<u>Uganda domestic radio and newspapers, August 16th, 2010 (covering August 9th to August 15th 2010)</u>

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1) State-owned media

The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website, August 9, 2010, in English "Police chief warns of new terror plot" by Cyprian Musoke

- The security threat posed by the terrorists in the country is still very high, the Inspector-General of Police, Maj-Gen Kale Kayihura, asked for extra vigilance. During a security brief with entrepreneurs and head of government institutions, Kayihura warned that the terrorists were planning more attacks.
- "Terrorists are targeting stop points for fuel tankers, filling stations and tanks, populated establishments including schools and also intend to assassinate VIPs," a source at the meeting said.
- The terrorists are also involved in money laundering and often send the cash through the mobile money transfer system.
- Security organs are also investigating reports that some sheikhs in the country are offering religious support to terrorists.

The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website, August 13, 2010, in English

"NRM probe committee grills VP Bukenya" by Cyprian Musoke and Francis Kagolo

- The National Resistance Movement disciplinary committee yesterday quizzed important NRM representatives such as Vice President Gilbert Bukenya over allegations of malpractice in the party grass-root elections. Bukenya wants to replace Mbabazi as secretary general and has been vigorously campaigning for the position.
- On the day the district leaders were elected, the head of the Wakiso District Ian Kyeyune accused Bukenya of hosting voters at his home to influence them. As a result, he opted not to contest against Bukenya. Bukenya denies the accusations.

Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. August 13, in English

- The Lord's Resistance Army is reported to have abducted 697 adults and children in the Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of Congo in the past 18 months, according to a report by Human Rights Watch report.
- The Constitutional Court dismisses a petition challenging sections of the Political Parties' Organization Act that bars a civil servant from engaging in active politics.

Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. August 15, in English

• A Prison official announced plans to build more prison cells and to equip them with better facilities.

2) Privately owned media

The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website, August 11, 2010, in English

"Aid cut will only punish the poor" [Author unknown]

- Uganda's development assistance will be cut by 80bn shillings, thanks to the misappropriation of public resources, particularly funds for the 2007 Commonwealth Heads of State Summit.
- Uganda's top development partners including the World Bank, the EU, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom, will cut their 360m US dollars (about 792bn shillings) aid kit by 10 per cent. The donors cite the government's failure to take effective action against several high level grafts as the main reason for their action.
- Naturally, the donors are right to be concerned, given that nothing has been done to punish top government officials implicated in the scan months after parliament's Public Accounts Committee wrote a biting report.
- However, we think instead of punishing the corrupt officials, the aid cuts will only increase the vulnerability of the poor. At a time when the country desperately needs more assistance in order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015, any cut in development assistance is definitely a huge setback.

The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. August 13, 2010, in English

"How we bombed Kampala city" by Risdel Kasasira

- Together, they cut the image of four innocent youths only until they narrated how they planned and executed the bomb attacks that left 76 people dead in Kampala last month.
- Paraded before journalists in Kampala yesterday by military intelligence officials, the suspects accused of masterminding the attacks of July 11th gave chilling narrations of how serving as Al-Shabab conduits, they produced death and misery in Kampala.
- Their suspected coordinator, Mr Issa Ahmed Luyima, spoke of how he had joined the Somali terrorist outfit in 2009 and participated in fighting Ugandan-led peacekeepers in Mogadishu.
- The 33-year-old Luyima, speaking with a straight face, revealed how he recruited his brother, Hassan Haruna Luyima, into the mission.
- But for the third suspect, Mr Edris Nsubuga, it was a battle of emotions as he broke down while narrating how he travelled with a Somali suicide bomber from Namasuba, a city suburb, to Kyadondo where they committed the horrific act. The Bachelor of Commerce student at Makerere University described himself as an evil man who caused misery to Ugandans.
- The fourth suspect, Mr Mohamoud Mugisha, whose parents migrated from Rwanda, joined Al-Shabab in 2008 in Nairobi. His brief, he said, involved looking for a house in which the terrorist cell would work.