

Uganda domestic radio and newspapers, June 28th, 2010 (covering June 21st to June 27th 2010)

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The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. June 23, 2010, in English "Uganda's TV West, Bukedde TV and Radio Rupiny increase reach" [Author unknown]

- Signals of the Vision Group's television and radio stations across the country are to be enhanced following the acquisition of modern communication equipment. Chief executive officer Robert Kabushenga said the company had acquired three transmitters and other equipment to improve and extend the signal of Radio Rupiny in northern Uganda to Lango area; set up TV West in western Uganda and widen the Bukedde TV coverage.
- Radio Rupiny, whose reception since its inception last year had largely been in the Acholi sub-region, will be boosted and extended to Lango by setting up a repeater booster station in Lira.
- Programming on Radio Rupiny, which according to Synovate, is number one in the region just three months in business, will cater for both Acholi and Lango regions. [...]
- TV West, Bukedde TV and Radio Rupiny all are all part of the state-owned Vision Group of which the newspaper The New Vision also belongs to.

The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. June 26, 2010, in English "MPs split on phone tapping bill" by Catherine Bekunda and Mary Karugaba

- MPs on the information communication technology committee (ICT) have disagreed over the Interception of Communication Bill.
- The bill seeks to make provisions for the lawful interception and monitoring of certain communications. It also seeks to empower the security minister to issue warrants to intercept communication in case of crimes against the state.
- It also empowers security agencies to intercept terrorism-related postal letters and monetary payments.
- However, opposition MPs Isha Otto (UPC) and Alex Oceng Penytoo (FDC) opposed the report, saying the restrictions in the bill were a threat to human rights.
- Penytoo commented that "in its current form, the bill is overly broad and vague on the grounds under which the right to privacy may be interfered with. Interception of communication should only be permitted in times of emergency like war, terrorist attacks and calamities."
- He also noted that allowing the government to intercept communication would infringe on the freedom of the media.
- They suggested that parliament amends the Anti-terrorism Act and includes some of the provisions in the bill.