1. **Algeria**

**Morocco calls on Algeria for response to king’s dialogue offer**

Morocco has called on Algeria to officially respond to an offer by King Mohammed VI for dialogue to improve relations between both countries. Morocco will remain “open” and “optimistic” with regard to relations with Algeria, and it renews calls to Algerian authorities to announce, officially, their response to the royal initiative to create a common political mechanism for dialogue and consultation, a government statement said. “Morocco can only regret that this initiative did not know the desired response, especially that it has always been requested by Algeria itself,” it said. *Arab News*

2. **Comoros**

**Comoros lawmakers defeat move giving president full powers before elections**

A group of Comoros lawmakers have defeated a move which would have allowed President Azali Assoumani to bypass parliament before elections which he wants to contest despite violent opposition. Assoumani’s attempt to extend limits on presidential terms and run in polls expected in early 2019 has provoked clashes on the archipelago’s Anjouan island. The speaker of parliament called off on Saturday a vote on a legal amendment empowering Assoumani to pass laws by presidential decree for three months. Government ministers stayed away when it became clear that 21 out of the 33 members of parliament (MPs) opposed the move. *Reuters*

3. **Egypt**

**Saudi crown prince arrives in Egypt on third leg of Arab tour**

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman arrived in Egypt on Monday, the third leg of his first trip abroad since the murder of prominent Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Turkey last month. President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi greeted the heir to the throne of the world’s top oil exporter at the airport in Cairo when he arrived from Bahrain after a visit to the United Arab Emirates. *Channel News Asia*
4. **Gambia**

**Government Urges Sarahullehs to Invest in Basic Goods, Industries**

His Excellency, President Adama Barrow has urged the wealthy among the Sarahulleh community in The Gambia to venture into importation and supply of basic commodities, rather than leaving the trade to non-Gambians. The President said there was a point in Gambia when Gambians dominated the trade in basic goods and prices were not as biting on the ordinary consumers as it is today. He recalled names like Alhaji Modou Musa Njie & Sons, Alhaji Taibo Tunkara, Alhaji Marie Tambadou, and Alhaji Taibo (all deceased) that were leading Sarahulei businessmen who invested their wealth for greater national good. [allafrica](http://allafrica.com)

5. **Ghana**

**Ghana central bank keeps policy rate at 17 percent**

Ghana’s central bank kept its benchmark interest rate unchanged at 17 percent on Monday to cushion the West African economy against possible global pressures on emerging economies, Governor Ernest Addison said. The decision, the third hold this year, also helps to stabilize the local currency which has come under marginal pressure in recent weeks, Addison told reporters in Accra. [Reuters](https://www.reuters.com)

**MTN aims to engage with Ghana body after fine**

TN, Africa’s largest telecommunications group, says it is committed to finding a way to resolve its dispute with Ghana’s telecoms authority, following the imposition of a 9.08-million Ghana cedis ($1.8m) fine for not providing a good-quality service. Ghana’s National Communications Authority (NCA) accused MTN as well as with Vodafone, Airtel Tigo and Glo of not providing a quality service to customers and fined them altogether $7m last week. The NCA said they failed to meet a score threshold on “speech quality measurements” and had to pay up within 30 days. [Business Live](https://www.businesslive.co.za)

6. **Kenya**

**Uhuru pledges Kenya’s support for sustainable blue economy**

President Uhuru Kenyatta on Monday pledged Kenya’s support for the sustainable blue economy by highlighting key areas of focus as the first ever global conference opened in Nairobi. President Kenyatta said Kenya will lead in the adoption of policies, strategies and mechanisms to harness so as to re-energies national economies and create more opportunities and jobs. [Daily Nation](https://www.thenation.co.ke)

**Kenya charges three Chinese railway workers with bribery**

Prosecutors in Kenya charged three Chinese men on Monday with trying to bribe detectives investigating fraud involving ticket sales on a $3.2 billion railway built by a Chinese company. The charges are the latest in a series of high profile corruption prosecutions and come at a time of growing complaints about immigrants from China, a
country that has played a key role in improving Kenya’s infrastructure in recent years. 

Reuters

Debt load sees Kenya’s Treasury turn to regional bank for rescue

As the year comes to a close, Kenya is inching closer to settling its first Eurobond that has seen the money markets closely watch Treasury’s moves. While Kenya’s Sh5.1 trillion loan is not a problem, the crisis seems to stem from most debts maturing at the same time or close to each other. While Treasury Cabinet Secretary Henry Rotich and his Principal Secretary Kamau Thugge have issued varied pronouncements over how the Government will deal with the dollar loan - suggesting a Eurobond, a syndicated loan or a mix of the two remains an option. Standard Media

7. Libya

MEPs seek information on conditions in Libya

MEPs from the Civil Liberties Committee are seeking clarification from migration organisations over the treatment of migrants in Libya and the work of the Libyan coastguard. The committee expects to hear from the International Maritime Organisation, Frontex and Search and Rescue organisation, SAROBMED, to understand if the ordering of migrants and refugees to leave vessels is part of Search and Rescue protocol. News book

