1. Algeria

**Energy revenues cut Algeria trade deficit in Jan-Oct – customs**

Algeria’s energy earnings rose 18.21 percent in the first 10 months of this year from the same period in 2017, pushing down the trade deficit by 58.65 percent, official figures showed on Sunday. Reuters

2. Angola

**Angola Works to Get Closer to Food Self-Sufficiency**

President João Lourenço predicted Saturday in Lisbon to place Angola close to food self-sufficiency in the course of his mandate. João Lourenço recalled that his term is five years, and his objective, if possible, is to bring Angola closer to food self-sufficiency in this period. "Otherwise, and since we all have the rights to fight for a second term, to achieve this in the second term - predicted the statesman who is at the end of his three-day visit to Portugal. All Africa

**France agrees to return 26 African artworks to Benin**

French President Emmanuel Macron on Friday agreed to return "without delay" 26 disputed artworks to Benin, the president's office said. The decision came after experts commissioned by Macron to study the issue of African treasures held by French museums presented the findings of their report to the president. News24

3. Burundi

**Four arrests over 1993 killing of Burundi leader**

Burundi authorities have arrested four retired army officers suspected of a role in the 1993 assassination of the country's first democratically elected president, Melchior Ndadaye, a judicial source said. The source said the four arrested Saturday are suspected of involvement in the killing of Ndadaye, a majority Hutu in a country whose army has been traditionally dominated by the Tutsi minority. The October 21 1993 assassination, just three months after Ndadaye took office, sparked a 12-year civil war which cost more than 300,000 lives. Times Live
4. Chad

**Chad's Idriss Deby in first-ever visit to Israel**

Chadian President Idriss Deby has met Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the first such visit by a leader of the northcentral African nation which severed bilateral ties in 1972. *Aljazeera*

5. Democratic Republic of Congo

**US Embassy in DRC warns of "possible terrorist threat" against US facilities**

The US Embassy in the Democratic Republic of Congo’s capital said Saturday it has received "credible and specific information of a possible terrorist threat" against US facilities in Kinshasa. "US citizens in Kinshasa and throughout the DRC are strongly encouraged to maintain a heightened level of vigilance and practice good situational awareness," said the embassy. "Keep a low profile and notify friends and family of your safety." The embassy will be closed to the public Monday because of the threat. *CNN*

**Ebola: Clinical trials begin in the DRC as outbreak persists**

Congolese authorities have authorised clinical trials for four experimental Ebola treatments, which will allow researchers to collect valuable data about their effectiveness, the health ministry said on Saturday. Health workers have already administered therapeutic treatments to more than 150 Ebola patients since August in an effort to contain the worst of Democratic Republic of Congo’s 10 outbreaks of the hemorrhagic fever since 1976. But until now doctors have decided which treatment to use on a case-by-case basis. In the clinical trial, the choice of treatment will now be randomised. *Africa News*

6. Egypt

**Egypt says US oil firms showing appetite for offshore projects**

Egypt sees increasing interest from US energy companies in developing its offshore oil and natural gas resources and expects them to participate in two bidding rounds due before year-end, Petroleum Minister Tarek El Molla said. Egypt has emerged as an attractive destination for foreign energy firms following a string of major discoveries in recent years including the giant Zohr offshore field, which holds an estimated 30 trillion cubic feet of gas. *Standard Media*

**Egypt and Sudan set up joint patrols against cross-border threats**

Egypt and Sudan, which face cross-border threats from militias operating in Libya, agreed on Sunday to set up joint military patrols on their border, Sudan’s chief of staff said following talks between the countries’ defense ministers. *Reuters*
7. Gabon

**Gabon's Ali Bongo to move from Riyadh to Rabat 'to convalesce**

Gabon's Ali Bongo, who has spent a month in treatment at a Saudi hospital, will be transferred next week to Rabat to convalesce, a presidential source told AFP on Friday. Bongo, 59, was rushed to hospital in Riyadh on October 24 after falling ill at an economic forum.

8. Kenya

**Kenyan court halts South Sudan's ‘gold rush’**

South Sudan's efforts to tap into the lucrative gold industry have hit a snag as two foreign firms - Israeli-owned 4MB mining and London-registered Misnak International - fight in Kenya over prospecting equipment for the multimillion-dollar venture. Daily Nation

**House of greed? How legislators use sittings to extort Kenyans**

MPs are at it again. Just days after news broke of yet another attempt to increase their perks, fresh details have emerged on how some MPs use House procedures to extort those summoned to appear before them. Investigations by the Sunday Standard show that there are at least 60 petitions, whose lifespan set by the law has elapsed yet some legislators continue to summon individuals to appear before committees. Petitions are ideally meant to seek solutions to various problems afflicting Kenyans as well as hold those in authority to account. Standard Media

9. Libya

**UN Mission condemns deadly attack against police in country's south-east**

According to the UN Mission, at least eight civilians were killed and nine wounded in the attack, on Friday, in an attack on a police station in the southeastern Libyan oasis town of Tazirbu, which local authorities say was carried out by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL/Da'esh) terrorist group. Three people have also been abducted and a nine more are said to be missing, also believed to have been kidnapped. UNSMIL also urged all Libyan parties to set their differences aside and join efforts to defeat the terrorist threat imperiling the stability and security of the country.

