1. Burkina Faso

**Six shot dead in 'terror attack' in Burkina Faso**

Six people were shot dead on Monday by police in eastern Burkina Faso during a "terrorist attack" on a security patrol, security sources said. An officer was also wounded in the incident at about 0500 GMT near Bougui, about 10km from Fada N’Gourma, the main town in the Eastern Region administrative area, a source said. "A patrol team of the territorial gendarmerie brigade of Fada N'Gourma was ambushed in the village of Bougui," a security source told AFP. *News 24*

2. DRC

**ISIS threat shuts US embassy in Democratic Republic of the Congo for more than a week**

The US embassy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo was closed after the US received intelligence that an ISIS-linked group could carry out attacks against US interests there, two US officials tell CNN. The terror group is not believed to have a significant presence in the DRC and officials say it is believed that the operatives may have been planning to enter the DRC from outside the country. The embassy had been closed since it received "credible and specific information of a possible terrorist threat against US Government facilities in Kinshasa" on November 24. The embassy is expected to re-open to the public on Tuesday, according to a statement by the embassy. *CNN*

3. Egypt

**Egypt hosts international arms expo**

Egypt is hosting its first international weapons fair; an event that organizers hope will project a message to the world that the country is secure and stable. The three-day Egypt Defence Expo that opened on Monday features the world’s top arms companies and hundreds of military and civilian participants from dozens of countries. *news24*
4. Ethiopia

**Ethiopia deploys federal forces over insecurity: protests, arrests in Oromia**

The Ethiopian government last Saturday stated that federal forces were being deployed to secure parts of the country rocked by deadly violence. A statement from the office of the Prime Minister said the move followed a decision by the National Security council. The deployments were specifically to western Ethiopia along the border between Oromia and the Benishangul Gumuz regional states. “The decision was made based on requests from the two regions to ensure the safety of citizens and enforce the law. Africa News

5. Gabon

**Morocco king meets Gabon president in hospital**

Morocco's King Mohammed VI on Monday visited Gabon's President Ali Bongo at a military hospital in Rabat where the Gabonese leader is recovering from an illness, an official source said. During the visit, the king said he was pleased about the state of Bongo's health which he said was getting better by the day, according to the Moroccan source. news24

6. Guinea-Bissau

**Guinea-Bissau Naturalizes Senegalese Refugees**

Senegalese refugees in Guinea-Bissau are getting identification cards after years and, for some, decades of living in a state of limbo. Ibrahima Ingo has lived in Pelundo, near Guinea-Bissau's border with Senegal, since 1992 when he fled southern Senegal due to unrest in the country's Casamance region. Today marks the first time he will register to receive his national identification card as a Guinea-Bissau citizen. VOA NEWS

7. Kenya

**Kenya, Israel sign pact that will promote trade between states**

Kenya and Israel on Wednesday signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that will see the two countries improve on economic and commercial networks. The deal which was agreed upon during the second Kenya-Israel Joint Trade Committee (JTC) that was held at the Israel Embassy will enable Kenyan traders with their Israel counterparts in doing business well as fostering economic growth. Standard Media

**Transport Crisis: How BRT project stalled despite World Bank loan**

Kenya has failed to resolve the transport crisis in Nairobi despite a Sh30 billion loan from World Bank. The money, given six years ago, has not been utilized. Among others, the
loan was to fund construction of a commuter rail and the much-touted Bus Rapid Transport (BRT) that was to be completed by December 31. **Standard Media**

8. **Madagascar**

*Candidates welcome law banning cash handouts to voters*

Malawi goes to the polls in presidential, parliamentary and council elections on May 21 next year and candidates at every level have typically used cash payments and gifts to secure support in advance of past votes. The Political Parties Act, which came into force on Saturday, will see candidates convicted of improperly swaying the electorate face fines of up to $13,600 or five years in prison. **Africa News**

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10. **Senegal**

*Senegal rep elected 2019 president for UN human rights council*

Senegal's representative on the United Nation's Human Rights Council, UN HRC, has been elected president of the body for the year 2019. The HRC Secretariat announced on Monday that Coly Seck, had been elected and was to be assisted by two vice-presidents Ms. Vesna Batistić Kos of Croatia and Mr. Harald Aspelund of Iceland. The election was conducted during an organizational session to elect its leadership and to discuss its programme of work for next year. It also considered a draft statement on ways to enhance the efficiency of the Council. **Africa News**

11. **Somalia**

*In Somalia, Businesses Face 'Taxation' by Militants*

Al-Shabab and pro-Islamic State militants in Somalia are engaged in an economic war, and it is the country's business sector that is getting cut down in the crossfire. Somali businessmen and analysts say the rival Islamist groups are targeting companies to an unprecedented degree with demands for so-called taxes. **VOA NEWS**

12. **South Africa**

*Deputy Minister Magwanishe urges South Africa and Tunisian businesspeople to increase trade and investment*

The Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr Bulelani Magwanishe has urged South African and Tunisian businesspeople to work together in order to increase trade and
investment between the two countries. Magwanishe was speaking at the South Africa-Tunisia Business Seminar that was hosted by the South African government in Tunis. The seminar was part of the Outward Trade and Investment Mission organised by the dti. The mission is funded through the department’s Export Marketing and Investment Assistance (EMIA) scheme. Africa News

13. South Sudan

**More than 150 women, girls raped in South Sudan: UN**

More than 150 women and girls have come forward in the past 12 days to seek help in South Sudan after they were raped or suffered other forms of sexual violence, the heads of three UN agencies said Monday. Daily Nation

14. Tanzania

**Tanzania to avoid loans with stringent conditions: Magufuli**

Tanzania’s president, John Magufuli has called out multilateral financing institutions for setting tough loan conditions, saying the government will henceforth avoid such loans. Magufuli, who was laying the foundation for water project in Arusha, commended the African Development Bank (AfDB), which he says has ‘soft loans. ‘The African Development Bank has less stringent terms, and you can see what it has done for this country,’ the president said. Africa News