1. Algeria

**Egyptian investments in Algeria reach $3.6B: Prime minister**

Egyptian investments in Algeria hit $3.6 billion, according to Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouli. This came during a meeting between the Egyptian prime minister and his Algerian counterpart on the sidelines of the 11th extraordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union taking place in Ethiopia's Addis Ababa on November 17 and 18. Madbouli attends the session on behalf of President Abdel Fatah al-Sisi. *Egypt Today*

2. Burkina Faso

**Hundreds of schools shut in Burkina Faso over jihadi attacks**

In Burkina Faso, a country struggling to contain jihadist violence, education is one of the victims of the insurgency, with hundreds of schools closed, teachers in hiding and pupils kept indoors over the fear of attacks. In the conflict-ridden north, more than three years of assaults and threats by radical Islamists have led to the closure of more than 300 schools, according to estimates, with the east of the West African nation now also seeing school closures. *Daily nation*

3. Cameroon

**University professor, employee kidnapped in Cameroon**

A professor and staff member of the University of Buea in troubled western Cameroon have been kidnapped, a statement received by AFP on Sunday said. Charles Doumta, on the Health Sciences faculty, and George Ongey, who works for the research and cooperation office, were seized on Friday and November 10, respectively, the statement said without elaborating. *News 24*
4. Central African Republic

**Central African Republic extradites ex-militia leader ‘Rambo’**

An MP and former militia leader in the Central African Republic (CAR) has been extradited to The Hague to face trial for crimes against humanity. Alfred Yekatom arrived at the International Criminal Court (ICC) detention centre on Saturday. The ICC alleges he was responsible for murder, torture, attacking civilians and using child fighters. Yekatom, known as “Rambo”, led a Christian militia which formed after Muslim rebels seized power in 2013. KBC

**Over 40 killed in attack on refugee base in Central African Republic**

More than 40 people were killed and dozens wounded in Central African Republic in an attack on a Catholic mission sheltering 20,000 refugees, a regional lawmaker said. The attack happened on Thursday in Alindao, a town 300 km (200 miles) east of the capital Bangui. Thousands of people were forced to flee when the mission was set on fire, the United Nations said. Reuters

5. Chad

**Sudan: Foreign Ministers of Sudan, Libya, Niger and Chad Meet**

The Foreign Ministers of Sudan, Libya, Niger and Chad met, Saturday, in Addis Ababa, on the sidelines of the AU Emergency Summit Conference on Institutional Reform. Foreign Minister, Dr. Derderi Mohammed Ahmed told reporters that the objective of the meeting is to Highlight the necessity for moving forward in the cooperation and coordination agreed upon earlier by the four countries. All Africa, Sudan Tribute

6. DRC

**DRC efforts to fight Ebola resume in Beni after deadly violence**

Health authorities in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) have resumed efforts to fight a major Ebola outbreak in eastern Beni region after a brief suspension following clashes. "Despite deadly attacks. Ebola response activities are continuing," the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Sunday. Health Minister Oly Ilunga Kalenga had announced the suspension of operations on Saturday, a day after clashes broke out a few a "few metres" away from a local emergency centre and the hotels of several responses teams in Beni, North Kivu province. Al Jazeera, Voice of America

**DR Congo police kill two protesting students in Kinshasa**

Two university students were shot dead by police in the Democratic Republic of Congo within the space of four days. The Kinshasa University students were protesting to seek the resumption of classes by striking lecturers. Reports indicate that a first student was shot on Monday during the protest. The student died on Thursday birthing more a new protest. Police confirmed that riots on Thursday had also resulted in a second death which resulted from the discharge of police rounds. Africa News, The east African

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**Soldier kills five mourners in DRC shooting**

DRCA soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo attacked a congregation of mourners, shooting dead five people and injuring ten others, police sources said Sunday. The motive of the shooter was unclear, they said after the overnight attack in the city of Tshikapa in the Kasai region in the central DRC. "People were gathered to mourn when the soldier arrived and opened fire on the crowd killing two people on the spot and injuring others," a police source said. News 24

7. **Egypt**

**Egypt rounds up dozens of human rights defenders**

Egyptian authorities have rounded up at least 40 rights workers, activists and lawyers since late October and detained them in "undisclosed locations", Human Rights Watch said Sunday. "Many of those arrested were people who provided humanitarian and legal support to families of political detainees," HRW said, calling on the government to reveal their whereabouts. The East African