8. Morocco

China, Morocco need ways to take trade to new highs

Morocco is preparing to celebrate a milestone in its engagement with China after 60 years of close diplomatic and economic collaboration, it is important to reflect on the present with an eye toward the future. Morocco was among the first of the Arab and African nations to establish relations with China. Bilateral economic interaction can be regarded as an example of the win-win economic partnership policy China is developing with Africa. Global Times

9. 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

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10. 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*

11. 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*

12. South Africa

**Two shot dead at KZN court**

At least two people have been shot and killed at the Durban Magistrate's Court. "There has been a shooting at the Durban Courts in Somtseu Road. Allegedly three people have been shot with fatalities. Rescue Care Paramedics are on scene," Garrith Jamieson from Rescue Care Paramedics told News24 on Monday. Marshall Security spokesperson Kyle Van Reenen said chaos broke out before midday in O-Court on the 8th floor of the building. "At this stage we have unconfirmed info that three people have been shot. Two are deceased."Sources have told News24 that a man was upset when his wife arrived at the divorce court with another man. He opened fire on the two, killing them, before turning the gun on himself. It is understood that he survived the shooting. *News 24*

**Gordhan fed up with 'lies' & 'racism', lays charges against Malema**

Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan says "Enough is enough."Gordhan has layed two charges against EFF leader Julius Malema, after the politician verbally attacked him last week.Gordhan's lawyer confirmed to News24 that he had laid charges of criminal
defamation and crimen injuria against the EFF leader. Gordhan asked the police to look into incitement of violence. Speaking to media outside the Brooklyn Police Station after opening the case, the minister said: "I think what we're saying to South Africans is that we can't any longer allow the corruption that's going at all levels in this country to be masked by racism, by personal attacks, by family attacks and of course political attacks as well. So we have decided enough is enough. News24

13. Tanzania

Miguna: How President Magufuli blocked Raila’s ‘swearing-in’ in Tanzania

President John Pombe Magufuli allegedly declined to have opposition leader Raila Odinga sworn in as the ‘People’s President’ at the Kenyan embassy in Tanzania. This is according to controversial Kenyan-Canadian lawyer Miguna Miguna who made the revelation in his newly released book titled ‘Treason: The Case against Tyrants & Renegades.’ Miguna, in the book, purportedly lifts the lid on behind-the-scene discussions that preceded the January 30, 2018 swearing-in ceremony of Mr. Odinga as the ‘People’s President’ at Uhuru Park, Nairobi. He narrates how the National Revolutionary Movement of Kenya (NRM-Ke) committee had proposed that, if it was impossible to swear in Mr. Odinga at a public venue in Nairobi, “Then we could do it at a Kenyan Embassy in Ghana or Tanzania.” The self-declared NRM-Ke General, however, notes that when Mr. Odinga asked Siaya Senator James Orengo to speak to President Magufuli about the possibility of holding the ceremony in Tanzania, he (Magufuli) declined and even opposed their swearing in plans. “According to Orengo, Magufuli believed that leadership was ‘a gift from God’ and that if God had not given Raila that gift, there was no reason to pursue our plans and that Raila should forget about being sworn in as The People’s President,” reads an excerpt from the book. Citizen

14. Uganda

How Uganda boat sank, killing 30 in Lake Victoria

"We departed from KK Beach [in Ggaba]. Originally the departure time was 12pm but for some unknown reasons, we were delayed until 5pm. People used this time to drink [alcohol]. When the boat finally came, it was big and could not come to the shores. We instead used canoes to board it. Before we could go far, the boat started losing balance. We ignored this and thought it was normal because we were told in the beginning that the waves would affect its balance. As we kept moving, we suddenly realised water was entering the boat. Daily Nation

15. Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe: opposition leaders launch new attempt to share power

Opposition leaders in Zimbabwe say they will launch a new attempt this week to put pressure on the president, Emmerson Mnangagwa, and his ruling Zanu-PF party to share power. Nelson Chamisa, the leader of the Movement for Democratic Change, the main opposition party in the former British colony, said a rally on Thursday in Harare would call

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for a “transitional authority” to “move the country forward”. Chamisa reiterated his rejection of the results in presidential polls held four months ago. Mnangagwa was declared winner of the vote, the first after the ousting of Robert Mugabe in a military takeover last year. “We need a collective approach. The people voted and that has to be respected,” Chamisa told the Guardian.

‘Explosive’ Zim ruling party congress expected, says paper

Next month’s ruling party conference in Zimbabwe will be "explosive" as President Emmerson Mnangagwa and his deputy Constantino Chiwenga battle for control of Zanu-PF, a newspaper has claimed. The Zimbabwe Independent, quoting unnamed party insiders, said Chiwenga wants Mnangagwa to step down in 2023 after serving one term so that he can stand for the presidency. Sixty-two-year-old Chiwenga, the former defence forces commander, led the army operation that forced Robert Mugabe's resignation in November 2017. The Independent said Mnangagwa's supporters had already come up with campaign slogans for his next campaign, showing they – and he – have no intention of handing over the party leadership. News 24