

**Uganda domestic radio and newspapers, March 28th, 2011 (covering March 21st 2011 to March 27th 2011)**

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**1) State-owned media**

**The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. March 21, 2011, in English**

**"Uganda, Congo resume Kony hunt" [Author unknown]**

- Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the UN have agreed to resume the joint offensive against Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army and Jamil Mukulu's Allied Democratic Front rebels.
- Sources at the bilateral talks which ended on Friday in Kasese, said the UN and the DR Congo had agreed that the UPDF [Uganda People's Defence Force] should be allowed to hunt for the LRA and the ADF rebels to rid the Great Lakes region of insecurity posed by the two terrorist groups.
- Dr Crispus Kiyonga, Uganda's defence minister, told journalists that although the LRA and ADF were weakened, they were not wiped out. Kiyonga said the International Criminal Court was also helping the DR Congo to hunt for Kony.
- Kiyonga dismissed reports that the ADF had asked Uganda for peace talks.

**The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. March 22, 2011, in English**

**"Museveni blasts West over Libya attack" by Henry Mukasa**

- President Yoweri Museveni has attacked the Western countries for their military action in Libya and accused them of double standards. Museveni also warned that the habit of the Western countries using their superiority in technology to impose war on less developed countries "without impeachable logic" will ignite an arms race in the world.
- The president accused the West of hastily imposing a "no-fly zone" on Libya yet it has dragged its feet on the African Union request for the same over Somalia.

**The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. March 25, 2011, in English**

**"Al-Shabab militants threaten Police chief" [Author unknown]**

- The police chief, Maj-Gen Kale Kayihura, has said the Al-Shabab militants want him dead.
- Addressing residents of Wakiso town council yesterday, Kayihura said he had beefed up his security with the anti-terrorism unit who were trained to handle such situations.

**Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. March 22, 2011, in English**

- Over the weekend at State House Entebbe, President Yoweri Museveni met over 250 members of the Buganda Youth Council whom he told to shun anti-government propaganda.
- Forum for Democratic Change has asked for fresh presidential elections to be presided over by an independent electoral commission.
- Uganda Human Rights Network for Journalists submits report to UN which accuses government of failing to protect right to freedom of expression.

## 2) Privately owned media

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. March 21, 2011, in English**

**"Kutesa, AU blocked from entering Libya" by Emmanuel Mulondo**

- The United Nations Security Council has rejected requests by the African Union High Level Ad-hoc Committee on Libya (AHCL) to fly to Tripoli to mediate between President Mu'ammarr al-Qadhafi and pro-democracy protesters fighting to end his 42-year rule.

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. March 25, 2011, in English**

**Mercy Nalugo, Yasiin Mugerwa & Isaac Imaka entitled "Ugandan government to freeze Libyan assets"**

- The government of the Republic of Uganda will impose a freeze on Libyan assets in Uganda although it opposes the West's military onslaught on the North African country. Presenting a statement in parliament on Thursday [24 March], International Cooperation Minister Okello Oryem said the government will implement the UN-initiated sanctions that include enforcing a travel ban on Col Mu'ammarr Qadhafi.

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. March 27, 2011, in English**

**"Uganda government takes 2b shillings for jet fighters" by Yasiin Mugerwa**

- The government took 740m US dollars (about 1.7 trillion shillings) worth of taxpayers' money from Bank of Uganda to buy fighter jets and other military hardware from an unknown country.
- The money, according to the ruling party MPs who attended the Thursday night [24 March] NRM Caucus meeting at State House Entebbe, where President Museveni revealed the transaction, was reportedly withdrawn during elections and without the mandatory parliamentary approval.
- But the meeting that ended at about 2am sought among others to persuade the NRM MPs to grant a retrospective authority for government to spend the money. Many expressed their discontent, felt ambushed, and Opposition Chief Whip Kassiano Wadri commented, "we want roads, drugs in hospitals, quality education, better service delivery and not fighter jets. They are yet to account for the 602bn shillings they took from the treasury recently and now they want another 1.7 trillion shillings, this is going too far."
- MPs also asked the President to explain whether there was any precedent where Parliament has ever approved a supplementary budget of such magnitude. Others demanded for accountability of the recently Shs600b approved in the middle of the general elections. The opposition has since accused the ruling part of using the supplementary to bribe voters in the recently concluded elections.