

**Uganda domestic radio and newspapers, February 7th, 2011 (covering January 31st 2011 to February 6th 2011)**

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**1) State-owned media**

**The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. February 4, 2011, in English**

**"Cairo riots won't affect us – Government" by Mary Karugaba and Francis Kagolo**

- Uganda will not experience the situation that is happening in Egypt and Tunisia as many opposition members have commented, the government spokesperson has said.
- Information minister Masiko Kabakumba said yesterday Uganda's security is guaranteed and should not be compared to Egypt or Tunisia.
- Foreign affairs minister Sam Kutesa in an interview with New Vision on Tuesday urged the government and people of Egypt to seek a peaceful resolution to the crisis there.

**Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. February 4, 2011, in English**

- Over 750 people in Kamwenge town council have been trained on how to avert election violence.

**Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. February 6, 2011, in English**

- Cases of violence against women in the ongoing political campaigns are said to be on the increase in Ntoroko; husbands said that they beat their wives for supporting candidates they disapprove of.

**2) Privately owned media**

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. January 31, 2011, in English**

**"Besigye may be arrested for telling lies - Museveni" by Mercy Nalugo**

- President Museveni yesterday reiterated his earlier threat to have the IPC [opposition coalition] presidential candidate, Dr Kizza Besigye, arrested over what he described as "telling lies" to voters, namely that his government sold off Lake Victoria to foreigners. He threatened his opponent by saying elections can be cancelled if a candidate wins thanks to a campaign based on wrong information.

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

**"Court 'orders' 70 legislators disqualified" by Ephraim Kasozi**

- The government was by last evening still studying a Constitutional Court judgment whose consequence could see over 70 MPs, amongst them nine ministers, nominated to run as either party flag bearers or independents, vacating their seats in parliament.
- The judges ruled that "... you cannot, in a multiparty political system, continue to represent the electorate on a party (or independent) basis in Parliament while at the same time offering yourself for election for the next Parliament on the ticket of a different political party or as an independent." However their seats have not been declared vacant yet.

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

**"Poll guidelines for security personnel launched" by Richard Wanambwa**

- Soldiers or any other security personnel who will be seen engaging in partisan politics in the ongoing campaigns shall either face disciplinary action or imprisonment of up to one year.
- Launching guidelines for law enforcement officials during the ongoing national elections yesterday, Inspector General of Police, Maj.-Gen Kale Kayihura said in the course of securing the elections, law enforcement officials must ensure that they exhibit neutrality, and desist from any conduct that shows they are inclined to any one or other political side. "In addition, security officers should take note of Section 16 of the Political Parties and Organization Act, which prohibits any security officers from being a founder, promoter or other member of a political party or organization," Maj.-Gen Kayihura said.

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

**"IPC accuses Kayihura of interfering in poll process" by Gerald Bareebe**

- The Inter-Party Cooperation has asked the Inspector General of Police to stop issuing statements which it claims are intended to mislead voters during the 18 February 18 polls. In a statement issued yesterday, the IPC communications director, Ms Wokuri, accused Maj.-Gen Kale Kayihura of telling new crime preventers in Iganga District recently to ensure that whoever finishes casting their votes is forced out of the polling station.
- Ms Wokuri said Maj.-Gen Kayihura's statement is illegal because the law allows voters who have cast their vote and all other persons to remain in the vicinity of the polling station.
- Police spokesperson Mr. Ssekate answered that the purpose of this statement was just to avoid overcrowding and possible eruption of violence.

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. February 4, 2011, in English**

**"Uganda police chief cautions against gays' attacks" by Andrew Bagala, E. Mulondo and Melody Kukundakwe**

- The inspector-general of police, Maj.-Gen Kale Kayihura, has cautioned the public and anti-homosexuality pastors against being insensitive to the gay community in the country. Gen Kayihura, who fell short of openly condemning anti-gays campaigns, said people, especially priests, should stop the campaign which he described as irresponsible.
- His call followed yesterday's arrest of a suspect in the killing of David Kato, a gay rights activist, at his home in Mukono District. The suspect used to be David Kato's partner. Apparently Mr. Kato had failed to provide him the car he had promised him.

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. February 6, 2011, in English**

**"Museveni will rig, opposition tell US officials" by John Njoroge**

- Three opposition presidential candidates on February 4th told two US secretaries that they strongly believe that the February 18th general elections will not be held in a free and fair atmosphere. The short but intense meeting was held at the US embassy between the US Deputy Secretary James Steinberg, Assistant Secretary Johnnie

Carson, Dr Kizza Besigye of Inter-Party CooperationPC, Mr. Olara Otunnu of Uganda People's Congress and Democratic Party's Norbert Mao among other officials.

- During the meeting with the US official, the three expressed concern over the continued bias shown by electoral officials. They are also concerned over the fact that millions will be allowed to vote without voters' cards. Mr. Steinberg and Mr. Carson were told that militia groups were being trained secretly at all levels around the country. Their purpose during these elections will be to antagonize the opposition and engineer the rigging of the elections.