1. Algeria

**Algeria signs $6 billion deal with China to build phosphate plant**

Algeria signed a $6 billion deal with China on Monday to build a phosphate plant in the region of Tebessa. “The plant will come online in 2022, and it will create 3,000 jobs,” AbdelmoumenOuldKaddour, CEO of state energy firm Sonatrach, told reporters in televised comments during the signing ceremony which was attended by Prime Minister Ahmed Ouyahia. Sonatrach will hold 51 percent of the project - which will cost $6 billion to build - and Chinese state-owned conglomerate CITIC 49 percent, an Algerian source said. Reuters

2. Chad

**Netanyahu to formally establish ties with Chad in upcoming visit**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will visit Chad in the near future to formally establish diplomatic relations between the two countries, his office has said. The announcement came hours after Netanyahu met Chad President IdrissDeby in Jerusalem on Tuesday, Israeli daily Haaretz reported. "The two discussed shared threats and the struggle against terrorism, increased cooperation between the nations in the areas of agriculture, counter terrorism, border security, technology, solar energy, water, health and more," the statement said. Aljazeera

3. DRC

**Two killed in eastern DR Congo 'militant attack'**

Two people have been killed in an attack by the militant ADF group in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, a local official said Monday, on the eve of a peace march against the violence. The killings happened on the Mbau-Kamango road, north of Beni city, said area administrator Donat Kibwana. "Both bodies are at Oicha's morgue," he added, blaming the attack on the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), a shadowy armed group rooted in Ugandan Islamism that has killed hundreds of people since 2014. The East African
**Why Ebola crisis in DRC is unlike anything before**

It is the worst Ebola outbreak to have struck the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) - and the one. Since August, authorities in the country, together with a host of partners, have been trying to contain a new outbreak of the disease in the eastern North Kivu and Ituri provinces. As of November 21, there have been 373 suspected cases of Ebola, including 347 confirmed cases. At least 217 people have already died. *Aljazeera*

4. Egypt

**Egypt and Saudi Arabia say Qatar blockade will continue**

Egypt and Saudi Arabia have jointly announced that their ongoing blockade of Qatar would remain in effect until further notice, according to the Saudi-owned Al-Arabiya television channel. *Aljazeera*

5. Equatorial Guinea

**What's in the secret documents signed by China and Vanuatu at APEC?**

Last week Chinese President Xi Jinping sat down with a host of Pacific Island leaders just before the APEC summit in Papua New Guinea. The much-anticipated gathering was held against the backdrop of growing competition between China and the West in the Pacific, with lurid rumours swirling that Beijing would unveil huge new infrastructure projects to boost its influence. *ABC News*

6. Eritrea

**Eritrea-Ethiopia deal: EU delegation meets Afwerki’s advisor in Asmara**

The European Union, EU, has emphasized its support for the July 2018 peace deal between Ethiopia and Eritrea. An EU delegation is in Asmara to hold talks on support for the deal. Koen Vervaeke, the Managing Director for Africa at the European Union’s External Action Service, EEAS, as at Tuesday, November 27, had met with Eritrea’s presidential advisor, Yemane Ghebreab. *Africa News*

7. Ethiopia

**US sanctions Ethiopia ex-Intelligence chief**

The US has imposed a travel ban travel and assets freeze on the fugitive former Ethiopian Intelligence head Getachew Assefa. The sanctions follow the House of Representatives (HR) 128 Bill passed by the US Congress against Mr Getachew's violation of human rights. The request to the State Department was made by the House of Representatives' Mike Coffman, who sponsored the HR 128 bill and finally got it passed by the Congress. *The East African*
Ethiopia PM promises free election as he meets opposition parties

Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has met members of opposition parties to discuss ways of reforming the country's electoral system, the latest move in a campaign to open up a political arena dominated by his ruling coalition. Aljazeera