10. Malawi

**One of the four Malawian missing soldiers found**

One of the four Malawian soldiers who were missing following the recent fight in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Corporal George Salimu, has returned to base.
statement issued by the Malawi Government says Corporal Salimu is being treated at a hospital having survived harsh conditions in congolese rainforests following an ambush by the rebels. **Malawi 24**

11. **Mali**

**Senior member of JNIM AmadouKoufa killed in French raid**

A senior Malian member of the Jama’at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM) armed group has been killed in a raid led by French forces, according to the Malian army. Armed groups affiliated with al-Qaeda took control of the vast desert in northern Mali in 2012, but were largely driven out of the area in a French-led military operation in 2013. **Aljazeera**

12. **Morocco**

**Morocco navy finds 15 migrants dead in stranded boat**

Morocco’s navy on Saturday found the bodies of 15 migrants from sub-Saharan Africa on board a boat stranded at sea for days and rescued 53 survivors. The survivors including eight women were taken to the port of Nador. **Arab News**

13. **Mozambique**

**At least 12 dead in suspected Mozambique Islamist attack**

Twelve people have been killed in a suspected Islamist attack in northern Mozambique, with thousands of villagers fleeing the area into neighbouring Tanzania, police sources said on Sunday. **New 24**

14. **Niger**

**Armed men kidnap 15 girls in southeastern Niger after 44 soldiers killed**

Armed men abducted 15 girls overnight from a village in southeastern **Niger**, the local mayor said on Saturday. On Thursday, fighters suspected of belonging to Boko Haram killed eight people working at a water well site in Toumour operated by French drilling company Foraco. “Last night at 2am local time, a group of terrorists attacked the small building where a Foraco team was sleeping and killed seven of them, plus one civil servant,” the company said in a statement. **Independent**

15. **Nigeria**

**Politicians have failed us’: The despair of Nigeria's poor**

According to a report in June by the Brookings Institution, a Washington, DC-based think-tank, Nigeria has overtaken India as the world’s poverty capital. The study estimated that 87 million people in a country of nearly 200 million were living in extreme poverty, compared with 73 million people in India. The report also projected an increase in
extreme poverty in Nigeria - Africa's leading oil producer and most populous nation - until at least 2022. Aljazeera

Nigeria's military acknowledges major attack by extremists

Nigeria's military on Saturday acknowledged a major attack against it by Islamic extremists after opposition lawmakers said 44 soldiers were killed, while public pressure on President Muhammadu Buhari grew over the failure of his pledge to defeat Boko Haram. News 24

16. Rwanda

China and India stage investment showdown in Rwanda

China and India are locked in a game of one-upmanship deep in the heart of Africa. Nowhere is this more apparent than in Rwanda, which is drawing big investments from the two emerging powers and welcomed both Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi this past summer. Asian Review

17. Somalia

Extremists kill Islamic leader and 17 followers in Somalia

A prominent Islamic leader and at least 17 of his followers have been killed by extremists in an attack in Somalia's northern city of Galkayo, say police. Early Monday two suicide bombers exploded in front of the preacher's residence, which is also a Sufi shrine, and then four gunmen stormed the building and opened fire, said Ahmed Awale, a police officer in Galkayo. At least 20 others were injured, he said. WMC Action News

Museveni, Somalia's president Farmajo discuss Horn of Africa

Uganda's president Yoweri Museveni on Saturday hosted his Somali counterpart, Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed Farmajo, at State House, Entebbe where the two leaders discussed issues related to the Horn of Africa region. The two leaders discussed areas of cooperation between Somalia and Uganda particularly in the areas of peace, security, defence, education, trade and investment, said a State House statement. Africa News

Former al-Shabab spokesman, Mukhtar Robow, is running for office in Somalia

For years he was the spokesman and deputy leader of al Qaeda inspired al-Shabab, Africa's deadliest terror group. Now Mukhtar Robow is running for office in Somalia, a country struggling to emerge from decades of war. While Robow has traded his military fatigues and black banner of jihad for the dapper look of a politician, his candidacy in the Dec. 5 elections has angered many in this war-shattered East African nation. It also raises questions about whether to emerge from decades of conflict; Somalia must also embrace some of the figures behind much of that violence. NBC News
New U.S Ambassador to Somalia sees path to peace, prosperity

A week before Donald Yamamoto arrived in Mogadishu, three car bombs exploded in the heart of the city, just outside the Sahafi Hotel. Dozens of nearby motorists and pedestrians were killed or maimed. A fourth bomb went off when first responders arrived, bringing the death toll to at least 52, with more than 100 casualties. Citizen News

18. Tanzania

13 Indians get six-month jail in Tanzania for forged documents

Thirteen Indian labourers, including eight from West Bengal, have been sentenced to six months of imprisonment in eastern Africa's Tanzania for allegedly travelling without valid documents, an official from National Anti-trafficking Committee (NATC) said on Sunday. Economic Times