1. **Algeria**

*International Crisis Group warns of ‘economic paralysis’ in Algeria*

The International Crisis Group (ICG) warned that Algeria’s ossified political leadership and failure to implement imperative economic reforms could be leading to a crisis. “A failure to reform,” the ICG warns, “could precipitate a new period of instability” in the North African nation. In a report issued on November 19, the ICG said Algeria faces two major obstacles to undertaking the kinds of reforms that would be needed to break out of its economic paralysis: The entrenched, politically influential vested interests who want to protect the status quo “which benefits a state-dependent business class,” combined with the traumatic “memory of the political turmoil and bloodshed that followed austerity measures and political reforms in the 1980s and 1990s.” *The Arab Weekly*

2. **Angola**

*Angola still waiting for promised 'economic miracle'*

"Things are going badly," said Delta, sitting on a stool and glancing at a bag stuffed with Chinese mobile phones. As one of scores of traders trying to legally sell her wares in one of Luanda's most famous markets, known as "The Congolese", the 32-year-old Angolan's complaint is not unusual. Despite the din and bustle of vendors pitching for cash in Angola's sweltering capital, she is struggling to provide for her two children. *News24*

*Angolan former president denies looting state coffers*

Angolan former President José Eduardo dos Santos Wednesday denied leaving the state coffers empty at the end of his reign last year. Addressing the press at his Fesa foundation headquarters in Luanda, Mr. dos Santos said he felt compelled to shed some light on his 38-year reign. Without allowing any questions, the former president read a statement which stated that he left behind $15 billion to the executive. *The East Africa*

3. **Botswana**

*Botswana, German presidents meet on ties*

Botswana’s President Mokgweetsi Masisi and his German counterpart Frank-Walter Steinmeier exchanged views on areas in which the two countries can strengthen their bilateral relations in official talks here on Wednesday. Briefing the media after the talks, Masisi said they also discussed ways in which the Southern African region can benefit from
Germany. Masisi said the two countries can work together in developing the energy sector which is part of Botswana's priority areas in transforming its economy and improving the lives of the citizens. **Xinhua**

**Botswana: Govt Loses Millions on Fuel Levy**

Government is said to be losing millions of pula in fuel levies due to lack of mechanism to ensure that oil companies especially citizen owned companies, which mostly supply government, pay the fuel levy. Information unearthed by this publication suggests that some oil and lubricants companies engaged by government to supply various departments are not paying the fuel levy. "If they do pay the levy they do so just voluntarily as there is nothing that compels them to do that because there are no mechanisms to ensure that they are paying," revealed an industry player. **allAfrica**

4. **Central African Republic**

**UN warns of famine in violence-hit Central African Republic**

Famine will hit the Central African Republic if nothing is done to reverse the humanitarian situation in the country, which is deteriorating at an "alarming rate", the United Nations has warned. The growing unrest in the country of 4.5m people is forcing many to flee their homes and abandon their fields, causing spiraling food insecurity, the UN humanitarian coordinator in the country, Najat Rochdi, told reporters in Geneva on Wednesday. **Aljazeera**

5. **Chad**

**U.N hails Uganda, Chad for integrating refugee pupils**

The United Nations has hailed Uganda and Chad for educating refugees in national schools to help them integrate. It said more countries should emulate this example. Uganda hosts the largest number of refugees in Africa at 1.4 million. This year, the East African nation brought humanitarian and development agencies together to create mixed schools for refugees and host communities, the UN said. **Africa News**

6. **Democratic Republic of Congo**

**US Calls for Credible Elections in DR Congo**

The United States is calling for peaceful and credible elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where campaigns for next month's polls begin Friday. In a statement Wednesday, State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert says the December 23 elections give the DRC "a historic opportunity" to conduct a peaceful and democratic transfer of power. She suggested a credible vote will also help Congo alleviate its humanitarian crisis, attract foreign investment, and stabilize central Africa. The elections were originally due to take place in 2016, but were delayed as President Joseph Kabila refused to leave office at the end of his mandate. Kabila, who has ruled the DRC since 2001, is now stepping aside and has endorsed a former interior minister, Emmanuel Ramazani Shadary, to be his successor. **VOA**