8. Kenya

Kenya spent Sh14bn on US military hardware last year - report

Kenya bought Sh14.6 billion military equipment from the US last year, new data from the American government shows. The amount, the largest spending on military acquisitions in the past decade, puts Kenya second among African states in military trade with Donald Trump's administration. Egypt was the highest spender at Sh$7 billion last year, third was Tunisia with Sh$5.4 billion and Morocco fourth having spent Sh$5.3 billion. Among Kenya's key acquisitions from the US are six helicopters bought for Sh$8.76 billion in a contract signed in September 2016. The Star

Kenya Overseas Chinese Association offers early Christmas gifts to locals

A Canadian delegation in Kenya for the Sustainable Blue Economy Conference today said that their country will explore new partnerships with Kenya. The delegation led by Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and Canadian Coast Guard said their country is willing to work with Kenya in exploring new opportunities for collaboration in the maritime sector including maritime security. The proposal was made when President Uhuru Kenyatta held a meeting with the Canadian delegation to thank their country for co-hosting the ongoing Sustainable Blue Economy Conference. The Star

Government to acquire tuna fishing vessels

Kenya has stepped up measures to increase production of tuna fish along its Indian Ocean coast. The country is looking to raise exports of the sea fish that it mostly sells in European markets. Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mwangi Kiunjuri said the country had recently submitted a fishing fleet development plan to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC). He said the country would soon flag off vessels that would enable Kenyans to harvest the fish species from its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), which stretches 200 nautical miles. Fishing vessels speaking at the ongoing Blue Economy Conference, the CS said within the Indian Ocean fisheries management framework under the IOTC, Kenya was allocated a fishing capacity of 72 deep sea fishing vessels. Standard Media

9. Malawi

Malawi investigates deaths of at least 22 hippos at national park

At least 22 hippos have died in Malawi in two months, raising fears that the wild animals could become extinct in the southern African country. Malawi24 quoted wildlife authorities as saying that they noticed carcasses of hippos floating on Shire River in

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Liwonde early last month. The Department of Parks and Wildlife in Malawi was investigating the cause of the deaths. **News 24**

10. Mauritius

**European Union strengthens its partnership with Mauritius and the region to fight drug trafficking**

More than 30 senior drug law enforcement officials from 17 countries and international organisations are meeting in Hotel Voilà à Maurice, joined by senior officials from Mauritius to discuss enhanced co-operation in combating drug trafficking in East Africa and Indian Ocean Region. The Trans-Regional Law Enforcement agencies from Mauritius and 17 countries and international organizations are meeting in Mauritius in Hotel Voilà from the 26 to 28 November 2018. **Africa News**

11. 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**

12. 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. **News24**

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13. 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*

14. Senegal

**Senegal gets Africa's first NBA training center**

The National Basketball Association (NBA) on Monday commissioned a new training center in Saly, Senegal, the first of its kind in Africa, as part of its drive to attract young teenagers to the league. The new facility, which features two indoor basketball courts, a multidimensional activity center, a weight room, conference rooms as well as dormitories and educational facilities, will be the primary training location for NBA Academy Africa future hopefuls from across the continent, the league said in a statement. *CNN*

**Senegal wants restitution of 'all' its artwork: minister**

Senegal’s culture minister called on Tuesday for the restitution by France of all Senegalese artwork following a French report urging the return of African art treasures. The recommendations in the report by French and African experts, commissioned by President Emmanuel Macron and released last week, could potentially affect tens of thousands of works acquired during French colonization of Sub-Saharan Africa. The culture minister of former French colony Senegal said his country was ready to work with France to find a solution, but they are looking for complete restitution. *France 24*

15. Sierra Leone

**Heroic welcome for President Bio in Magburaka**

Residents of Tonkolili district last Saturday came out in throngs to welcome His Excellency President Julius Maada Bio on his maiden visit to Magburaka since his assumption of office as President of Sierra Leone, where he promised to restore the lost glory of the district. Wearing his usual calm and modest smiles, President Bio said his visit was to express his appreciation to all those voted for him and even those who could not vote for him during the 2018 general elections. He said politics was over and the focus should now be on development. He emphasized that he was President for all Sierra Leoneans. *Vanguard*

