

**Uganda domestic radio and newspapers, January 3rd, 2011 (covering December 27th 2010 to January 2nd 2011)**

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**1) State-owned media**

**The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. December 28, 2010, in English**

**"Terrorism affects funding of Muslim NGOs" by Racheal Ninsiima**

- Muslim non-governmental organizations in Uganda are unhappy that the association of terrorism with Muslims is making it difficult for them to receive donor funding.
- Apart from the delays in receiving funds, the money is not credited to individual NGO bank accounts. It is instead dispatched to international accounts, where local NGOs have to struggle to get it, incurring costs of accessibility.

**The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. December 31, 2010, in English**

**"Government gets sh375b for roads" by Conan Businge**

- The government has received a grant of 122m euros (about 375bn shillings), from the European Union for the construction of the Mbarara-Katuna road. The road is part of the Northern corridor project.
- Mbarara-Katuna is the south-western section of the northern corridor, which links the economies of East Africa and the Great Lakes region with the Indian Ocean.
- Overtime, the EU assistance to Uganda has continued to grow from 210m euros in 2001 to 450m euros for the period running from 2008 to 2013.

**Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. December 29, 2010, in English**

- Gulu District security committee chairman says for the first time in over four years, people in northern Uganda celebrated Christmas without fear of possible attacks by the Lord's Resistance Army rebels.
- The Inter-Party Cooperation presidential candidate, Kizza Besigye, has said the people of Acholi have no reason to support President Museveni as he has not done much to end rebel leader Kony's war in northern Uganda.

**2) Privately owned media**

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. December 27, 2010, in English**

**"UN Security Council supports Ugandan troop surge in Somalia" by Angelo Izama**

- The United Nations Security Council has approved the increase of African Union troops in Somalia to 12,000. In a resolution (1964 of 2010) adopted on Wednesday in New York, the Council threw its weight behind a strategy of a troop surge with Uganda as the principal advocate.
- Kampala has offered up to 20,000 of its forces to the African Union Peacekeeping Mission in Mogadishu. It also co-hosts the training facility for Somali government troops funded by the European Union.
- Uganda also believes that piracy, a major headache for international trade, can only be contained by stabilizing the mainland with superior force. "There should be no factory

for manufacturing terrorists," said Dr Ruhakana Rugunda while commenting on Somalia's spread of terrorism to east Africa and on the coast through piracy.

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. December 29, 2010, in English**

**"Electoral Commission tells Kayihura to investigate security officials over intimidation" by Yasiin Mugerwa**

- The Inspector General of Police, Maj-Gen Kale Kayihura, has been asked by the electoral body to investigate individuals in the army and police who are suspected of committing election-related crimes.
- The latest Electoral Commission's direction - targeting senior army and police officers particularly in northern Uganda - came as it emerged yesterday that the army was also asking for an additional 10bn shillings to take care of the 2011 general election in February.
- In a December 17 letter, the EC Chairman Dr Badru Kiggundu, asked Maj-Gen Kayihura to investigate reports that some army and police officers were arming civilians to intimidate opposition voters among other election-related offences. "The commission is concerned about the allegations there, in which if they are true and not deterred as soon as possible, may lead to disruption of peace and stability in the region," Dr Kiggundu's letter reads in part.

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. December 31, 2010, in English**

**"UPDF takes over Lugazi University at Shs13.5 billion" by Risdell Kasasira**

- Lugazi University will be turned into a national defense college after the army yesterday took over the ownership of the premises. The national defence college will be a research and development centre for soldiers from the East African community, Ms Buturo, the minister of Defense, said.

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. January 1, 2011, in English**

**"Three terrorism suspects arrested in Busia" by Mudangha Kolyangha**

- Security operatives in the eastern town of Busia have arrested three suspected Somalis believed to be linked to the Al-Shabab terrorist group who were reportedly attempting to sneak into the country.
- The three suspects were on Wednesday [29 December] intercepted at the border entry of Busia aboard an Akamba bus on their way from Nairobi to Kampala.
- Sources told Saturday Monitor that the police got information about these people aboard the bus that they were allegedly travelling to Kampala to plant bombs following the terrorist group's persistent threats to attack Uganda and Burundi for failure by the two countries to withdraw their forces in Somalia.

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. January 2, 2011, in English**

**"2011 polls: Religious leaders pray for peace" [Author unknown]**

- As the world ushered in the New Year, Christians all over the country yesterday thronged places of worship to pray for a stable nation ahead of the general elections. At Lubaga Cathedral, Archbishop Nam called for religious freedom, peace and fair elections.