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7. Egypt

**Rights group: Christian religious freedoms decline in Egypt**

An Egyptian rights group says the country's Christians are suffering increased discrimination despite official efforts to address their grievances. The finding comes in a report issued on Wednesday by the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights. The group tracks government efforts to tackle disputes around Church-building in the Muslim majority country. News24

8. Ethiopia

**Ogaden rebels return to Ethiopia from Eritrea, Jijiga celebrates**

Former rebels belonging to Ethiopia’s Ogaden National Liberation Front, ONLF, on Wednesday returned to the country from their base in neighbouring Eritrea. The contingent was flown from Asmara to Jijiga, capital of the Somali Regional State, SRS by an Ethiopian Airlines flight. They were received with cultural displays upon their arrival at the airport. ONLF’s known Twitter handle earlier on Wednesday tweeted photos from Jijiga where they were being awaited by residents of SRS. “Somali people in Jijiga and the regional army prepare to welcome ONLA special forces from Asmara,” the tweet read. The group’s spokesperson had told the Voice of America’s Somali service on Monday that they were returning to Ethiopia. The return forms part of a peace deal reached with the federal government. Africa News

9. Gabon

**Gabon president heading to London for medical recovery**

Gabon’s sick president Ali Bongo Ondimba has recovered after he was admitted for severe fatigue on medical advice. Even as his situation becomes better after weeks at the King Faisal hospital in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, reports indicate that he is heading to the United Kingdom to continue recuperation. The Jeune Afrique portal which broke the news of Bongo’s ill-health in October 2018, said London was chosen to allow Bongo receive specialist care. It added that Morocco was the other destination on the cards but London had been settled on. The last government update on Bongo’s health was on November 11 with presidential spokesman, Ike Ngouni, confirming that the president was recovering his faculties and was to remain in Saudi on expert advice. Africa News

10. Kenya

**China to provide more training, technical skills transfer to Kenyan workers**

The Chinese Government has made a commitment to provide more professional training and technical skills transfer to Kenyan workers in a bid to support the manufacturing sector. Manufacturing, which is part of the President’s Big Four Agenda, largely relies on technical knowledge and practical skills. The Economic and Commercial Counsellor at the Chinese Embassy Dr Guo Ce said on Wednesday they are willing to explore more convenient and efficient training platforms and strengthen human resource cooperation with Kenya. Capital News

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11. Malawi

Parliamentary committee faults govt on Lake Malawi wrangle

International Relations Committee of Malawi Parliament has faulted government for working in isolation on the Lake Malawi dispute with Tanzania. Malawi and Tanzania are involved in a boundary wrangle following Tanzania’s claim that it owns part of Lake Malawi. However, Malawi insists that it has full ownership of the whole lake. Malawi 24

Malawian soldier was killed while saving Tanzanian counterpart

A Tanzanian soldier has sent a message of condolence for Private Chauncy Chitete who was killed while saving the Tanzanian in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Five other Malawian soldiers and a Tanzanian soldier were also killed in DRC during the exchange of gunfire with rebels last week. Malawi 24

Ex-Malawi President, Joyce Banda endorses Ezekwesili

A former President of Malawi, Joyce Banda, on Wednesday, endorsed the presidential candidate of the Allied Congress Party of Nigeria, Dr. Oby Ezekwesili, for the 2019 general elections, stating that she “possesses the ability to fight corruption”. Punch

12. Mozambique

Kenyans finally get direct entry to Mozambique

In March this year, the two countries embarked on the establishment of appropriate frameworks such as Bilateral Trade Agreement and Avoidance of Double taxation agreement to guide the conduct of business and investments in Kenya and Mozambique. Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Cabinet Secretary Monica Juma said the deal brokered nine months ago will be signed this week. Standard Media

