

**Uganda domestic radio and newspapers, March 14th, 2011 (covering March 7th 2011 to March 13th 2011)**

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**1) State-owned media**

**The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. March 10, 2011, in English**

**"Katumba, Angina elected army MPs" by Sylvia Nankya**

- The UPDF Defense Council has elected 10 representatives to the Ninth Parliament. According to sources, some of the new entrants are the commander of the land forces, Lt-Gen Katumba Wamala, Maj-Gen Jimmy Owoyesigire, the airforce commander, Charles Angina, the land forces chief of staff and Capt Susan Lakot, the director of the UPDF Junior Staff College in Jinja.
- A motion moved by MP Francis Epetait last year to throw the army out of parliament was defeated. Other opposition MPs had also argued that the army should return to the barracks after stabilizing the country. The total number of MPs in the next parliament is expected to increase to 376 from the current 332.

**Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. March 9, 2011, in English**

- President Museveni warns opposition politicians intending to cause chaos in the city, saying that the government will not tolerate anybody promoting and threatening violence.

**Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. March 11, 2011, in English**

- The East African Community deputy secretary-general in charge of the political federation underscores the importance of prison services in the regional integration process, saying the sector is critical for upholding and protecting the human rights of east Africans.

**2) Privately owned media**

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. March 8, 2011, in English**

**"Museveni signs Traditional Leaders Bill" by Sheila Naturinda**

- The Institution of Traditional Leaders and Cultural Bill 2010 which was passed by parliament early this year has been signed into law. President Museveni signed the bill which bars traditional leaders from involvement in partisan politics.
- The bill also bars traditional leaders from promoting any political party or its activities, render direct support to a party or make statements against government policies and programme. Buganda Kingdom Attorney-General Apollo Makubuya said the kingdom would still challenge it in court, following a resolution by the kingdom's parliament to that effect.

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. March 10, 2011, in English**

**"Ten held in city demo" by Gerald Bareebe and Risdal Kasasira**

- Police yesterday used tear gas and live bullets to quell opposition supporters who staged a protest in Kampala against the outcome of the 18 February presidential poll.
- The police said at least 10 people were arrested in the protest that turned violent after rioters started beating passers-by dressed in yellow - the ruling party's official color.
- Four police officers were injured after falling off a speeding police truck as they attempted to save an unidentified man from being lynched by the angry protesters, who accused him of wearing a campaign T-shirt of Singh Katongole, the NRM candidate in the Rubaga North parliamentary race.
- Chaos also erupted when an unidentified police officer attempted to pull down a campaign poster of opposition leader Kizza Besigye.
- Military trucks, including armored personnel carriers with UPDF soldiers, moved in quickly and took charge of the situation. But supporters started pelting police trucks with stones, barricaded roads with logs and huge boulders. Offices and shops closed down and motorists vacated the roads amid sporadic gunfire, tear-gas explosions, a heavy presence of regular and anti-riot police backed by military police.

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

**"Police take to internet, texts to avert riots" by Melody Kukundakwe**

- After President Museveni successfully used mobile telephony and social media to lure voters during the recent presidential elections, the police have also taken on the idea to prevent people from joining opposition demonstrations.
- The police for the last two days have been using SMS urging people to keep away from riots that engulfed Kisekka Market in Kampala on Wednesday [9 March]. Messages were saying "police are urging Ugandans to be calm because the situation has normalized after demonstrations at Kisekka Market". This is the first time for the force to use SMS to calm down demonstrations.

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

**"Electoral Commission gave extra 6,000 votes to my rival - FDC lady" by Emmanuel Mulondo**

- The Electoral Commission (EC) gave an extra 6,000 votes to the ruling National Resistance Movement candidate for Rubaga Division, the incoming FDC chairperson, Ms Joyce Ssebuggwawo, has said. Addressing journalists at Christ the King Church in Kampala yesterday, Ms Ssebuggwawo said the falsification of results was one of the ways by which the EC rigged for the ruling party candidates. She added that this was proof of what happened in the presidential elections.
- In an effort to check the EC's rigging, Ms Ssebuggwawo said she set up her own tally centre during last week's local polls and results had varied widely with the official ones – her rival was given 6,000 extra votes.

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. March 13, 2011, in English**

**"EC fires 20 officials over malpractices" by Gerald Bareebe**

- At least 20 Electoral Commission officials have been fired for taking part in vote rigging in the ruined February 23 Kampala mayoral elections. A source inside the EC has told Sunday Monitor that the officials have been fired after internal investigations pointed to the fact that they connived with candidates' agents to carry out ballot stuffing.