

**Uganda domestic radio and newspapers, February 14th, 2011 (covering February 7th 2011 to February 13th 2011)**

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**1) State-owned media**

**The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. February 7, 2011, in English**

**"DP woman charged with terrorism" by Adante Okanya and Edward Anyoli**

- The Democratic Party mobilizer, Annet Namwanga, has been charged with terrorism and remanded to Luzira Prison.
- Appearing before Buganda Road Court in Kampala, Namwanga was charged together with Mr Bamutenda and Mr Laaka. However, the charge sheet presented to court contained names of five others who were not produced in court, and who were charged with one count of terrorism and another of aiding and abetting terrorism.
- Prosecution alleges that on 16 January, Laaka "unlawfully possessed two grenades" and intimidated the public for political aim without considering their safety. It is also alleged that between 2005 and January eight of the accused supported Laaka by acquiring grenades, vehicles and providing money and information to him.

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**"Museveni promises violence free polls" by Milton Olupot**

- President Yoweri Museveni has assured Ugandans that there will be no violence during the general elections which begin on 18 February. He was speaking yesterday at the Soroti Sports Ground for the celebrations to mark 30 years since the UPDF army was formed. The day signifies the beginning of the rebellion that brought the NRM government into power in 1986.
- Museveni said the army had managed to restore peace and security in the country and that capacity had been built to ensure that the country does not revert back to chaos that characterized the 1970s and early 1980s. During the celebrations, 621 people were recognized with medals. The colourful ceremony was attended by thousands of people including top army commanders from Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, southern Sudan, Ethiopia and Djibouti.

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**"EC gets computerized system" by Henry Mukasa**

- With ten days to the February poll, the Electoral Commission has unveiled a computerized results tally system that should render rigging impossible.
- The system is a set of interlinked computers set up at district level but sharing a server that will be at Namboole Stadium, the national tally centre for the February poll. The results will be transmitted to Namboole Stadium where it will be projected to giant screens that will be observed by candidates' agents, observers and the media.

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**"Donor survey puts Museveni at 65%" by Joyce Namutebi**

- As the presidential campaigns come to an end, a new opinion poll shows President Yoweri Museveni is still leading with 65 per cent against the other seven presidential

candidates in the race. The donor-funded Afrobarometer survey, whose findings were released in Kampala yesterday, put Museveni ahead of his rival, Besigye who scored 15 per cent. The Constitution requires just above 50 per cent for a winner.

**The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. February 10, 2011, in English**

**"EU applauds electoral process" by Sylvia Nankya**

- The European Union election observation mission for the forthcoming general elections in Uganda has commended the electoral process for being peaceful and calm.
- The mission's chief observer, Edward Scicluna, yesterday told journalists in Kampala that compared to previous elections and recent developments in countries across Africa, Uganda had to be lauded for running a process that was free of intimidation and violence.

## 2) Privately owned media

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. February 7, 2011, in English**

**"Aronda: Army will respect poll results" by Richard Otim and Emmanuel Gyezaho**

- The chief of defense forces, Gen Aronda Nyakairima, has said the army will uphold constitutional provisions that bestow in the electorate the power to elect a leader of their choice. Addressing Makerere University students in 2008, Gen Nyakairima made similar promises, saying the army would support the candidate who wins this month's election, even if it is not President Museveni.
- Yesterday, Gen Nyakairima also cautioned against inciting election violence, adding that the peace prevailing currently is a product of the army's sacrifice. "The UPDF is here today to showcase what it has achieved in the past... The thriving democracy in Uganda now is part of the UPDF's sacrifice."

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. February 10, 2011, in English**

**"Museveni guards assault Daily Monitor journalist over MP Ssekikubo's photo" by Isaac Khisa**

- Soldiers belonging to the army's Special Forces Group yesterday assaulted a Daily Monitor journalist in Sembabule District as he attempted to take pictures of them stopping Lwemiyaga County MP Theodore Sekikubo from erecting a campaign poster. As he was taking pictures of the MP and his supporters being chased away, the SFG beat and detained him for at least 10 minutes, confiscated his camera on claims that he did not ask for permission although he was accredited.

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**"Presidential candidates can announce poll results -EC" by I. Ladu & Annah Nafula**

- Presidential candidates can announce election results as and when they get them from presiding officers at different polling stations on Election Day, the EC has said. The media has also been allowed to announce the 18 February election results.
- Eng Kiggundu's assurance comes as a relief to independent media houses. In the 2006 election, the signal of KFM -- a sister concern of Daily Monitor -- was tampered with as it relayed election results.