1. Algeria

93 African children freed in Algeria from human trafficking networks

Algerian authorities on Sunday said 93 children of different African nationalities were freed from human trafficking networks. Police Department and Social Assistance Bureau of Algiers announced in a statement that “Algerian security forces managed within a week to free 93 children of various African nationalities, including over 60 children from Niger, as they are exploited to raise money by begging in the capital Algiers.” CGTN Africa

2. Central African Republic

Russia to increase military presence in Central African Republic

The United Nations has extended the mandate for its peacekeeping mission in the Central African Republic for another month, while Security Council members negotiate whether to prolong the deployment. France has presented a draft resolution that takes aim at recent Russian efforts to negotiate peace deals in the CAR. Moscow has been sending military trainers and equipment to the government. Al Jazeera

Death Toll In Central African Republic Clashes Rises To 48 - Un

At least 48 people were killed in clashes between Christian and Muslim-dominated militias in a restive Central African Republic (CAR) town last week, according to an internal UN report seen Monday by AFP. The death toll had previously been reported as 37, including two priests, in the country's latest surge of sectarian violence. The bloodshed was sparked in the central town of Alindao on Thursday between Christian militiamen, known as anti-Balaka, and the Union for Peace in CAR (UPC) Muslim militia. Eye Witness News

3. Egypt

Dozens of human rights activists, lawyers arrested by Egypt: HRW

Egyptian authorities have arrested at least 40 human rights advocates, lawyers and political activists within the last 30 days and held them in "undisclosed locations", Human Rights Watch has said. "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. Aljazeera
4. Equatorial Guinea's

Equatorial Guinea's president arrives in Khartoum for visit

President of Equatorial Guinea, Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, on Monday arrived in Khartoum on a two-day visit to Sudan. According to official SUNA news agency, the two sides would hold a session of joint talks, to be chaired by the two countries' presidents. They are expected to sign joint agreements at the end of the visit. Mbasogo was received upon arrival at Khartoum airport by Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir, ministers and representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited to Khartoum. Xinhua

5. Eritrea

The lifting of UN sanctions will not solve Eritrea’s problems

On November 14, the United Nations Security Council unanimously agreed to lift the sanctions it had imposed on Eritrea with Resolution 1907. The measure, which included an international arms embargo, travel bans and the freezing of assets of high-profile Eritrean officials, had been in effect since 2009, when the UN accused Eritrea of supporting armed groups in Somalia - something the regime in Asmara always denied. Aljazeera

Ex-Ogaden rebels plan return to Ethiopia from base in Eritrea

The Ogaden National Liberation Front, ONLF, are set to return to Ethiopia on Wednesday, the Voice of America’s Somali service reported on Monday. Leadership of the group are due to return on Wednesday, November 21, the report said. ONLF spokesperson told the VOA that their forces were going to be airlifted from Asmara to Jijiga, capital of Ethiopia’s Somali Regional State, SRS, on the said date. The group recently signed a peace deal with the Ethiopian federal government in the Eritrean capital, Asmara, where they have been based. Africa News

6. eSwatini

eSwatini’s new PM wants pay cuts, IMF approves

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is in agreement with the voluntary pay cuts that cabinet ministers in eSwatini have proposed to effect. Most ministers of the recently-appointed cabinet followed in the footsteps of Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini, who was first to succumb to salary cuts, saying this was the first major step towards economic recovery. The new government comprising 18 cabinet ministers has prioritized the resuscitation of the ailing economy. IMF deputy Division Chief of the African Department Geremia Palomba said his organisation gave this advice to eSwatini in 2011, but it was never taken. This was after IMF observed that eSwatini’s wage bill was five per cent higher than most developed countries. “The government may renew its pay structure and adjust it to make it relevant to its Gross Domestic Product (GDP),” Palomba said at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre recently. By the end of October, eSwatini’s total public debt stood at $985.7 million, an equivalent of 22.3 per cent of the GDP. Journalducameroun.com
7. Ethiopia

**Ethiopia's anti-graft drive slammed as ethnic witch-hunt**

A senior official in an influential faction of Ethiopia's ruling coalition on Monday accused Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed of ethnic profiling in an anti-corruption drive that has seen scores arrested. Debretsion Gebremichael, chairperson of the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), said the arrests of more than 60 senior military and intelligence officers in recent weeks was an attack on ethnic Tigrayans, a group that has long held disproportionate power in government and the security services. *News24*

