1. Burundi

**UN envoy urges new way to help Burundi exit political crisis**

The UN special envoy for Burundi called for a re-evaluation of the ways to help the African nation emerge from its current political crisis on Wednesday, with a view to elections in 2020. Michel Kafando told the Security Council that tensions remain high between the government and opposition, there is a "deficit of trust" between the political opponents, and "hate speech" continues against opposition figures. Burundi was plagued by political violence following President Pierre Nkurunziza's announcement in April 2015 that he would seek a disputed third term. Nkurunziza won re-election despite widespread protests. News24

2. Cameroon

**Kenyan priest shot dead in Cameroon**

A Kenyan priest was killed in francophone Cameroon's volatile English-speaking Southwest region where violence has surged after separatists declared an independent state, church sources told AFP on Thursday. Cameroon's 85-year-old President Paul Biya was recently sworn in for a seventh term in office. Biya has promised to pursue policies of decentralisation to address “frustrations and aspirations” in English-speaking regions that want to secede from the Central African state. "A Kenyan priest was shot dead in Kembong yesterday," one source said. "There was no fighting, he was in the... church in Kembong when he was killed," another official said in Buea, capital of the Southwest. The church suggested the priest may have been killed by the military. The Standard, the East African, Washington Post, Capital News

3. Central African Republic

**Violence-ridden Central African Republic on road to famine: U.N.**

Endemic violence in Central African Republic is pushing the country towards famine with 63 percent of the population already needing emergency aid, the U.N. humanitarian coordinator in the country said on Wednesday. Central African Republic (CAR) has been in chaos since 2013, when mainly Muslim Seleka rebels ousted the president, provoking a backlash from Christian anti-balaka militias. The fighting has uprooted more than 1 million
people. The U.N. humanitarian chief in the country, Najat Rochdi, said 2.9 million of the 4.6 million population needed aid, and 1.6 million were in acute need. In August, a food security survey assessed that for the first time, parts of CAR were in an “emergency”. That is the level four in a globally recognized food security classification system, where five is “catastrophe/famine. **Standard Media**

4. **Chad**

**Chad minister arrested over 'marriage to 14-year-old'**

A Chadian minister has been detained by police following reports that he had married an underage girl. Azzai Mahamat Hassane's lawyer has denied that his client's wife is a minor. French-language news broadcaster RFI quotes a state prosecutor as saying Hassane married the girl in a "customary ceremony" in 2017 when he travelled to the western town of Nokou with a political delegation. Marriage in Chad under the age of 18 is illegal, and people found to have married minors or offered underage children for marriage face prison. **The Star**

5. **DRC**

**Uganda rebels fire on UN helicopter in eastern DR Congo**

Ugandan rebels on Thursday fired on a UN helicopter in an attack in the volatile east of DR Congo, though there were no victims, UN sources said. "One of our helicopters was fired on in Semuliki valley by rebels, we reacted in legitimate defence," French General Bernard Commins, deputy head of the Monusco UN peacekeeping force said. "The aircraft was able to land without problems but it had been hit," added Commins. The attack came in the eastern region of Beni, where last week eight UN peacekeepers died in a clash with Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), a Ugandan jihadist group blamed for bloody attacks on civilians. **Daily Nation**

6. **Djibouti**

**US Assistant Secretary to travel to Ethiopia, Djibouti, Eritrea and Kenya**

Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of African Affairs Tibor P. Nagy will travel to Ethiopia, Djibouti, Eritrea, Kenya, and Germany from November 27 to December 8, 2018. During his trip, Assistant Secretary Nagy will focus on promoting stronger trade and commercial ties between the United States and Africa, harnessing the potential of Africa’s youth, advancing peace and security through partnerships, and underscoring the United States’ enduring commitment to the people and nations of Africa. **Mareeg**

7. **Egypt**

**Egypt says police killed 12 Islamic militants in Sinai raid**

Egyptian authorities say police killed 12 Islamic militants when security forces stormed three deserted buildings used as militant hideouts in the northern part of the Sinai Peninsula. An Interior Ministry statement on Thursday says the militants were the first to open fire on the policemen as they surrounded the buildings in the Mediterranean coastal city of el-Arish. **News24**

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8. Equatorial Guinea

**Equatorial Guinea congratulates international oil services companies TechnipFMC and Schlumberger for their proactive steps towards local content compliance in Equatorial Guinea**

The Minister of Mines and Hydrocarbons has commended international oil services companies Schlumberger and TechnipFMC on their proactive measures taken to comply with Equatorial Guinea’s local content regulations. *Africa News*

