

**Uganda domestic radio and newspapers, March 21st, 2011 (covering March 14th 2011 to March 20th 2011)**

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**1) State-owned media**

**The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. March 16, 2011, in English**

**"Journalists accuse police of harassment" by Jackie Namboga**

- Journalists operating in Jinja District have asked the district police commander, Jonathan Musinguzi, to explain why policemen under his command fired tear-gas at them. The journalists stormed Musinguzi's office at the Jinja Central Police Station on 14 March and accused him and his men of harassment as the scribes covered a demonstration on Friday.
- The police engaged in running battles with rioters who were led by two former presidential candidates, Dr Olara Otunnu of UPC and Samuel Lubega, an independent.
- The demonstration was part of their nationwide campaign against what they called incompetence by the Electoral Commission. They accused the commission of failure to organize credible elections.

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**"Buturo hands over ministerial office" by Mary Karugaba**

- Ethics and Integrity Minister Dr James Nsaba Buturo has quit the cabinet. Buturo is among the nine ministers who were suspended for contesting for parliamentary seats as independent candidates.
- During the hand-over ceremony to the next minister, he urged Ugandans to reject corruption, homosexuality, pornography and witchcraft and called on Parliament to debate and amend the anti-homosexuality Bill.

**Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. March 18, 2011, in English**

- Top security officers from Uganda and the DR Congo hold a meeting in Kasese with the view of strengthening security in the region.
- The East African Community and the East African Business Council urge the media to educate the business community and civil society on opportunities and advantages of the integration process.
- Kampala mayor-elect may face arrest for telling lies to police.
- Ndoorwa West MP urges House to expeditiously debate Anti-Homosexuality Bill 2009.

**Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. March 19, 2011, in English**

- President Museveni declares war on corruption in all government departments.
- UPDF have so far recovered 370,000 of Karamojong warriors since the launching of the disarmament exercise ten years ago.
- Embattled MP-elect for Gulu municipality is arrested for alleged defamation of president.
- An LC 5 election vote recount exercise takes place in Nebbi District despite a move by Electoral Commission to disown the process.

## 2) Privately owned media

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. March 14, 2011, in English**

**"Museveni to meet Gaddafi over crisis" by Argaw Ashine and Philippa Croome**

- President Museveni has been named by the African Union (AU) alongside South African President Jacob Zuma to negotiate a resolution to the mounting crisis in Libya. AU Chairperson Jean Ping made the announcement at a Peace and Security Council meeting in Addis Ababa at the weekend.
- President Museveni is known to be an old ally of the defiant Libyan leader. But the president's press secretary, Mr. Tamale Mirundi, said the president "cannot refuse" helping in the face of such a crisis, citing his past involvements in neighbouring Kenya and Rwanda, among others. "The president believes that African problems can easily be solved by Africans using regional and continental approaches," Mr. Mirundi said yesterday.
- The panel will be investigating fresh allegations of foreign mercenaries to have been deployed, the backing of which is strictly prohibited by the AU conventions.

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. March 18, 2011, in English**

**"US legislators push for aid cut to Uganda over gay's bill" by Benon Herbert Oluka**

- A United States legislator, Congressman Barney Frank, has introduced a piece of legislation to an influential committee of the American Congress calling for an aid cut to Uganda and other countries deemed to be persecuting people "on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or religious belief."
- Highlighting Uganda as one of the countries where the persecution of homosexuals is high, Mr. Frank said the committee now urges the Treasury to advocate that governments receiving assistance from the multilateral development institutions do not engage in gross violations of human rights.
- This is the first time a US official is formally proposing an aid cut premised on the alleged persecution of gays.
- The aid cut would heavily affect Uganda, which receives substantial amounts in public and project support, though the country's donor funding to the budget has reduced from more than 70 per cent in the early 1990s to less than 30 per cent in the current budget.

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. March 20, 2011, in English**

**"Uganda will not freeze Libyan assets, says official" by Walter Wafula**

- Uganda will not freeze assets belonging to the Libyan government in the country, Mr James Mugume, permanent secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has indicated.
- The Libyan government owns a string of multi-billion companies in Uganda. They include Uganda Telecom Limited, National Housing Construction Company, Tropical Bank, Laico Lake Victoria Hotel, Tamoil East Africa and OilLibya.