8. Kenya

**Kenya burns $300m defending the shilling**

The Central Bank of Kenya has burned through more than $300 million in the last one month trying to protect the shilling against a bullish dollar, with analysts predicting that it could hit 105 units to the dollar by the year's end. *The East Africa*

**Uhuru launches Kenya Coast Guard Service for resource protection**

The government is determined to seal loopholes used for illegal trade in Kenya's waters, as demonstrated by the launch of the Kenya Coast Guard Service (KCGS) on Monday. President Uhuru Kenyatta commissioned the service in Lwamoni, Mombasa County. He was with leaders including Deputy President William Ruto and Mombasa Governor Hassan Joho. *Daily Nation*

**Kenya to incur Sh500m every year to implement gender rule - economist**

Kenya will incur at most Sh500 million every year for 20 years starting 2022 to cater for Parliament's two-thirds gender requirement, finance experts have said. Institute of Economic Affairs chief executive Kwame Owino said implementing the law will cost less than one per cent of the total government expenditure. He spoke during a session to measure the cost implication of the Two-thirds Gender Rule Bill scheduled for the second reading in Parliament on Tuesday. *The Star*

**Kenya Defense Forces to recruit 3000 officers**

The Ministry of Defense will employ an additional 3000 officers during the second 2018 Kenya Defense Forces recruitment exercise. Speaking during the launch of the exercise KDF Vice Chief of defense forces lieutenant General Robert Kibochi, say the recruitment will be conducted in strict adherence to the set regulations. The month long exercise to be carried out in all sub counties across the country will have 16 teams overseeing the exercise to ensure it is conducted in accordance with the KDF act. *KBC*
9. Libya
Barricaded refugees 'ready to die' than return to Libya detention

Refugees and migrants refusing to leave a cargo boat in a Libyan port are pleading to be taken to Europe, saying they are prepared to die than be returned to detention in the North African country. Aljazeera

10. Madagascar
Top Madagascar presidential hopeful alleges vote 'manipulation'

The frontrunner in Madagascar's presidential race accused election officials of "manipulation" in compiling results that showed him short of the absolute majority needed to avoid a second round run-off vote. Former president Andry Rajoelina told a crowd of supporters in the capital Antananarivo that "everything had been done to prevent (him) from scoring more than 40%" in the November 7 first round. News24

11. Mali
UN mission in Mali tries to bring aid despite al-Qaeda attacks

Al-Qaeda attacks in northern Mali are increasing, especially against the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA). MINUSMA was not intended to participate in the war, rather supposed to be a peacekeeping force. However, UN troops have been trying to fill the gap left by other aid agencies. Aljazeera

12. Morocco
The forest sheltering African migrants in Morocco

A forest in a poor neighbourhood on the outskirts of Tangier, a tourist town in Morocco's northeast, acts as a last stop for African migrants before they attempt the perilous journey into Europe. Here, they sleep on discarded, stained mattresses, cook a meal a day using firewood and wash their clothes from rainwater collected in metal cans. Aljazeera

13. Nigeria
Boko Haram attacks three military bases in NE Nigeria

Boko Haram jihadists at the weekend attacked three military bases in northeast Nigeria, putting the spotlight on insecurity in Nigeria just three months before presidential polls. On Sunday, fighters from the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) faction attacked a base in Metele, a remote village in northeast Borno state, near the Niger border. Aljazeera

Get working again': Nigeria's Abubakar launches poll campaign

Nigeria's main opposition leader Atiku Abubakar has vowed to get the country "working again" by reviving its economy as he launched his 2019 presidential elections campaign. In a Facebook Live address on Monday, the former vice president promised to create millions
of jobs to tackle rising inequality and insecurity in Africa's top oil-producing country. 

**Aljazeera**

14. **Sierra Leone**

**Government of Sierra Leone faces court action for alleged violation of human rights**

The government of Sierra Leone is being sued at the Country’s Supreme Court for allegations of serious violations of fundamental human rights, said to have been committed by Nigerian troops in 1998-2000 against innocent Sierra Leoneans, during the country’s civil war. Victims are demanding a compensation of $100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) each. According to the Plaintiff Statement of Case, the Government of Sierra Leone has been sued for violating the fundamental human rights of the victims as enshrined in Chapter 3 of the Sierra Leone Constitution. Paramount among the violations allegedly committed by the Nigerian troops under the guidance of the SLPP government of Ahmed Tejan Kabbra were rape, torture and other inhumane and degrading treatment, arbitrary arrests and detention and murder. **Sierra Leone News**

