1. Burkina Faso

Four police among five dead in IED blast

Five people including four police officers have been killed by an explosive device left on a road in eastern Burkina Faso, reports say. Friday’s blast from an improvised explosive device (IED) took place in Boungou, an area that has seen a series of attacks attributed to jihadist militants. The police officers were providing an escort to goldmine workers, said AFP. A similar attack killed five police officers in the area in August. Both attacks took place on the route between Boungou and FadaN'Gourma, one of the main towns in the country’s eastern region. 

2. Burundi

Burundi warned after ex-President Buyoya arrest warrant

The African Union (AU) has warned Burundi against moves to jeopardize peace efforts after an international arrest warrant was issued for ex-leader Pierre Buyoya and 16 other officials. They are accused of being behind the 1993 assassination of the country’s first elected Hutu president. The killing of Melchior Ndadaye triggered a brutal ethnic civil war. Mr. Buyoya, an ethnic Tutsi, says it is a ploy to stir up divisions and shift attention from the current crisis. More than 300,000 people died in a 12-year civil war between the minority Tutsi-dominated army and mainly Hutu rebel groups.

3. Cameroon

Cameroon government blamed for Afcon mess

There has been an outburst of reactions from football fans and analysts in Cameroon since the Confederation of African Football (Caf) officially announced it has stripped the five times African champions of the hosting rights for the 2019 African Cup of Nations (Afcon). Caf said on Friday that Cameroon has not met a number compliance conditions and could not host the tournament. While some fans suspect that some North African countries that were interested in hosting the tournament played behind the scenes to
deprive Cameroon of the hosting right, others blame the lackluster attitude at which the government has been preparing for the game. **Daily Nation**

4. **Egypt**

**Tanzania, Egypt agree on commission**

Tanzania is pushing for the establishment of the Nile Basin Commission, and reforms in the management of the area to speed up implementation of projects utilizing the river. Tanzanian Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said the delay in establishing the commission, almost 10 years after it was proposed, is hampering the implementation of projects in the Nile Basin member states. **The East African**

5. **Equatorial Guinea**

**Chinese-built hydropower project to boost Equatorial Guinea economy: president**

The economy of Equatorial Guinea will be "significantly" boosted following the completion of the Chinese-built regulating reservoir of the Djibloho Hydropower Plant, President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo said Saturday. The project was completed at a time when Equatorial Guinea aims to enhance development through the provision of clean energy for all, especially in rural areas, Obiang said during the regulating reservoir's completion ceremony, adding that the project has brought more jobs to locals. The regulating reservoir will bring peace and development to the country, which aims to make energy for all a reality, according to the president. **Xinhua**

6. **Eritrea**

**Envoy says US aiming for warmer ties with Eritrea**

The United States wants better ties with Eritrea following this month's lifting of UN sanctions against the Horn of Africa nation, Washington's top Africa diplomat said on Friday. The UN Security Council sanctioned Eritrea in 2009 for supporting Al-Shabaab militants in Somalia but lifted the restrictions following the July signing of a peace deal that ended 20 years of conflict with neighbouring Ethiopia. **news24**

7. **Gambia**

**Gambians embrace new freedoms with environment activism**

Hundreds of Gambians were grateful for the jobs created by a Chinese-run fish processing plant that arrived in 2014. Then they were shocked when dead fish began washing up on a nearby shore. Residents of the coastal town of Gunjur reported chemical residue on their skin after swimming that made them itch. Environmental activists blamed the Chinese-owned company, Golden Lead Import & Export. **news24**
8. Kenya

**President Uhuru puts his faith in spies and military men**

Former military and intelligence chiefs are securing top jobs in strategic State institutions. The decorated ex-soldiers and top spies are either beating rivals in competitive recruitment for posts that require advertisement or are handpicked by President Uhuru Kenyatta where he has the prerogative in appointments. **Standard Media**

**Somaliland opens its doors to Kenyan investors**

Kenya has a big role to play in Somaliland’s economic development if local investors venture in the Horn of Africa nation. Somaliland’s Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Minister Yasin Mohammed Hiir has encouraged Kenyan investors to take advantage of the investment opportunities in his country. **Washington Post**

