

Uganda domestic radio and newspapers, September 20th, 2010 (covering September 13th to September 19th 2010)

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1) State-owned media

The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. September 13, 2010, in English

"Journalist beaten to death" [Author unknown]

- Bodaboda [bicycle taxi operators] cyclists in Rakai District [south-central Uganda] have beaten to death a Top Radio correspondent, Paul Kiggundu.
- Kiggundu joined the Masaka-based radio station eight months ago as a correspondent for Rakai District in southern Buganda. The cyclists attacked him on Saturday when he was recording the events as they demolished the homestead of a suspected motorcycle robber, Frank Kagayi, who they also accused of killing one of their fellow cyclists.
- The chairman of the Human Rights Network for Journalists-Uganda, Robert Sempala, condemned the act of the cyclists.

The New Vision (state-owned, mass-circulation daily) website. September 17, 2010, in English

"New terror alert ahead of elections" [Author unknown]

- The police have issued a fresh terror alert against a possible attack by the Al-Shabab militants as Ugandans prepare for the 2011 general elections.
- The nominations for the presidential and parliamentary candidates will be held in October and November. This will be followed by campaigns, which are normally characterized by public rallies. The police deputy spokesperson, Vincent Sekatte, said the terrorists could use public gatherings during campaigns to attack Ugandans.

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

- The president of Uganda Journalists Association has announced plans to train journalists to enable them cover the 2011 general elections.

Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Radio Kampala, 0400 GMT. September 19, 2010, in English

- Human Rights Watch has expressed concern over detention of two Kenyan lawyers in Uganda [suspected of having links to two of the people accused of having co-organized the 7/11 attacks].

2) Privately owned media

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

"Two killed in Namayingo fracas" by Dalton Wanyera

- Violence has persisted in the NRM primary elections in Namayingo District [eastern Uganda]. Two people were reportedly killed in election-related violence yesterday and the vehicle of the incumbent MP, Mr. Patrick Ochieng, set on fire.

- On Sunday afternoon, chaos broke out following complaints that results had been delayed with the intention of rigging them. The announcement of the results has been postponed indefinitely.

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

"Writers and delegates scramble for cash" by Tabu Butagira and Mercy Nalugo

- The second national NRM conference in Kampala last evening turned into a cash bonanza when some delegates openly took money generously offered by rival candidates before and during voting.
- The high drama, however, played out when a group of journalists scribbled names of 47 colleagues and submitted it to the NRM party administrator, Dr Hassan Galiwango, to extort 4m shillings [1,800 dollars] as their allowance. He said: "they pursued me into my car and I gave them 4m shillings in an envelope because I knew the next thing they were going to do would be start writing [bad stories] about me."

The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. September 15, 2010, in English

"Is NRM heading for a break up?" by Mercy Nalugo

- With the losers in the NRM primaries vowing to stand as independents if the petitions they filed in protest are not considered in time, the stage for a possible split in the party has been set. Coming two days after party chairman President Museveni, warned that independents "shall not be tolerated", their plans to run anyway could result in another internal crisis.
- Most losers have rejected the results of the primaries which were marred by ballot stuffing, bribery, intimidation and rigging in constituencies across the country.
- Some candidates who talked to Daily Monitor yesterday waved the Uganda Constitution, which allows for independent candidates, as superior to the NRM's internal guidelines.
- Ms Jane Babiha, the Woman MP for Bundibugyo District, told Daily Monitor: "President Museveni went to the bush to fight those bad leaders that rigged elections. We are going to the political bush," she said.

The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. September 16, 2010, in English

"Another journalist beaten to death" by Alfred Nyongesa Wandera

- A journalist was on Wednesday morning beaten to death by unknown assailants wielding metal bars in Mukono District [central Uganda]. The killing comes three days after Joseph Kiggundu, a journalist who was working for Top Radio was killed by a mob of bodaboda cyclists in Rakai District.
- The 29-year-old journalist joined the Kireka-based Seventh Day Adventist church-owned radio two years ago as a Luganda news anchor. He has also been a court assessor for the Mukono high court circuit. He joined active politics and was an aspiring councillor for Nantabulirirwa Parish at Ggoma Subcounty on the ticket of the [opposition] Democratic Party.
- This seems to be a resurgence of attacks of media practitioners since a similar case was last reported in 2004 when Ms Wilbroad Kasujja, a news anchor at a community radio in Buwama was raped and killed. No conclusive investigations have been made and produced. The Human Rights Network for Journalists Uganda condemned the

atrocities and demanded that the police act expeditiously to bring to book all the culprits.

The Daily Monitor (leading privately-owned newspaper) website. September 19, 2010, in English

"Uganda, Congo discuss border security" by Martin Ssebuyira

- DR Congo Minister for Defense Charles Mwando Nsimba is in the country for a two-day visit to hold talks with Ugandan officials over continued cross-border security between the two countries.
- Ugandan Minister of Defense Dr Crispus Kiyonga said the two-day meeting would come out with comprehensive measures to deal with negative forces and enforce peace and trade between the two countries.