15. **South Africa**

**US blacklists South African man for helping North Korea evade sanctions and purchase oil**

The US Treasury placed a Russian-born South African man on its sanctions blacklist on Monday for allegedly helping North Korea avoid an international embargo on its energy purchases. The Treasury said Vladlen Amtchentsev worked with Velmur Management Pte and Transatlantic Partners Pte to buy fuel oil and gasoil to ship to North Korea even though that was forbidden by US sanctions. The companies, which are also accused of laundering millions of dollars for Pyongyang, have already been placed on the US sanctions blacklist. The sanctions forbid Americans or American businesses from doing business with those named. Their property under US jurisdiction is also frozen. **News24**

**Blowing South Africans' one chance to warn against a constitutional amendment on land**

By ignoring the opinions of hundreds of thousands of South Africans, Parliament's Joint Constitutional Review Committee has blocked them from ever being able to bring their views to bear on the country's most important policy decision in the post-apartheid period. In November that the property clause in the Constitution be changed to allow expropriation without compensation, the committee is mandating nationalisation by another name. Yet the committee made this recommendation without ever having looked at 99.9% of the 450 000 "valid" written submissions sent in to it. (More than 720 000 written comments were reportedly initially received, but the committee claims the rest were "inquiries, unrelated, blank, and duplicate submissions" that did not need to be taken into account. **News24**
16. South Sudan

**UN sets benchmarks for deployment of IGAD force in South Sudan**

The United Nations peacekeeping department set out three benchmarks for the integration of troops that the IGAD plan to deploy in South Sudan within the UN peacekeeping mission and called on the East African bloc to discuss the matter with them. The matter was raised during a briefing on a joint visit with the African Union to South Sudan on 7-9 October by Jean-Pierre Lacroix, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO), to the UN Security Council on Friday. Lacroix said the United Nations is ready to support the peace process in South Sudan adding that this support will be within the bounds of its mandate. But he was keen to add that with regard to the IGAD force he further added that it will be ultimately for the Security Council to decide. "However, the following principles would need to be applied: a continuing priority of protection of civilians in UNMISS’ mandated tasks; the need to preserve a single peacekeeping force with one unified command and control structure; and, that any addition to the force would have to be carried out consistent with the principles of peacekeeping and the standards to which we hold all troop and police-contributing countries," he stressed. **Sudan Tribune**

**World Bank 'cannot accept pregnant girls are denied education'**

The World Bank's vice-president for Africa, Hafez Ghanem, has said that Tanzania will receive a loan worth $300m (£243m) to improve education once it has granted access to schools for teenage mothers. Last Friday, Mr Ghanem met President John Magufuli in Dar es Salaam to talk about the loan. It had been withdrawn over the country’s controversial policy of prohibiting teenage mothers from restarting school after giving birth. After the meeting, the president's office issued a statement saying the bank had agreed to give the loan and Mr Magufuli insisted that the funds had never been withdrawn "as people who don’t wish us well were saying". But, over the weekend Mr Ghanem shared the details of his meeting with President Magufuli to The Citizen Newspaper saying that they discussed finding solutions so that the girls can go back to school. **BBC News**

17. Uganda

**Government asked to stay away from Uganda Airlines affairs**

A former Ethiopian Airlines chief executive has said the Ugandan government should not meddle in day-to-day operations of Uganda Airlines if the national carrier being revived is to succeed. Mr Girma Wake told this newspaper in an interview that what the new management team requires is relevant manpower, adequate resourcing and proper regulation and operational framework. “I know the chief executive officer that has been appointed for Uganda Airlines is a good man, I believe if they really consciously do the right things they can make it,” Mr Wake said in an interview in Toulouse, France, a fortnight ago. He spoke to this newspaper on the sidelines of the launch in France of the White paper, the Great Enabler: Aerospace in Africa, which attracted top African government officials, policymakers, business leaders, and representatives from intergovernmental bodies and multilateral development organisations. **Daily Monitor**
18. Zambia

Zambia police defend anti-graft protesters

A senior Zambian police commander defended on Monday the right to protest of six activists on trial for staging a demonstration at parliament over a $42m firefighting procurement deal. Hip-hop star Chama Fumba, known as Pilato, led last year's picket over fire engines costing $1m each, seen as emblematic of corruption fostered by President Edgar Lungu. "The accused have a constitutional right to demonstrate and they complied with the Public Order Act," said Lusaka province deputy police commissioner Geoffrey Kunda in evidence to Lusaka magistrates' court. Kunda said his office failed to respond to a notice given by the protesters signalling their intention to picket parliament during the finance minister's budget speech on September 29, 2017. News24