

**Uganda domestic radio and newspapers, October 25th, 2010 (covering October 18th to October 24th 2010)**

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**1) State-owned media**

**The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. October 19, 2010, in English**

**"Army opens new war on LRA rebels" by John Njoroge**

- The government has expressed satisfaction over a decision by three other African countries to join it in forming a joint military brigade, backed by African Union forces. The purpose of the brigade is to eliminate Joseph Kony and his Lord's Resistance Army rebels once and for all.
- The announcement was made yesterday in a communiqué from the AU after a meeting of ministers from the four countries in Bangui, Central African Republic on 13-14 October.
- Uganda, Sudan, the DR Congo and the Central African Republic resolved to set up a joint operations centre, which would facilitate the exchange of information and intelligence. The ministers also resolved to adopt the necessary measures to declare LRA a terrorist group. Internal affairs permanent secretary Ambassador James Mugume confirmed knowledge of the communiqué.

**The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. October 22, 2010, in English**

**"EC rejects Besigye nomination papers" by Milton Olupot**

- The Electoral Commission has rejected nomination signatures from 62 districts presented by Kizza Besigye of the Forum for Democratic Change.
- A presidential aspirant must submit 100 signatures of supporters from each of at least 75 of the 112 districts. If Besigye fails to get the required signatures, he will not be nominated. Commission spokesperson Willy Ochola said only signatures from 32 districts had been approved for Besigye.
- The commission is still scrutinizing the signatures submitted by the Uganda People's Congress flag-bearer Olara Otunnu and President Yoweri Museveni of the NRM.

**Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. October 20, 2010, in English**

- A woman from the Kayunga District, Member of Parliament, advocates for legalization of safe abortion in inevitable cases.
- The release of the list of the official National Resistance Movement candidates for the 2011 elections has caused uproar in Rakai and Masaka districts.

**2) Privately owned media**

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. October 18, 2010, in English**

**"Cabinet moves to silence kabaka" by Emmanuel Gyezaho**

- Cabinet has approved a new proposed law to prohibit Kabaka [King of Buganda Kingdom] Ronald Mutebi and other traditional leaders from engaging in politics. The decision was taken at a special sitting of the cabinet chaired by President Museveni at his residence in Entebbe on 14 October.

- According to a source, who attended the meeting, cabinet unanimously approved a memorandum to table a bill before parliament seeking to enforce Article 246 of the constitution that bars cultural leaders from politics.
- "Any traditional leader who contravenes this law will be forced to renounce his/her throne," said the source. "And the kingdom's subjects will be requested to find a new leader."

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. October 20, 2010, in English**

- The recently-released NRM list of final flag bearers for the 2011 elections yesterday drew more reaction with some of the affected MPs warning that the party is in a crisis, which if not well handled, may tear it apart.
- Addressing journalists yesterday, MP's Theodore Ssekikubo (Lwemiyaga) and Mathias Kasamba (Kakuuto) in separate interviews called on President Museveni to prevail over some NRM leaders whom they accused of pushing their own agenda to have some legislators thrown out of parliament.

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. October 21, 2010, in English**

**"Ugandan opposition coalition merges with Buganda pressure group" [Author unknown]**

- The Inter-Party Cooperation [IPC] and the Buganda pressure group Suubi announced yesterday they were merging their operations to put more pressure on the ruling National Resistance Movement, especially in Buganda.
- Suubi, which has brought together key Bugandan figures, including some from the Buganda Kingdom at Mengo, will represent the IPC's interests in Buganda. After the formal signing ceremony of the memorandum of understanding, the two groups met to outline specifics that spell out Buganda's demands that are to be part of the opposition manifesto. Some of the demands include a commitment by the IPC leader to open the closed Buganda Kingdom radio station CBS, return the kingdom properties occupied by the central government, especially land, and grant Uganda a federal status.
- Dr Besigye said the government had all the time to implement the electoral reforms but adamantly refused, leaving the opposition with no option but to fight the discredited process.

**The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. October 22, 2010, in English**

**"Drama as Besigye storms EC offices" by Al-Mahdi Ssenkibirwa, Sheila Naturinda and Isaac Kasamani**

- The Electoral Commission was yesterday the scene of a four-hour stand-off between opposition politicians and teams of men in police uniform. A scuffle broke out when Dr Kiiza Besigye, the flag bearer of the Inter-Party Cooperation alliance, arrived in a convoy of seven vehicles at the EC at around 7 a.m. and was denied entry by guards manning the entrance.
- IPC members who had entered the EC compound with Dr Besigye - who is expected to be nominated as a candidate for president next week - were attacked and beaten by armed men in police uniforms.

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### **"UK legislators want electoral team dissolved" by Gerald Bareebe**

- Members of the UK parliament have said that Uganda's Electoral Commission should be disbanded and a new one constituted.
- According to the motion tabled in the British parliament on Tuesday, Mike Hancock, a Liberal Democrats MP, said the UK government and its allies must ensure that the Badru Kiggundu-led EC is not allowed to organize the 2011 polls. He reminded the Parliament of the violence caused by the 2007 elections in Kenya, and encouraged the government to work with the EU to put pressure on Uganda.