

**Uganda domestic radio and newspapers, January 17th, 2011 (covering January 10th 2011 to January 16th 2011)**

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**1) State-owned media**

**The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. January 13, 2011, in English**

**"EAC to send election observers" by Joyce Namutebi**

- The East African Community and the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development are to send observers to Uganda for the elections. EAC deputy secretary general in charge of political federation, Beatrice Kiraso, said yesterday the joint team will comprise 50 people.
- The Common Market for East and Central Africa and the Electoral Institute for Sustainability of Democracy in Africa are part of the joint observer mission.

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**"Army issues guidelines on elections" by Oyet Okwera**

- The Uganda People's Defense Forces has issued an election code of conduct barring all soldiers from campaigning for any candidate in the run-up to the 18 February general elections.
- Chief of Defense Forces Gen. Aronda said an army officer should not be a member of a political party and hold the card of a political party or any organization. He noted that unless an army officer had retired, it was unlawful to go into partisan politics by holding a political post.

**Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. January 10, 2011, in English**

- There was a huge vote turnout in Sudan yesterday, as week-long referendum exercise took place. Voting has also been taking place in eight diaspora countries, including Uganda.
- Official with Uganda Coalition on the International Criminal Court has asked state parties to the ICC to cooperate with the court.

**Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. January 12, 2011, in English**

- Buganda Kingdom demands the immediate withdrawal of proposed bill to regulate activities of cultural leaders.
- Ugandan opposition, Democratic Party, on 8 January discussed ties between government, Buganda Kingdom; advised President Yoweri Museveni not to play politics with Kabaka king to avoid a repeat of 1996 crisis.
- Police deny taking part in the shooting in the aftermath of royal cemetery fire in 2011.

**Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. January 14, 2011, in English**

- A Committee on international humanitarian law has been launched by the minister for relief, disaster preparedness and refugees to advise the government on the changes necessary to improve the existing laws.

- The Office of the Prime Minister is to fund 631 community sub-projects worth 7.1bn shillings under the second Northern Uganda Social Action Fund Two.

## 2) Privately owned media

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. January 11, 2011, in English**

**"Bomb blasts: War crimes division to handle bail application of suspects" by Ephraim Kasozi and Juliet Kigongo**

- An application for bail by four people on remand in connection with the 11 July 2010 twin bomb blasts in Kampala has been forwarded to the war crimes division of the high court for hearing.
- The transfer of the case to the war crimes division Judge Owinyi Dollo comes after high court Judge Faith Mwendha declined to hear the matter in December. Officials at the court said the bail application by Mohamed Adan Abdow, Khalif Abdi Mohammed, Ismail Kalule, Abubakari Batematyo will be heard on 24 January.

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. January 11, 2011, in English**

**"Cote d'Ivoire crisis has wider continental implication" by Morris Komakech**

- The political impasse in Cote d'Ivoire must not be taken out of the context of the general prospect of democracy in Africa. The problem in Cote d'Ivoire is a recurrent challenge to the growth of democracy in the African continent and calls for thorough examination of whether democracy means a thing to Africans.
- President Laurent Gbagbo's belligerence and defiance in the face of defeat to Alassane Ouattara not only symbolizes the general sense of gloom with which African politicians can be compelled to be accountable to the powerless masses through free and fair democracy. Instead, democracy means a clash between personal and public interest exhibited through egoistic mechanism of sense of entitlement by the despots.
- If Gbagbo is not subdued henceforth, the lessons that will be transplanted will be a nasty one for the rest of the continent. Already the continent is flooded with "life presidents" that treat their countries like personal properties and citizens as personal servants. If Gbagbo is not removed, his continued illegitimate reign will further the disempowerment of the poor majority of people in Cote d'Ivoire and across the continent.

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**"Tax dispute resolved, says Tullow Oil" by Walter Wafula**

- The tax dispute between the government and oil exploration companies, Heritage Oil and Gas and Tullow Oil, has been resolved, according to Mr Elly Karuhanga, the chairman Tullow Uganda Operations.
- He was responding to queries about the status of the company's dispute with government over the final payment of a 400m-dollar (Shs920b) capital gains tax bill. Uganda claimed the tax after Heritage sold its interests in two oil blocks in western Uganda to Tullow for 1.5bn dollars mid last year. From the transaction, Heritage paid only 121m dollars to government in tax retaining control of about 284m dollars in a safe haven. Mr Karuhanga declined to comment on who had agreed to pay the balance of the tax bill.