8. **Ethiopia**

**The women smashing Ethiopia's glass ceiling**

Ethiopia is changing rapidly under Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, with women now wielding enormous power in a country where they have mostly been confined to traditional roles, writes BBC Tigrinya's Hana Zeratsyon. Ethiopians like to say they were ruled by Queen Sheba in biblical times - something they take great pride in, yet the reality is that the Horn of Africa state is a deeply male-dominated society. As gender and law consultant Hilina Birhanu puts it: "Patriarchy is our society's mother tongue. We learn from early to look down on women." BBC Africa

**Egypt and Ethiopia to discuss Nile dam dispute - PM**

Egypt said on Sunday it would hold talks with Ethiopia in the next two weeks to iron out differences over an Ethiopian dam on the River Nile that Cairo sees as a threat to its water supplies. The two countries and Sudan have held a series of meetings over the $4 billion hydroelectric Grand Renaissance Dam, but have yet to reach a deal on managing flows and other issues. Egypt fears the scheme will restrict the waters coming down from Ethiopia’s highlands, through the deserts of Sudan, to its fields and reservoirs. Ethiopia, which wants to become Africa’s biggest power exporter, says it will have no such impact. Egypt’s prime minister, Mostafa Madbouly, said he and his Ethiopian counterpart, Abiy Ahmed, agreed “to start bilateral discussions in the next two weeks to agree on the points that remain unagreed,” state news agency MENA reported. Reuters

9. **Gabon**

**AU warns Gabon as Bongo remains incapacitated**

The African Union on Saturday warned Gabon to respect constitutional order after a high court intervened in a crisis surrounding the country's hospitalised President Ali Bongo. A statement by AU Commission chair Moussa Faki Mahamat emphasised that the 55-member group of African nations had a "strong commitment to the full respect of
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10. Guinea

**US to join Australia in Papua New Guinea naval base plan**

The US says it will join Australia in developing a naval base in Papua New Guinea (PNG), in an apparent move to curb China's growing influence. Vice-President Mike Pence said the three countries would work together on the facility on Manus Island. Australia announced last month that it would work with PNG to develop the island’s Lombrum Naval Base. Mr Pence made the announcement on the sidelines of the Apec summit in the PNG capital, Port Moresby. **BBC Africa**

11. Kenya

**Kenya welcomes appointment of Seychelles leader as AU champion for Blue Economy**

Kenya has welcomed the appointment of Seychelles President Danny Faure as the African Union champion for the Blue Economy. Faure was appointed during the just concluded 11th Extraordinary Session of the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Monica Juma on Sunday commended President Faure for leading efforts to maximize the potential of the blue economy. As part of his commitment towards a sustainable Blue Economy, the Seychelles leader issued the first blue bond last week. He is among foreign leaders that have confirmed participation in Kenya’s inaugural Sustainable Blue Economy Conference kicking off on November 26. **Capital News**

**Al Shabaab still a threat to Kenya, new UN report says**

The terrorist group Al Shabaab still remains a real security threat to Kenyan and East African security agencies, according to the latest report by the UN Monitoring Group. It warns of pitfalls that cloud concerned states’ commitment to rid not only Somalia but also its neighbours of threats by the group. Al Shabaab remains a threat to the peace, security, and stability of Somalia and its effect is felt across the hinterland’s borders, calling for the need for extra vigilance. The report sent to the UN Security Council casts a pale shadow on the way forward in dealing with the militants. It cites a worrying presence of the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) faction in Somalia. The Monitoring Group says the conflict between Somaliland and Puntland, misappropriation of financial resources, and maritime piracy remains a major hurdle. The experts also cite loopholes in the handling of arms seized from Al Shabaab as well as those donated by supporting missions like Amisom and the US. **The Star**

**Kenya holds 7pc China African debt**

Kenya, Angola and Ethiopia top the list of sub-Saharan African countries holding the largest debt from China according to a new report by rating agency Moody’s. Nairobi holds seven percent of the debt while Angola leads the pack with 30 percent, with Ethiopia coming second with 10 percent. The three countries received nearly half of all Chinese debt.
investment on the continent in the 18 years to 2017. As at the end of June this year, China was the largest bilateral lender to Kenya but was second overall as the World Bank came top among both multilateral and bilateral lenders. "Business daily Africa"

