan and Somalia are the most dangerous places on earth, according to a new map designed for travellers that alerts them to risks abroad. The interactive 'Travel Risk Map' for 2019 reveals the countries where travellers are most likely to have trouble when it comes to road safety, security and medical matters. *The Star*

13. South Africa

**Zuma corruption case: Thales wants charges quashed**

French arms company Thales, which has been charged along with former president Jacob Zuma in his corruption case, is seeking a permanent stay of prosecution so the charges against it can be reviewed and set aside. Thales lodged the application with the KwaZulu-Natal High Court in Durban."Thales submits that a permanent stay of prosecution against it constitutes just and equitable constitutional relief in the circumstances," according to court papers. *News24*
14. South Sudan

**Kenyan priest killed in South Sudan**

A Kenyan Catholic cleric has been murdered in South Sudan’s Gok State, officials said. Gok State Information minister John Madol said Father Victor Luka Odhiambo was assaulted and killed by armed men at the Mazzolari Church compound in the state headquarters on Wednesday evening. He added that the motive for the killing remains unclear. The minister further said authorities had arrested one suspect in connection with the incident. *Daily Nation*

**South Sudan plans to build new capital in former Game Park**

South Sudan's government said it is planning to construct a new state capital in a central location in what was a wildlife park, to make the seat of government more accessible. Government spokesman Michael Makuei said the new capital will be named Ramciel and will be located in Lakes State. He said it will be built in an area that was previously a rhino sanctuary in the forest. The land is currently uninhabited and lacks basic infrastructure such as roads and electricity. The initial planning for the project is being funded by approximately $5 million from Morocco and will be carried out by South Korea. Morrocan and Korean engineers will visit the site this week to begin demarcating areas for roads, utilities, markets, residential areas and key government installations. *News 24*

15. Tanzania

**Denmark withholds aid to Tanzania after anti-gay remarks**

Denmark is withholding 65m krone ($9.8 million) in aid to Tanzania after "unacceptable homophobic comments" from a senior politician, a minister says. Development minister Ulla Tornaes did not name the official but said she was "very concerned" by the comments. Last month, Paul Makonda, commissioner for the commercial capital Dar es Salaam, called on the public to report suspected gay men to the police. *The East African*

16. Uganda

**Uganda deploys military, police to guard Chinese investors**

The Ugandan government has deployed military and police officers to guard Chinese investors after the latter threatened to leave the country following a wave of attacks. Mr You Jing Shu, the chairperson of Guangdong Chamber of Commerce, a lobby of about 50 Chinese companies in Uganda, said last week that many investors were considering leaving unless the government beefed up security. “I may personally be resilient to this kind of insecurity because I lived in South Sudan, which is more hostile than here. But other investors who are faint-hearted can leave,” Mr Shu said in an interview with *Daily Monitor*. *Daily Nation*

17. Zambia

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PF starts surrendering ZESCO to China

The PF cabinet says it has begun reforming ZESCO. The PF regime doesn’t spell out exactly what these reforms are, entail or how how long they will take. In the vague press release, secretary to cabinet Roland Msiska simply says ‘the overall objective is to make ZESCO a viable company.’ But the Zambian Watchdog knows and we hereby state that, the key part of these reforms will lead to the Zambian government surrendering ZESCO generation equipment to China through Syno Hydro because of the huge debt Zambia owes. Zambian watch dog

18. Zimbabwe

It was a time of immense hope’: Zimbabweans reflect on fall of Mugabe

It’s one year since the Zimbabwe army seized control of the country, rolled their tanks onto the streets of Harare and forced longtime leader Robert Mugabe out of power. Back in November 2017, tens of thousands of jubilant Zimbabweans poured into central Harare to back the army operation dubbed ‘Operation Restore Legacy’. News24