

Uganda domestic radio and newspapers, July 12th, 2010 (covering July 5th to July 11th 2010)

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1) State-owned media

The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. July 5th, 2010, in English
"Two more Ugandan soldiers killed in Somalia" by Mary Karugaba

- Two Ugandan soldiers working with the African Union peacekeeping mission in Somalia were killed and three others injured during recent clashes with Islamist insurgents in northern Mogadishu.
- Maj Barigye Ba-Hoku, the mission spokesperson, was quoted in the media yesterday: "The soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice of their life for ensuring peace and stability in Somalia. We are very proud of them," he told a press conference in Mogadishu.
- In a separate attack, 26 civilians were killed during Thursday's [1 July] fighting and five others on Friday in sporadic fire exchanges. Government troops backed by AU peacekeepers on Thursday launched an offensive to recapture positions taken by the hardline Islamist rebels in clashes earlier this week.

The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. July 6th, 2010, in English
"Southern Sudanese march in support of seceding from north" by Taddeo Bwambale

- Hundreds of Southern Sudanese living in Uganda marched through Kampala streets yesterday to show their support for a separate state ahead of a referendum on 9 January 2011.
- The Southern Sudanese will next year vote in a referendum to decide whether to stay a part of the Sudan or to secede.
- They carried banners bearing Southern Sudan president, Salva Kiir and the late Dr. John Garang as they chanted "Bye Bye Oppression! Bye Bye Sharia Law!"
- They blamed the Khartoum government for the suffering in several parts of the south, which has been plagued by insurgency, poverty and epidemics. The president of the Southern Sudanese Students' Union, Noel Ajo, attributed the plight of people in the south to discrimination on the basis of race, religion and the economy.
- The leader of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) youth league, Eng Paul Akol, said the unity government established in 2005 had failed to address the welfare of the people in the south. He also blamed the Khartoum government for the instability in Southern Sudan, and accused it of arming militia groups to terrorize communities.
- Akol appealed to the Southern Sudanese to remain peaceful and united and thanked the Uganda government for support.

2) Privately owned media

The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. July 8th, 2010, in English

"Ugandan lawyer petitions against ICC activities" by Lominda Afedraru

- A Ugandan lawyer has gone to court seeking to block various laws governing operational activities of the International Criminal Court in Uganda. Mr. Jowad Kezaale says ICC laws contravene various provisions of the Ugandan Constitution.
- According to the petitioner, the ICCA which established the ICC in Uganda is inconsistent with various provisions of the constitution. He alleges that the court acts

at the instance of the Security Council of the United Nations General Assembly which council comprises member states which are not signatories to the Rome Statute. This, he says erodes the partiality and independence of the court because it does not meet the criteria used in Ugandan courts.

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

"Police to recruit 25,000 officers" by Andrew Bagala

- Police have started a recruitment drive of 25,000 officers on temporary and permanent basis ahead of the forthcoming general elections.
- This will be the biggest recruitment in the history of the Uganda police force. The inspector general of police, Maj-Gen Kale Kayihura, said they will recruit 18,000 Special Police Constables to help in policing communities during the 2011 general elections.
- The drive started with recruitment of 2000 Local Defence Unit officers in Karamoja region early this month on orders of President Museveni. They will prevent livestock thefts among other crimes in the region.