**Sierra Leone president urges end to strike at Iluka's rutile mine**

Sierra Leone President Julius Maada Bio has called for an immediate end to a strike at Iluka Resources’ mining unit Sierra Rutile, which has shuttered operations since last
week. The strike is the second in the past month at Sierra Rutile, one of Sierra Leone’s largest companies, following a week-long stoppage in October that led Iluka to cut its output forecast of rutile, which is used to make white pigment and titanium metal. Iluka shares hit a near 1-1/2 year low after the initial strike was declared, though they recovered some ground after operations resumed. Workers downed tools again last week in protest at the suspension of four union leaders over the previous strike. Reuters

16. Somalia

Ex-militant tests Somalia's fledgling democracy
Last year Mukhtar Robow had a $5 million U.S. bounty on his head. Now the former Islamist al Shabaab militant has downed his guns and donned the garb of a democrat. While Robow is not the first ex-militant to enter Somali politics, the momentum behind his bid to become a regional leader has turned his effort into a watershed moment in the stand-off between the federal government and Somali’s seven semi-autonomous regions. How Mogadishu and those states ultimately find ways to share power – including via elections such as the Dec. 5 vote in the South West state where Robow is running – is critical. Reuters

From refugee to school owner in Somalia
Dr SadiyoSiad was working as an auxiliary nurse in Somalia in 1994 when the civil war forced her to flee with her three children. And at the age of 19, she moved to Nairobi as a refugee and a single mother. She did not know what the world held for her, but she had only one prayer: that God would allow her to get a good education. A year after she moved to Nairobi, she got the opportunity to go to Denmark and she decided to quench her thirst for education. Daily Nation

17. South Sudan

South Sudan in new push to resume prime position as top oil producer
South Sudan has Africa’s third largest oil reserves despite 70 per cent of the country still being unexplored. Why do the major companies in the oil shun it? The war was undoubtedly a major setback for the country. And it coincided with arguably the most challenging period in the history of the oil and gas industry a sustained period of depressed prices. With a fragile peace agreement in place and a stabilisation of the oil price, it is only a matter of time before South Sudan regains the confidence of investors. The country has too much oil, too much infrastructure and too much know how on the ground to be ignored. The East African

Are big boys about to enter South Sudan oil territory? Russian firms lead way
With 10 oil blocks still up for grabs, South Sudan is shopping for new investors to prospect for hydrocarbons as the world’s youngest nation looks to make up for time and revenue lost during five years of civil war that saw the country lose an estimated $4 billion. Minister of Petroleum Ezekiel Lol Gatkuoth told The East African on the sidelines
of the Second Africa Oil and Power Conference held in Juba from November 20-22 that South Sudan will not turn away investors. “Big or small, or reputation, it doesn’t matter,” he said “We are ready to license any company. If you can deliver, I am with you, whether you are from Africa or elsewhere,” Gatkuoth said. The East African

**Missing man reunites with kin after six years in South Sudan**

A man whose photographs have been circulating on social media showing him stranded in Torit town, South Sudan, has been reunited with his family. ALSO READ: SA to spend $1b in Sudan’s oil Thirty-two-year-old Augustine Mwaniki arrived home in Kivwe village, Embu, on Sunday morning after going missing for six years. Disbelieving family members hugged him upon his return. The Standard Media

18. Tanzania

**John Magufuli: Tanzania prefers 'condition-free' Chinese aid**

Tanzania's President John Magufuli has said he prefers Chinese to Western aid as it comes with fewer conditions.Mr Magufuli has been under intense pressure from Western nations over his controversial policies. On 15 November, Denmark said it had suspended $9.8m (£7.5m) in aid because of "unacceptable homophobic comments" by a Tanzanian politician. China has become a major investor in Africa, challenging Western influence on the continent. It has promised to spend $60bn in investment, aid and loans in Africa over the next three years, mostly in infrastructure development."The thing that makes you happy about their aid is that it is not tied to any conditions. When they decide to give you, they just give you,” Mr Magufuli said.BBC