9. Libya

**Protestors storm presidential council in Libya**

Protestors yesterday stormed the headquarters of the Presidential Council of Libya’s internationally-recognized Government of National Accord in the country’s capital of Tripoli. The demonstrators were a group of employees who had worked for the foreign companies, which left the country during the revolution that toppled the regime of Libya’s former dictator Muammar Gaddafi in 2011. The protestors said they have not received their salaries for years. **Middle East Monitor**

**Libya, Britain discuss security cooperation**

Libya's Interior Minister, FathiBashagha, on Sunday met with the British Ambassador to Libya, Frank Baker, in the capital Tripoli and discussed security cooperation between the two countries.Bashagha praised Britain's technical and logistic support for the Libyan government, stressing the Interior Ministry's need for direct international support by training and capacity building of the police and security forces. **Xinhua**

10. Madagascar

**Madagascar president concedes defeat in polls: statement**

Madagascar’s president, HeryRajaonarimampianina, conceded defeat in his bid for a second term after managing a distant third in the first round of voting in the island’s presidential vote.Rajaonarimampianina got just 8.82 percent in the November first round, the High Constitutional Court said on Wednesday, behind former presidents Marc Ravalomanana, who got 35.35 percent, and Andry Rajoelina, who got 39.23 percent. **Standard Media**
11. Mauritania

**Saudi crown prince affirms support for Mauritania during official visit**

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman held a meeting on Sunday with the President of Mauritania, Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, during an official visit to the country. The two sides affirmed their firm support for the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. On Yemen, the two sides affirmed their support for efforts to reach a political solution to the Yemeni crisis in accordance with UN Security Council resolution 2216, the Gulf Initiative and its executive mechanism and the outcomes of the comprehensive Yemeni national dialogue. Both countries affirmed their support for the efforts to reach a political solution to the Syrian crisis and their keenness to preserve the unity and integrity of the Syrian and Libyan territories. *Arab News*

12. Morocco

**Gabon president in Morocco to convalesce**

Gabon's President Ali Bongo arrived in Morocco on Thursday to convalesce after a month's treatment at a Saudi hospital, a Moroccan diplomatic source said. President Bongo, 59, had been at the hospital in Saudi Arabia since October 24 when he fell ill at an economic forum. *The East Africa*

13. Nigeria

**Nigeria's President Buhari denies clone rumors: 'this is the real me'**

Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari has denied claims that he died and was replaced by a clone, calling the speculation "ignorant rumors." Buhari tweeted on Sunday that he addressed the reports while at a meeting in Poland. *CNN*

14. Rwanda

**Rwandan journalist investigated for 'terrorism'**

Rwandan investigators are holding a journalist accused of receiving explosives and plotting with terrorists, the Rwanda Investigation Bureau (RIB). Phocas Ndayizera, a 39-year-old freelance journalist working for the BBC's local language service, was reported missing over a week ago before turning up in custody. Ndayizera now faces a maximum 20-year jail term if found guilty under Rwanda's anti-terrorism laws. *Daily Nation*

15. Sierra Leone

**IMF agrees new loan program for Sierra Leone**

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) board has approved a new $172 million loan program for Sierra Leone to help the West African country combat rising inflation and lackluster economic growth. The 43-month agreement follows a previous $240 million
financing plan that was suspended in February over foot-dragging on reforms such as taxing luxury car imports, and removing subsidies on fuel and rice. Reuters

16. Somalia

US military says attack kills nine al-Shabab fighters

The United States military said it killed nine fighters in an air attack targeting al-Shabab fighters in Lebede, Somalia, as part of its operations to support the government's efforts to weaken the armed group. Aljazeera

17. South Sudan

125 Women and Girls Seeking Food Were Raped and Whipped in South Sudan

At least 125 women and girls seeking food aid were raped, whipped and clubbed over 10 days this month in attacks described as “abhorrent” even amid the widespread sexual violence of South Sudan’s civil war, according to Doctors Without Borders. New York Times

18. Sudan

Win-win: Why Khartoum brokered 2018 peace deal in South Sudan

As South Sudan begins to rebuild from scratch following a peace deal signed in September 2018 between the main rival factions, the region's countries with economic interests in the world's youngest nation remain edgy, even as Khartoum is confident that the permanent ceasefire will hold this time round. The agreement signed in Khartoum between long time rivals president Salva Kiir and his former deputy Riek Machar was brokered by an unlikely mediator in Sudan. Daily Nation