12. Libya

Rescued migrants refuse to leave ship taking them to Libya

Dozens of increasingly desperate migrants rescued by a cargo ship in the Mediterranean have been refusing to leave after it docked in a Libyan port. They said, they would rather die than be forced to disembark in Libya where they were held captive and tortured by smugglers. Fourteen people including unaccompanied children, a mother and baby left the ship on Wednesday to official detention centres in Libya but, according to Qatari-based broadcaster al-Jazeera, 77 migrants remained on board on Sunday. "BBC"

13. Madagascar

AU holds reform conference, anxiety mounts in Gabon and Madagascar

African Union leaders were gathered in Addis Ababa for an extraordinary summit that began Saturday and ends today. It emerged that a December 19 presidential poll runoff in Madagascar is likely, following last week’s vote in the perennially volatile Indian Ocean island nation. With 80 per cent of the ballots from the November 7 poll counted, two former presidents — Andry Rajoelina and Marc Ravalomanana — were ahead of the pack of 36 candidates who contested the election. "Daily Nation"

Two ex-presidents set to compete in Madagascar election run-off

Two former presidents of Madagascar, Andry Rajoelina and Marc Ravalomanana, came out top in the country's election, results showed Saturday, and are set to compete in a run-off. Leading candidates, out of 36 runners, have raised allegations of fraud and malpractice by election authorities, and the result could be subject to a fierce legal battle. "France24"

Madagascan police call for calm ahead of election result

Madagascan police on Friday called for candidates to exercise restraint as near-complete results were tallied from a first-round presidential election last week, with two former leaders looking set to go through to the run-off. With 96 percent of all polling stations counted, Andry Rajoelina was on 39.38 percent and Marc Ravalomanana on 34.19 percent — pointing towards a close race for the presidency in the head-to-head second round. "Capital News"

14. Mali

Canada has not been asked to extend Mali commitment: Sajjan

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan said he has not been asked by the United Nations to extend Canada’s peacekeeping mission in Mali, which is set to end in July. Canadians began arriving in Mali in June. The year-long deployment includes: two Chinook helicopters to provide transport and logistics; four Griffon helicopters to offer escort and protection services; and, approximately 250 military personnel; and 20 civilian police officers to support the United Nations’ peacekeeping mission. The defence minister said that, as

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promised, Canada will fulfil its year-long commitment, but then it’s been working with the UN to see a new nation, expected to be Romania, step up and take over. **CTV News**

15. Nigeria

**Nigeria's Buhari starts presidential election campaign**

Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari on Sunday put the fight against corruption at the heart of his bid for another four-year term, as official campaigning got underway for elections next year. Voters go to the polls on 16 February, four years after Buhari's landmark victory which saw him become the first opposition candidate in Nigerian history to defeat a sitting president. **EWN**

16. Rwanda

**Rwandan dissident ready to return, Kigali says door's open**

Rwanda says the door remains open for South African-based dissident Lt Gen Kayumba Nyamwasa to return to the country. Ahead of the planned rapprochement meeting between South African and Rwandan Foreign Affairs officials, the South African International Relations and Co-operation Minister, Lindiwe Sisulu, said last week that one of the points of discussion when the two countries meet will be possible talks on Gen Kayumba to return to Rwanda. **East African**

17. Sierra Leone

**When leaders tolerate sycophants – the nation perishes**

Don’t call me a pessimist, in fact I have always lived as a disciple of an optimist. African politics is synonymous with sycophancy. Sierra Leoneans have lived with political parrots since independence, and this has proven to be extremely dangerous to our nascent democracy and the rule of law. A politics made up of lies, bootlicking, demi god worshipping and betrayals seems to be the major undoing in African politics. A politician seeking the leader’s attention and support has always got something to say in praise of the leader, and is quick to dismiss and attack others to ‘protect the leader’. **The Sierra Leone Telegraph**

**Charcoal still smuggled from KDF controlled Somalia zones**

Al-Shabaab continues to reap substantial revenues from charcoal smuggling in southern Somalia despite the presence of African Union military bases in the area, a United Nations report has revealed. Those installations at the ports of Kismayo and Buur Gabo are maintained by Kenyan forces operating under the auspices of the African Union Mission in Somalia (Amisom), the UN team noted in an earlier report. UN monitors were “not assisted by Amisom” when they attempted to inspect charcoal stockpiles and port facilities at Kismayo in July of this year, the new report points out. **Daily Nation**
How Kenyan police let in Somalia’s Shabaab bombers

