

Uganda domestic radio and newspapers, July 5th, 2010 (covering June 28th to July 4th 2010)

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1) State-owned media

The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. June 29, 2010, in English
"Otunnu opponents start new party" by Cyprian Musoke

- A senior member of the [opposition] Uganda People's Congress, who contested against Dr. Olara Otunnu for the party presidency, has formed his own political party. Dr. Sam Luwero said he was quitting UPC with some party MPs and members who are disgruntled with the way the elections of the current office holders led by Otunnu were handled.
- Otunnu was in March elected UPC president after defeating Obote's son MP Jimmy Akena, Sospater Akwenyu, Samuel Fredrick Luwero, Joseph Ochieno, Henry Mayega, Dickson Opol and Yona Kanyomozi.
- But UPC deputy spokesperson Moses Nuwagaba called Luwero's new party a briefcase organization. "He is a ploy planted by the current [ruling National Resistance] Movement that is worried with the UPC reinvention. The real UPC people I know have never had a history of breaking away," he said.

Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. June 30, in English

- Gulu District local government spends 3.2bn shillings to complete 97 Peace Recovery and Development Plan [PRDP] projects.
- Gulu District education officer urges vulnerable students to work towards own school fees as NGOs offering scholarships phase out operations in sub-region.

2) Privately owned media

The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. June 28, 2010, in English

"Rwanda increases troops at border" by Robert Muhereza

- The Uganda People's Defense Force [UPDF] has called for calm following the heavy deployment of troops by Rwanda at its border with Uganda.
- The UPDF 2nd Division spokesperson, Capt Robert Kamara, said Uganda's border with Rwanda is safe. "The UPDF is not bothered by the deployments and the movements of the Rwanda army because we don't control them. Ours is to guarantee the security of our people by ensuring that our border is safe. There is no need for any worry or panic," Capt Kamara said at the weekend.

The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. July 1st, 2010, in English

"Ugandan electoral body unveils road map to next elections" [Author unknown]

- The Electoral Commission yesterday unveiled the road map to next year's elections setting 25 and 26 October 2010 as the official nomination dates for candidates intending to run for president. Speaking during a media briefing convened at EC headquarters in Kampala, Mr. Joseph Ongaria, the commission's deputy chairperson, also hoped for a smooth and transparent process in what early indications suggest could be a much more animated contest.

- The presidential and parliamentary elections will take place between 12 February and 1 March.
- The 2011 polls could see more aspirants than in the past, with players from a larger number of political parties declaring their interest. There were five and six presidential candidates in the 2006 and 2001 elections, respectively.
- Uganda's largest opposition party, the Forum for Democratic Change, has picked its president, Dr. Kizza Besigye, as flag bearer. But Dr. Besigye first faces Uganda Peoples Congress president, Olara Otunnu, and Justice Forum flag bearer Hussein Kyanjo, in a battle to lead the Inter-Party Cooperation, a loose coalition of five parties working to field a single candidate.

The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. July 2nd, 2010, in English

"Police arrest top Rwanda genocide suspect" by Tabu Butagira

- One of the most wanted suspects of the 1994 Rwanda genocide has been arrested in Uganda after he reportedly slipped in from the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Police yesterday identified the suspect as Jean Inshitu, a pastor in Rwanda at the time of the genocide, although his full name under "wanted persons" category on Interpol website is Jean-Bosco Uwinkindi.
- It emerged last night that authorities in Kampala would fly Inshitu alias Uwinkindi to face trial in Arusha today, if they did not do so last evening.