19. Togo

**Chinese firm CTE to build in Togo a motorway and an industrial park**

China Tiesijiu Civil Engineering group Co. (CTE), Ltd, which specializes in infrastructures, confirmed that it will build in Togo a motorway and an agricultural industrial park. “We want to invest in infrastructures and have discussed with the president of the national assembly about the construction of a highway and an industrial park,” said Wang Chuan Lin, head of a Chinese delegation, after meeting with DamaDramani, the national assembly’s president, last Monday. The head of the delegation emphasized that the firm would focus on training local workers. CTE “is ready to share with local firms its experience in infrastructures”. The current announcement concretizes a commitment made by CTE last September, on the sidelines of the FOCAC, where Togo was to attract Chinese investors. At the time, Shao Gang, one of CTE’s executives, had, during a meeting with President Faure Gnassingbé, declared: “A study team will be in Lomé as soon as possible.”Togo First
20. Tunisia

**Khashoggi killing: Saudi crown prince greeted with protests in Tunisia**

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has been greeted by an outpouring of public anger on his arrival in Tunisia, one of the stops on his first trip abroad since the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, which critics say was designed to whitewash his image before the G20 summit later this week. After embraces and smiles from allies in the UAE, Bahrain and Egypt this week, the powerful crown prince did not receive such a warm welcome in Tunis: at least 200 people gathered in the city centre on Monday night the day before scheduled talks with the Tunisian president, BejiCaid Essebsi. A huge banner depicting the prince carrying a chainsaw a reference to his alleged involvement in Khashoggi's gruesome murder and reported dismemberment at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul – was unfurled over the Tunisian journalists' union building. **The Guardian**

21. Uganda

**Survivor recounts terror of Uganda party boat disaster**

Before Alex Niyonzima was pitched into the lake waters, before other partygoers fell on top of him driving him deep below the surface, before drowning hands grabbed at his body, there had been a moment's lull. Niyonzima hung from a table welded to the deck as the boat paused mid-way through its turtling roll on Saturday night, in Uganda's Lake Victoria."I was holding onto the table but the floor was where the wall had been," he said. All around him people were screaming, "holding onto chairs, guardrails, each other." Then the boat lurched again. "I was at the lowest end when the boat flipped so all the people above fell on me," the tall, heavyset 44-year-old said. **The East African**

22. Zambia

**Prince Harry joins the circus in Zambian youth project**

Clowns on stilts and trampoline artists entertained Britain's Prince Harry on Tuesday when he visited a youth circus in Zambia, which is supported by one of Queen Elizabeth's charities. Harry spent the last of his 2 days in Zambia visiting World War II veterans in the capital Lusaka before heading to Circus Zambia, a project that helps vulnerable young people to gain skills, education, and employment. The monarch's grandson posed for pictures surrounded by performers at the circus, which is funded by The Queen's Commonwealth Trust, a charity supporting young leaders around the world."All the stories we heard today are powerful reminders of the great work underway here. All brought about by young people, like you, who have stepped up to make a difference for others," Harry, who is president of the trust, said in a speech. **CBN News**

**Prince Harry begins two-day trip to Zambia**

Prince Harry has begun a two-day trip to Zambia, following in the footsteps of the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall, who toured three African nations earlier this month. The Duke of Sussex was greeted by official and a traditional dance
performance on his arrival to the country. He was then welcomed by Zambian President Edgar Lungu to the State House in the capital Lusaka. The Duke emphasised the growing economic ties between the UK and Zambia during a reception which celebrated the relationship between the two countries. The Telegraph

**Prince Harry pledges support for Zambia’s elephant conservation efforts**

The Duke of Sussex, Prince Harry, has pledged support for Zambia’s elephant conservation efforts in a bid to improve the animals’ numbers. The 34-year-old member of the British Royal Family arrived in the southern African country on Monday for a two-day working visit. As part of the trip, Prince Harry met with President Edgar Lungu for talks, in which he also met members of the Zambian cabinet. As president of animal conservation charity African Parks, Harry offered to bring elephants from neighbouring Botswana. “Prince Harry told the president during closed-door talks that African Parks will help move between 500 and 1,000 elephants from Botswana into Zambia’s Kafue National Park,” Lungu’s spokesman Amos Chanda said. CGTN