Police officers at the Kenya-Somalia border let in five Al-Shabaab suicide bombers in February this year after receiving bribes, a new United Nations report says. The report lays bare how Kenyan security forces routinely accept cash bribes from as low as Ksh2,000 ($20) from terror militants to wave them through. The Somalia Report 2018, released on Tuesday by the Somalia and Eritrea Monitoring Group (SEMG), paints a rather disturbing picture of the misplaced loyalties of some of the security officers Kenya has deployed to protect itself, and reveals, for the first time, how the Somalia-based militants are routinely allowed to cross over to Kenya to kill and maim. The East African

18. South Sudan

‘Life is miserable’: Even when there’s food in South Sudan, many can’t afford it

If a teacher in South Sudan wants to buy a chicken for dinner, he would have to save everything he earns for two full months — and it still wouldn’t be enough. Five years of intense civil warfare have decimated South Sudan’s economy and killed an estimated 380,000 people. A third of the population is displaced, every second person is going hungry, and hundreds of thousands are at risk of starving to death in the world’s newest country, according to the United Nations. Parts of South Sudan — including key agricultural areas — are nearly emptied of people; they fled for safety or to find food. That means those who remain in South Sudan are relying on imports, even though a plunging exchange rate means imported food is overwhelmingly expensive. And despite the influx of billions of dollars in food aid, attacks on deliveries, bad roads, flooding and deliberate government interference mean that food often doesn’t get to the people who need it. The Washington Post

South Sudan law students to sit Kenya bar exam

The High Court of Kenya has granted reprieve to three South Sudanese law students who had been locked out of sitting the bar exam in order to be admitted as advocates in Kenya. Justice Enoch Chacha Mwita issued temporary orders allowing Steve Kawai, Mangok Akuot and Miji Wongo to sit for their bar examinations and also directed that the matter comes up in court on December 17. “Pending the hearing and determination of this case, the Council of Legal Education and the Kenya School of Law are hereby ordered to allow the petitioners to sit for the bar examination scheduled to start on November 15,” the judge said. The East African

19. Tanzania

Tanzania launches 300-man force to fight poaching, trafficking

Tanzanian Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan on Saturday presided over the inauguration of the paramilitary group tasked with combating poaching and illegal trafficking of wildlife organs and products. The squad has 313 female and male personnel and will operate under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism. The Daily Nation

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16 Tanzanian fishermen arrested for illegal fishing

Kenyan authorities have arrested at least 16 fishermen from Tanzania for allegedly trespassing into the country and using outlawed fishing equipment. The Tanzanians were arrested Sunday along the shores of Lake Victoria near Bamgot beach in Migori County. The foreigners were then taken to Macalder Police Station where they were locked up but their boats remained docked at Bamgot. Migori County police boss Joseph Nthenge said the suspects will be taken to court as soon as investigations are complete. Daily Nation

20. Uganda

Police summon MP Francis Zaake over Arua chaos

Mityana Municipality lawmaker Francis Zaake has been summoned to appear before the police’s Criminal Investigations Department (CID) on Wednesday to be questioned on possible charges of escaping from police custody and treason. Mr Zaake told Sunday Monitor that he has received the summonses and will turn up for questioning. He has, however, described the act of the police as “reckless and traumatising” because he is still recovering from “physical and psychological wounds” that he suffered during the chaos before the Arua Municipality by-election in August. Daily Nation

Ugandan leaders push for dialogue

Groups pushing for a national dialogue to address Uganda’s recurrent political, social and economic challenges agreed after a meeting with President Museveni to push the launch date from November 21 to December 18. President Museveni, who has been in power for 32 years, recently embraced the dialogue process. He stands at the centre of the dialogue for both its success and key political objective — charting a peaceful path out of Uganda’s violent changes of power. The president has met separately with some of the key players in the dialogue process and at a recent meeting indicated he favoured a process that put political parties at the centre through the Inter Party Organisation for Dialogue (IPOD). The East African

21. Zambia

There will be no IMF bailout for Zambia

The International Monetary Fund has maintained discussions on a possible Fund-supported program with Zambia remains suspended. The IMF says the talks remain frozen because the Zambian government’s borrowing plans compromised the country’s debt sustainability. This is according to a statement by IMF Spokesman Gerry Rice during a news conference at the IMF Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Mr Rice’s statement throws cold water on the Zambian government’s latest moves to reactive the IMF talks after key officials claimed that the talks are back on track. Zambian watch dog