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Obama's 'Fascinating' Silence on Rwanda, Uganda
President Barack Obama concluded his trip to Africa on Tuesday, July 2, 2013. After visiting Senegal and South Africa, President Obama's last stop on his African tour was in Tanzania where he visited President Jakaya Kikwete. Both President Obama and Kikwete have made auspicious statements regarding the crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).
http://allafrica.com/stories/201307041264.html

Development Cooperation

Civil Society Groups in Development Fair
The Uganda National NGO Forum, in partnership with other Civil Society Organisations, has unveiled a new and energetic advocacy agenda at their third national CSOs fair.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201307050325.html

Hunger Costs Uganda $899 Million a Year - Study
Hunger costs Uganda $899 million a year, equivalent to 5 percent of its gross domestic product, due to ill health and productivity losses, a government study released on Tuesday said.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201306210330.html

21million Nets to Fight Malaria
Some 95% of Ugandans are prone to be infected with malaria parasites according to the 2009 Malaria Indicator Survey.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201306242331.html
Politics

‘Multi-Partyism Suppressing Women's Advancement'
The multi-party political dispensation is hindering advancement of women issues in Parliament and is one of the inhibitors to achieving substantial gains, women legislators have said.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201307171435.html

Is the ICC Unfair to Africans or Just Misunderstood?
The African Union heads of State and Government summit proposal in Addis Ababa in May, and President Museveni’s recent criticism of the International Criminal Court (ICC) represents the most elaborate attempt to strengthen sovereignty of African States not only from the internal political realm, but also from the external sphere of international justice system.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201307161310.html

Besigye, Lukwago in Forced Police Lift After Kabale Drama
Chaotic scenes that are so common in Kampala these days momentarily shifted to the far flung western town of Kabale on Monday, as riot police engaged key opposition figures in a hide and seek chase.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201307100816.html

Facts About the July 11, 2010 Bomb Blasts
Exactly 3 years ago, the Somali-based al-Shabaab militants, who have close links with the world’s leading terror group, Al Qaeda, attacked Uganda, killing 76 people who were watching the final of the FIFA World Cup.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201307121367.html

Regional Affairs

Congo-Kinshasa: Violence Grows in Little-Reported Area
Violence is on the rise in little-reported on Beni, as armed men compete amidst claims that a militant group has links to Somalia's al-Shabaab.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201307121521.html

UNHCR Helps Traumatized Children Who Fled DR Congo Alone
In a corner of a just opened refugee transit centre in western Uganda, a scared and confused 15-year-old orphan, Jean,* shares a tent with other Congolese boys who have lost or been separated from their families.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201307171679.html

Museveni Warns South Sudanese Against Tribalism and Divisions
Speaking at South Sudan's independence celebrations on Tuesday Uganda's president, Yoweri Museveni, warned Africans against tribalism and divisions stressing they allow foreign interferences.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201307110079.html

Economy

Uganda Tops Region in Attracting Investments
The recent natural resource discoveries have led to an increase in Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) inflows to East Africa with Uganda in the lead.
MPs Want Firms With Tax Exemptions Named
Members of Parliament have tasked the ministry of finance to provide a list of all companies benefiting from the tax exemption for review.

Agriculture & Environment

A Litre and a Half of Light for Kampala's Slums
As he sits in the family lounge in Kamwokya, an informal settlement in Kampala, with the afternoon sunshine streaming through the door, Joseph Senkungu remembers a time when life, and his home, was very dark.

Busoga Farmers Sell Crop Before Harvest
A small army of impoverished farmers are selling their crop before harvest, getting far less or no profit at all.

Luwero to Become Top Agriculture Zone - Museveni
President Yoweri Museveni, who is on a poverty eradication drive in Luwero district, has vowed to make Luwero Triangle a model zone for the rest of the country to learn modern commercial agriculture. The fresh campaign targets NRM veterans, many of whom supported the NRA, during the liberation struggle.

Local Affairs

Population - MPs Demand for Free Contraceptives
The Government should make contraceptives accessible and provide them free of charge to people who need them in a bid to improve quality of life, MPs have said.

Stop Punishing People for Their Sexual Orientation, Ugandan Bishop Says
Ugandans living with HIV/AIDS are being denied access to treatment and healthcare because of their sexual orientation, a Ugandan bishop who campaigns for the rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community said.

Kampala Shops to Remain Closed Until Next Week
Some shops in Kampala Wednesday remained closed for a second day as traders resolved to go on with the strike. At a meeting held Diamond Hotel in Kampala traders agreed not to open the shops up to Monday next week when their leaders will meet the trade minister.

Education, Culture and Communication

Ugandans Design Mobile Money Smart Card
It is a story of creative minds and hard work, so I was told when I visited them at their office in the Kampala suburb of Ntinda.  
http://allafrica.com/stories/201307030212.html

University Education - the New World Bank Darling
The tone of the World Bank towards higher education has changed of recent, signaling a major shift in policy that guided its support to the education sector in Africa in the late 1980s and 90s.  
http://allafrica.com/stories/201307080504.html

African Scholars Still Enslaved, Says Ngugi
African languages and cultures are likely to die because scholars have abandoned their call and remained intellectually enslaved to the western world, renowned Kenyan novelist Prof. Ngugi wa Thiong'o has said.  
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