

**Uganda domestic radio and newspapers, December 6th, 2010 (covering November 29th to December 5th 2010)**

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**1) State-owned media**

**The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. November 29, 2010, in English**

**"Army warned on politicking" by Nicholas Kajoba**

- The deputy chief of defense forces, Gen Ivan Koreta, has warned army officers against joining the current political frenzy. Instead, he said, the army should be ready to support and protect any democratically elected government come 2011.
- He reminded the army officers about the law that barred them from supporting political candidates.

**Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0000 GMT. November 29, 2010, in English**

- Inter-Party Cooperation, IPC, presidential flag bearer Col. Kiiza Besigye has said the campaigns are on schedule, but expressed concerns over media coverage. He threatened to take legal action against the media for what he called denial of his rights to freely campaign.
- Speaking in a UBC radio interview, Col. Besigye added that he is ready to accept the outcome in the 2011 general elections, provided they are free and fair, but he was uncertain that whether the process can truly be fair and free. He added that the previous elections were flawed, and the courts did not offer any solutions.
- Col. Besigye further noted that it will be a disaster for Uganda if the NRM [Museveni's party] is retained in the 2011 general elections.

**The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. December 1, 2010, in English**

**"Police re-arrest Kampala bomb suspects" by Charles Ariko**

- The government has withdrawn charges against the suspects who had been facing charges of terrorism, murder and attempted murder. Released yesterday after four months of detention were 17 men, but shortly after 3 were re-arrested and taken to an unknown destination. The High Court now has to set the date when it will hear the case against the accused who have been on remand since August when they were charged.

**The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. December 1, 2010, in English**

**"Amnesty Commission boss meets ADF leaders" [Author unknown]**

- The Allied Democratic Forces [rebels] have met the chairman of the Amnesty Commission and reiterated their call for peace talks with the government.
- The document, whose contents were not disclosed, was signed by ADF Spokesman Hamed Ashanje Mukasa, head of ADF operations Ashraff Lukwago, Commandant Michael Lukwago, head of intelligence Abubakar Kagimu and head of Rwenzori operations Drani Bakule. The rebels have camps on the slopes of Mount Rwenzori in the DR Congo.

## 2) Privately owned media

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. November 29, 2010, in English**

**"President makes surprise visit to Somalia" [Author unknown]**

- President Museveni made a surprise visit to Somalia. He went to see the Amisom troops and made a speech in which he commended the Ugandan contingent for their bravery at war and he asked them to remain respectful of the lives and properties of the Somali people and to protect them.
- He also met with the Somali President. His visit came less than 24 hours after the Somali parliament approved a new cabinet led by the newly-appointed Somali Prime Minister Muhammad Abdullahi Muhammad. Museveni pledged to continue assisting Somalia in every way possible to foster stability and peace in the country.

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. December 4, 2010, in English**

**"Electoral Commission boss warns observers ahead of 2011 elections" by Mudhangha Kolyangha**

- Electoral Commission Chairman, Eng Dr Badru M Kiggundu has issued a stern warning to election observers to desist from making statements which undermine the credibility of the commission and also likely to cause chaos.
- Presenting a paper, "conducting a free and fair elections; the state of preparedness of the electoral commission" at the 5th annual National Justice and Order Forum , held at Mbale Resort Hotel, Mr Kiggundu said many observers make unsubstantiated statements.
- UPC presidential candidate and former UN top diplomat Olara Otunnu is collecting five million signatures from the public to be used in the court battles against the EC. Mr Otunnu argues that the Kiggundu led Commission was incapable of delivering free and fair elections because it was President Museveni's walking stick.