

**Uganda domestic radio and newspapers, October 18th, 2010 (covering October 11th to October 17th 2010)**

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**1) State-owned media**

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

**"There are no rebels in Masindi - Police" by Pascal Kwesiga**

- Masindi [northwestern] security officials have denied reports that remnants of the Allied Democratic Forces and Lord's Resistance Army rebels have entered the district. "The reports were completely false and are aimed at causing unnecessary fear and panic among residents," said Masindi resident district commissioner William Kabarole.

**The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. October 15, 2010, in English**

**"Security officers advised on tolerance" by Doreen Musingo**

- District and regional internal security officers have been urged to be tolerant ahead of next year's general elections. The Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC) secretary, Gordon Mwesigye, said it was the officers' obligation to ensure peace, security and development.
- Opening a three-day civic education workshop for the officers at Brisk Hotel in Jinja town on Wednesday, Mwesigye said security agencies had to be sensitive to human rights during the polls.
- He said similar workshops had been carried out for resident district commissioners, the police, prisons officers and the army because of their role in peacekeeping.
- The director of election affairs at the Internal Security Organization, Hannington Kakura, urged the public to report cases of intimidation by security operatives.

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

- The overall commander of the African peacekeeping forces in Somalia, Maj-Gen Nathan Mugisha, has expressed hope that their mandate will be renewed next year.
- He added that the force, comprising Ugandan and Burundi troops, were gaining ground, and now control nearly 40 per cent of Mogadishu.
- Gen Mugisha noted that withdrawal of troops from Mogadishu would lead to genocide. The Al-Shabab is a big threat to the region, said Mugisha. He urged international community to consider deploying more troops to war-torn Somalia. He observed that Al-Shabab now hide inside buildings, adding that more soldiers are needed to smoke them out of city buildings.
- Maj-Gen Mugisha reports that UPDF have begun training Somali soldiers who will take over the responsibility when the African peacekeeping troops finally quit the country.

**Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. October 16, 2010, in English**

- Uganda Human Rights Commission urges parliament to push for the proposed bill on prohibition, prevention of torture and pass it into law.

## 1) Privately owned media

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. October 13, 2010, in English**

### **"Besigye treason trial quashed" by Alfred Nyongesa Wandera**

- Dr Kizza Besigye yesterday called for the resignation of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Attorney General after the Constitutional Court ordered that he and 10 others be discharged from any further prosecution arising from the treason charges they have been facing since 2005. All the five judges said they could not allow continued trial of the suspects when their fundamental human rights were being grossly violated by state agents.
- Dr Besigye, the president of the opposition Forum for Democratic Change, who was present at court, said the DPP Richard Buteera and AG Khidhu Makubuya should resign because state agents had used them to concoct charges. But Mr Buteera said Dr Besigye's conclusions were baseless because the evidence was not the subject matter at the trial.
- Yesterday's ruling also permanently prohibited the state from using any process to initiate and prosecute the petitioners in connection with the alleged treason charges. Yesterday's ruling will be another major victory for Dr Besigye, who was arrested in 2005 upon return from exile and charged with rape but was found innocent by the High Court. The government yesterday was non-committal whether it would appeal the Constitutional Court's verdict.

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. October 14, 2010, in English**

### **"Government says it won't free seized books" by Emmanuel Gyezaho**

- The government yesterday broke its silence on why a consignment of a book critical of President Museveni's record in government remains impounded at Entebbe International Airport more than a week since couriered into the country.
- Internal Affairs Minister Kirunda Kivejinja admitted before Parliament that the book titled: "The Correct Line? Uganda under Museveni," and authored by Dr Olive Kobusingye, a sibling to opposition leader Dr Kizza Besigye, was seized because it contained "security connotations."
- The book questions President Museveni's promise for a fundamental change when he assumed power in 1986 and goes on to detail how the NRM leader has since negated on that promise after spending more than two decades in power.

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### **"Human rights body warns on next year's elections" by Pauline Kairu**

- Underlying tensions in some regions within the country could smother a peaceful election process in next year's polls, the Uganda Human Rights Commission has said.
- "UHRC commissioned a research in the entire country and there were very clear tell tale signs of anarchy if elections are not well conducted," the secretary, UHRC, Mr Gordon Mwesigye, said yesterday during the opening of a three-day civic education workshop for district internal security officers in Jinja.
- "From experience, election periods foster an environment for violence exacerbated by commercialisation of politics and impunity," Mr Mwesigye observed.