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Development

U.S. to Maintain Aid to Uganda
The US ambassador to Uganda, Scott DeLisi has said his country will not cut aid to Uganda over allegations of corruption involving some Ugandan officials. http://allafrica.com/stories/201304111240.html

In the Wake of Kony - Peace Versus Justice in Uganda
2012 was the year NGO Invisible Children’s 'Stop Kony' campaign focused attention on the man himself and his militia, the Lord’s Resistance Army. But after decades of conflict, neglect and the mass displacement of the civilian population, many communities are suffering economically, socially and politically. Instead of expending international and national resources hunting down Kony, the security and prosperity of people on the ground should be the real focus. http://allafrica.com/stories/201304110249.html

From Child Soldier to Freedom Fighter

Economy

Chinese Firms Employ Over 30,000 Ugandans
Chinese firms employ 33,000 Ugandans over a period of the last 19 years, the Chinese ambassador, Zhao Yali, has revealed. http://allafrica.com/stories/201304171347.html

Uganda Vision 2040 Must Not Stay On Paper
Through the National Planning Authority (NPA), the government will tomorrow launch 'Uganda Vision 2040: A Transformed Ugandan Society from a Peasant to a Modern and Prosperous Country within 30 Years'. Government hopes that by 2040, GDP per capita will rise from $506 to $9,500. That translates into every Ugandan earning at least Shs 25 million annually.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201304170321.html

Oil Sector Boost
Uganda's recent win in the US$404 million tax dispute against Heritage Oil and Gas Limited (HOGL) is critical not only because of the money involved but the precedent it sets for the country's oil sector.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201304150407.html

Economy to Grow At Seven Percent - Mutebile
In a bold prediction, Bank of Uganda Governor Emmanuel Tumusiime Mutebile has announced the economy could grow at seven percent this financial year. It is a daring view, given that international institutions like the International Monetary Fund, and the Central Bank itself, have previously been cautious, hardly projecting any figure above five per cent.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201304050354.html

Agriculture & Fishery

Mao Wants Law On Compensation
Democratic Party President Norbert Mao has asked for a war victims' compensation law to help them get compensated in time. "We don't want a situation where the president goes around saying if you vote wisely, I will think about your cows; there is no need for us to be begging," Mao said.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201304050332.html

Uganda: Nantaba Land Committee - Finance Says 'No Money'
President Museveni's campaign against land evictions led by the controversial junior Lands minister Aidah Nantaba has suffered a setback, with the ministry of Finance citing lack of money.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201304120256.html

We Do Not Need GMOs - Ugandan Farmers
Small scale farmers want Uganda parliament to throw out the National Biotechnology and Bio Safety Bill of 2013. They argue that it will promote wide farming of Genetically Modified Organism, common referred to as GMO farming.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201304020466.html

Local Affairs

Raising Voices Pulling the Plug On Child Violence in Schools
Uganda has been described as the Pearl of Africa. However, in this beautiful land, there are a number of harmful cultural practices that makes it a place no child would want to live.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201304181302.html

Feminists Attack Clerics Over Marital Bill
Female activists and academics have poured scorn on what they describe as hypocrisy of religious leaders over some provisions in the Marriage and
Divorce Bill that have seen the contentious piece of legislation lie on the shelf for the last 49 years.  
http://allafrica.com/stories/201304081459.html

Uganda to Meet MDG On Water
Uganda is likely to meet the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) target for access to safe water, but it is off track on sanitation, according to Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu, the Minister of Water and Environment.  
http://allafrica.com/stories/201304180195.html

Police to Train Girls in Martial Arts As Remedy for Rape
Following a surge in cases of rape and defilement in recent years, Police are set to train all girls countrywide in martial arts to arm them against rapists and defilers.  
http://allafrica.com/stories/201304040990.html

Regional Affairs

Museveni's Speech at President Kenyatta's Inauguration
Your Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta,  
http://allafrica.com/stories/201304091224.html

Museveni Woos Brics to Invest in Africa
President Yoweri Museveni has invited BRICS Economic bloc countries to invest in the East African Community (EAC), the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region Organisations (ICGLR) because doing so is good for business for the African sub regions and BRICS.  
http://allafrica.com/stories/201303281364.html

Sudan, Uganda Officials Meet to Diffuse Tension
Ugandan and Sudanese officials have held several meetings and exchange visits since November last year to diffuse the diplomatic tensions between the two countries.  
http://allafrica.com/stories/201304051371.html

Communication and Technology

Land Titles - Digital System Stalls
A World Bank-funded Shs 63.3bn computer system set up to handle Uganda's digitalized land titles countrywide has run into trouble, The Observer has learnt.  
http://allafrica.com/stories/201304160849.html

Mobile Money Serving Urban Areas Most -
Mobile Money outlets are concentrated around the urban areas, and roadsides as opposed to the rural areas that are already underserved by financial services, new data has revealed.  
http://allafrica.com/stories/201303291053.html

Mobile Banking Worries
Central Bank, IT experts call for tight security measures to protect customers' interests from fraudsters  
http://allafrica.com/stories/201304011028.html
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