9. eSwatini

**eSwatini students to Taiwan allegedly made to work 40 a week**

The government of eSwatini has launched an investigation into the case of 40 local students at MingDao University in Taiwan, who are allegedly made to work to pay for their scholarships. *Political Analysis*

10. Ethiopia

**Ethiopian's Birtukan Mideksa appointed election boss**

A former judge and leading opposition figure has been sworn in as the head of Ethiopia's electoral board. Birtukan Mideksa is the latest significant appointment of a woman to a key public office. Ms Birtukan returned to Ethiopia earlier this month after seven years in exile in the US. She was among dozens of opposition leaders jailed after the disputed elections of 2005 that led to the deaths of hundreds of people. *BBC*

11. Gambia

**China-Gambia cooperation impressive: Chinese ambassador**

Ma Jianchun, China's new ambassador to The Gambia, said Thursday at a reception marking his welcoming to the country that cooperation between the two countries is already impressive. "The China-Gambia cooperation in various areas is already impressive and we are glad to see more projects coming," he said, adding that construction of a road and bridge project aided by China will be launched this December. Eight major initiatives of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) are in conformity with the National Development Plan of The Gambia's government, Ma said. *Xinhua*

12. Ghana

**Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Ghana launches joint security operation**

Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana have launched a joint security operation called Koudanlgou II in the southern and western areas of Burkina Faso. The Burkinabe government announced at the end of a Council of Ministers meeting on Wednesday, that
the joint effort began since November 15. It said more than 850 security elements from the three countries are involved in the joint multinational operation, which is expected to crackdown transnational crimes including terrorism, smuggling, and drug trafficking. *Africa News*

13. Ghana

**Ghana Seeks $1.5 Billion in Chinese Loans to Boost Cocoa Sector**

Ghana and China are in talks for the issuing of loans of as much as $1.5 billion that will be used to develop the cocoa sector in the world’s second-biggest grower. *Bloomberg*

**Kenya wants an expanded UN Security Council**

Kenya called for a major expansion of the United Nations Security Council, but the United States and other big powers urged a more cautious approach during a UN General Assembly debate on Tuesday. *Daily Nation*

14. Mali

**Tens of thousands 'left to starve' as Mali conflict escalates**

Tens of thousands of people who have fled fighting in Mali since September are going hungry because funding has run out as the conflict has escalated. Of 70,000 people who have fled their homes in the last two months, about half have received food and shelter and more than 34,000 have been ‘left to starve. *Reuters*

15. Mozambique

**Kenya, Mozambique sign visa waiver agreement**

The visa waiver agreement, signed in the presence of Kenyan president Uhuru Kenyatta and Mozambique president Filipe Nyusi, is aimed at easing trade and travel between the two nations. The two countries share historical ties, and cherish cultural ties like the Swahili speakers that can be found in both Mozambique and Kenya. *Africa News*

16. Nigeria

**Boko Haram kidnaps 50 loggers in Nigeria: civilian militia**

Boko Haram jihadists abducted around 50 loggers in northeastern Nigerian close to the border with Cameroon, civilian militia and residents. The hostages who were mostly from a camp for people displaced by jihadist violence were on Saturday rounded up by fighters loyal to factional leader Abubakar Shekau while collecting wood. The abduction took place at Bulakesa village, 25 kilometers (15 miles) from the town of Gamboru in Borno state. *Daily Nation*
17. Sierra Leone

**Opposition APC to review its constitution**

The spectacular defeat of the All People’s Congress Party (APC) at the polls last March, prompted calls for a comprehensive review of the party’s performance at the elections, which is expected to culminate in a root and branch reform of the party. Yesterday, APC party bosses announced that, acting on the recommendations of its Nine-man Committee who recently conducted a review of the party’s performance at the polls, the party has formed a Constitution Review Committee which will be officially launched at the party’s headquarters today, Thursday 22 November 2018. *The Sierra Leone Telegraph*

18. South Africa

**South Africa's coloured community complains of ethnic marginalisation**

South Africa’s coloured community, the official term for mixed-race people in the country, were alienated during the country’s apartheid regime. Many in the community now feel that the current democracy also marginalises them – that they “aren’t black enough”. Violent protests recently rocked coloured communities across South Africa. Fed up with gangs, drugs and unemployment, residents took their frustration to the streets. The BBC’s VauldiCarelse went to find out what’s at the heart of this anger. *BBC News*

19. Zimbabwe

**Zimbabwe after Mugabe: ‘We have a certain level of freedom’**

It's on year since Robert Mugabe was forced to resign from power, but how has Zimbabwe changed since then? Political activist VimbaisheMusvaburi was one of those who celebrated Mugabe's removal, and she says there have been some positive changes in Zimbabwe. But she, and many others, is concerned with the state of the country's economy. *BBC News*