News from Uganda – November 2013


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The M23 Dilemma
Regional leaders left in the dark as Kinshasa, UN pound M23 out of DR Congo.
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NGOs in Uganda a Threat to Democracy
NGOs need urgent soul-searching. They have hogged public space that they have deprived ordinary citizens of the right to speak for themselves. The Ugandan NGOs have stifled the citizens' voices.
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Politics

I Quit State House to Fight for Peoples' Welfare
Before resigning as President Yoweri Museveni’s Principal Private Secretary (PPS) in 2010, Amelia Kyambadde had served as private secretary to Museveni from 1979, spent five years in exile in Sweden and later returned to the same job in 1986. Currently, she is the Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives and the Member of Parliament for Mawokota County North, Mpi District. The Independent's Andrew Mwenda and Julius Businge spoke to her about making the transition.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201311040204.html

Corruption Report Fingers Museveni
A new report on corruption in Uganda names President Yoweri Museveni as one of those responsible for what it calls widespread "bribery, nepotism, and misuse of official positions and resources" in the country.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201310210830.html

Economy
IMF Predicts Faster Economic Growth
The International Monetary Fund has given an optimistic assessment of Uganda's economy, saying it could grow at an average of 7.2 per cent in the next five years.
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Crane Bank to Transact MTN Mobile Money
MTN Uganda and Crane Bank, Uganda's biggest indigenous bank, are now partners in the popular MTN mobile money service.
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Regional Affairs

East Africa: Major Peace Conference Opens in Bujumbura
The 2nd East African Community Peace and Security Conference opened on Nov.13 in the Burundian capital, Bujumbura. Delegates include senior government officials, members of the East African Community Legislative Assembly (EALA), academicians, judges, and conflict sensitive journalists within the EAC.
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Not a Peaceful World
If you want to live in peace in the Great Lakes region, go to Tanzania. If not, Uganda is the second option, that is according to the Global Peace Index 2013, which measures the relative position of the peacefulness of nations. On a ranking of 162 nations, Uganda sits comfortably in the 106 position in the world only second to Tanzania in the region, which is 55 on the global rankings.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201311120467.html

EALA Session Continues
EALA is urging the Council of Ministers to promote Kiswahili language as the lingua franca of the Community as per Article 131 of the EAC Treaty so that it may uphold East Africanness as an entity.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201310241677.html

Development, Agriculture & Environment

Modern Strains Put Lake Victoria in Critical Condition
The lake's ability to support the millions who live near it is under threat, finds George Achia.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201311120901.html

Mobile-Driven Agriculture
He handles his Huawei Ideos Android-powered smart phone like a treasure. Indeed, the gadget has become the most powerful tool in his work.
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Migration and Asylum

Truth About Jobs in the Middle East
Sarah Naigaga (not real names) 31, is among the many victims who have just returned from Middle Eastern countries such as Kuwait, Iraq, and United Arab
Emirates, as well as European countries due to mistreatment and harsh working conditions.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201311130817.html

Israel Can't Solve Its Asylum Seeker Issue That Easily
Israeli politicians have announced a deal whereby an East African country, believed by most to be Uganda, will accept its African asylum seekers. But is this even legal?
http://allafrica.com/stories/201311011158.html

Forcible Return Raises Grave Concerns - Rwandan Government Should Ensure Returnee's Safety, Fair Trial
A Rwandan refugee who had served as a bodyguard for Rwandan President Paul Kagame was forcibly returned by Ugandan police to Rwanda after going missing on October 25, 2013. His whereabouts were unknown for six days. The man, Joel Mutabazi, is now in police custody in Rwanda, in an undisclosed location.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201311051201.html

Local Affairs

Karamoja Looks Promising Now
The Karamoja sub-region is still relatively underdeveloped compared to many parts of Uganda, but the tide is beginning to turn. On Monday, President Museveni and his wife Janet, who is also minister for Karamoja Affairs, visited Naitakwe sub-county in Moroto district to attend the groundbreaking function for the construction of Moroto-Nakapiripirit road.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201311130731.html

Historical Backlash or Contemporary Realities for Uganda's Asian Population?
A recent incident in Uganda suggests that the state has once again failed to acknowledge and address the problem of anti-Asian sentiment on its streets.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201311121125.html

Education and Social Services,

Quality of Uganda's Education and Health Services Poses Serious Risk to Long-Term Economic Progress
Uganda has reduced poverty and child mortality by half, and has enrolled most primary-age children in school. However, new service delivery data published today suggest that the quality of education and health services remains weak, posing serious challenges to the country’s long-term social and economic progress as outlined in its Vision 2040 for the future.
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Child Deaths Decline in Africa
Aid group Save the Children is highlighting progress in combating child mortality in many developing nations in Africa, while also warning of the need to address inequalities to help children have a better chance of surviving.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201310230816.html

Arts and Culture
'Call Me Kuchu' Goes to Hollywood
Filmmakers Malika Zouhali-Worrall and Katherine Fairfax Wright joined Ugandan gay activist Frank Mugisha for a panel discussion at the premiere
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Suzan Kerunen Started Out As Rapper
Exceptional, magical and awesome, are some of the words you can use to define the sound. It is edgy, calm, yet classy.
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