13. Senegal

Dubai’s women delegation in Senegal to set up a school for girls

Advocating for girl’s education, a delegation from the Dubai Women Establishment and Dubai Ladies Club, along with a few high-end Emirati designers are visiting Senegal to lay the foundation stone of an elementary school as part of their 'teachHER' campaign to provide quality education for girls. The delegation will not only lay the school’s foundation stone but will also be actively involved in the first practical steps of its set up and will also participate in a number of local educational and cultural activities and events. Khaleej Times

14. Somalia

US airstrike in Somalia against al-Shabaab kills 7 extremists

The US military says it has carried out an airstrike in central Somalia targeting al-Shabaab that killed seven extremists. The US Africa Command statement says Tuesday's airstrike occurred in Quy Cad in the Mudug region. The strike was carried out a day after two other US airstrikes killed 37 extremists with the al-Qaeda-linked al-Shabaab. Like the previous statement, this one says it believes no civilians were killed or injured. News24

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15. South Africa

**Donald Trump 'ill-informed' about land issue, says South African President**

In an exclusive interview with CNN, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa criticized Donald Trump's views on South Africa's land debate and blamed -- in part -- "fringe groups" lobbying in the US. "They are finding people who get some resonance with what they are saying, and these people are ill-informed about what is happening here. Just as President Trump was ill-informed about the messages that they are beaming out," said Ramaphosa. Ramaphosa's comments come as CNN released an investigation proving ties between US and South African far-right groups and a growing belief in the myth of a white genocide of South African farmers. CNN

16. South Sudan

**Sudan dispatches humanitarian caravans to S. Sudan**

The government of White Nile State on Tuesday said it has dispatched 4 humanitarian caravans to South Sudan. The semi-official Sudan Media Center (SMC) quoted the director of aid groups department at the Humanitarian Aid Commission in White Nile, Mustafa al-Kamel, as saying the caravans have been dispatched to Upper Nile and Bahr el-Ghazal provinces via the Joda border crossing point. He pointed out that the caravans contained 160 tons of sorghum, 400 packages of edible oils as well as large quantities of legumes, flour and rice. Sudan Tribune

17. Sudan

**Sudan invites France to attend meeting of Libya neighbors in Khartoum**

The Sudanese government has invited France to participate as an observer at a meeting for Libya’s neighbouring countries that would be held at the end of the month in Khartoum. Sudan’s Foreign Minister El-Dirdeiry Ahmed on Tuesday met with his French counterpart Jean-Yves Le Drian in Paris at the start of a tour that would take him to three other European nations. In a press release on Wednesday, Sudan’s Foreign Ministry spokesperson Babiker al-Siddiq said the two sides expressed the desire to promote bilateral relations, pointing out that relations between the two countries have witnessed positive developments during the previous period. He said that Ahmed has briefed his French counterpart on Sudan’s efforts to achieve peace in Libya, pointing to Khartoum’s initiative to host a meeting of Libya’s neighbouring countries on 29 November. Sudan Tribune

18. Tanzania

**Bank of Tanzania freezes licensing of forex bureaus**

The Bank of Tanzania (BoT) has placed a moratorium on licensing of forex bureaus as the regulator moves to crack down on illegal operations and money-laundering. “All applications have been suspended and new applications won’t be accepted pending introduction of new rules and regulations,” BoT governor Florens Luoga said Tuesday. He added that those found to have flouted the law will have their licences revoked, while giving notice to traders who have obtained their permits illegally. Business Daily Africa

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19. Zambia

**UK's Prince Harry to visit Zambia**

The UK's Duke of Sussex, Prince Harry, will make a solo trip to Zambia next week, local media reported. Zambia’s Presidency announced that the trip from November 26-27, will see Prince Harry visit Lusaka’s Burma Barracks, to attend an event commemorating the First and Second World War Zambian veterans. Prince Harry is scheduled to meet veterans of the Zambian military or their widows. *The East Africa*