

Uganda domestic radio and newspapers, November 15th, 2010 (covering November 8th to November 14th 2010)

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1) State-owned media

The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. November 11, 2010, in English

“Southern Sudan soldiers attack village in Uganda, abduct civilians” [Author unknown]

- Armed Southern Sudan Army soldiers yesterday attacked a village in the West Nile District of Moyo and abducted 11 civilians. The raid on Dengolo village in Lefori sub-county, which is located at the Sudan-Uganda border, was the third within a week and brought the number of Ugandans abducted to 14.
- Southern Sudan, however, denied the abductions. An official at the Southern Sudan consulate based in Gulu said out of the 11 arrested people, only two were Ugandans.
- The Ugandan security blamed "lawlessness on the other side of the border", but added that efforts to rescue the Ugandans were underway. West Moyo MP Moses Apiliga appealed to the ministries of foreign and internal affairs to find a lasting solution to the long-standing border dispute.

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"Ssekandi wants code of conduct for political parties" by John Odyek

- The Speaker of parliament, Edward Ssekandi, has asked the Electoral Commission and the justice minister to quickly create a code of conduct for political parties, before the Parliament breaks off in three months.
- He was speaking while meeting a team from the European Commission led by Ambassador Vincent De Visscher, the head of delegation of the European Union in Uganda. De Visscher accompanied a seven-man team from the European Commission who travelled to Uganda to make a recommendation on whether sending an election observer mission would be useful, feasible and advisable.

Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. November 11, 2010, in English

- Member of Military High Command Gen Elly Tumwine says representation of the army in parliament is important in providing open dialogue on security matters.
- Health experts urge the government to draft a new mental health act that addresses the rights of mentally sick persons.

Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. November 12, 2010, in English

- Victims of the Lord's Resistance Army send personal pleas to the US President, calling for urgent action to end attacks by the rebel group.

Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. November 13, 2010, in English

- Minister of state for higher education urges opposition politicians to stop wasting time fighting NRM party.

- National Resistance Movement (NRM) presidential aspirant President Museveni says Uganda has achieved relatively high economic growth because of government's good politics.

2) Privately owned media

The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. November 8, 2010, in English

"Kayihura promotes 9,000 police officers" by Andrew Bagala

- The Inspector-General of Police, Maj-Gen Kale Kayihura has promoted over 9,000 officers in what could be the biggest such movement in the history of the force. The promoted officers make a quarter of the entire police force of 38,000 personnel.
- Asked why they are promoting officers at the time of elections, Mr Ssekate said the force doesn't follow election programs and that the promotion were recommended in the previous police council held in Masindi Police Training School.

The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. November 8, 2010, in English

"Besigye warns Gen. Tinyefuza" by Gerald Bareebe & Tabu Butagira

- Dr Kizza Besigye has warned Gen David Tinyefuza, the coordinator of intelligence agencies, to stop intimidating opposition supporters in Sembabule District.
- The population has been complaining that they received threats they would be arrested and be taken to jail if they were to attend Dr Besigye's rally. It had also been alleged that the spymaster ordered security operatives to register names of individuals backing the "enemies" of NRM.
- Gen. Tinyefuza, alongside Police and Prisons chiefs and Lt. Ronald Balya of the Internal Security Organization, first received criticism for attending the launch of the ruling NRM party's manifesto. Ugandan laws bar security personnel from participating in partisan politics.
- The Supreme Court, in its verdict on Dr Besigye's 2006 election petition, found security organs culpable of intimidating and harassing voters during that year's ballot. The court ordered the government to address "the question of the involvement of the military or any armed groups in elections".

The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. November 11, 2010, in English

"Ugandan government dismisses reports on oil accusing Museveni" [Author unknown]

- The government last night denied reports by a UK-based anti-corruption watchdog accusing President Museveni of "conflict of interest" and "personalization" of oil exploration activities in western Uganda.
- In a report circulated among Ugandan MPs, Global Witness, which investigates the role of natural resources in funding conflict and corruption worldwide, accused the president of using his relatives and the military to control oil and gas sectors in the country.
- The report voiced concerns over the role of the army Special Forces, commanded by First Son Lt-Col Muhoozi Kainerugaba, and Saracen, a private security firm owned by the president's brother, Lt-Gen Salim Saleh, in guarding the country's oil wells in the Albertine area. Gen Saleh, a former army commander, is also a presidential adviser on military affairs.