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Interview

Dr. Abel Rwendeira - Here Is How to Realise Vision 2040
Last week the government launched a 30-year development plan, dubbed Vision 2040, aimed at transforming Uganda into a modern economy. Dr Abel Rwendeire, the deputy chairperson of the National Planning Authority, which is behind the plan, talked to Sulaiman Kakaire about how the country hopes to achieve it.
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Politics

Museveni, Donors Discuss Electoral Reform
Development partners want the Government to take administrative action against all officials implicated in the corruption scandals as a precondition for resuming direct aid to Uganda.
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Bukenya Vows to Oust Museveni
Former Vice President Prof. Gilbert Balibaseka Bukenya has announced that he has started his campaign to become the next President of Uganda in 2016.
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Economy

Govt Promotes Renewable Energy
The Government has pledged to support companies that adopt clean production technologies, ensuring prudent use of natural resources and reduction in pollution.
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Rift Valley Railways to Upgrade Goods Shed At Kampala Railway Station
Rift Valley Railways (RVR), the company that got the 25-year concession to manage the railway network in the country is set to rehabilitate and upgrade of the main railway’s goods shed in Kampala.
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IMF commands Uganda On Financial Management
President Yoweri Museveni Tuesday received the IMF delegation led by the country representative Ana Lucia Coronel who called on him at State House Entebbe.
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New Jobs From New Investments a Myth
They are words that give hope to the public, of good tidings ahead. In Uganda, however, a new report by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics shows that proud declarations of investments licensed and jobs created hardly translate into reality.
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Agriculture & Environment

Madhvani in Amuru Will Bring Development to Acholi
The Madhvanis, who own Kakira Sugar Works, want to acquire 20,000 hectares for setting up a sugar processing plant in Amuru District. However, the Acholi leaders mostly the Acholi Parliamentary Group (APG) have objected to the move, saying 'government' wants to grab their land yet it's the only asset that the local people.
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France Supports Drive to Turn Trash Into Cash
Garbage is bad, dirty, smelly, costly and in some cases, can cause death. It should, therefore, be eliminated from the environment at all costs. Unfortunately, many Ugandans are this single-minded. And Living Earth Uganda (LEU), a natural resources and environmental management NGO, is out to change this mentality.
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Local Affairs

Youth Unveil 'Vision 2062'
A group of Ugandan youths have launched an ambitious 49-year development strategy titled; 'Vision 2062', which places careful emphasis on the need for good governance, effective service delivery and prosperity in the next fifty years.
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Early Testing and Counselling Is Only Way to an HIV/Aids- Free Generation
The 2011 Uganda AIDS Indicator Survey shows that although 90% of Ugandan adults aged 15-19 years know where to get an HIV test, only 57% have been tested and received the results. And of those that tested HIV positive, only 40% knew they were HIV positive. This means that millions of Ugandans are living with HIV but they do not know.
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Flooding - Kasese Picks Pieces, Elgon, Fort Portal Put On Alert
Nearly 1,800 people in Kasese municipality have been displaced after River Nyamwamba burst its banks in the worst flooding since 1976. 
http://allafrica.com/stories/201305031048.html

Uganda On Alert Over Al-Shabaab Threat
Ugandan police said Friday (April 26th) that they have received credible information that al-Shabaab has been planning an attack in Uganda. 
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Regional Affairs

Uganda, Sudan Enter Arms Race
The budget increase in Uganda's military expenditure even amidst global and regional defence cuts might be the latest indication of President Museveni's strategy to fasten his grip on power and his influence on the region. 
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Museveni Addresses London Conference On Somalia
President Yoweri Museveni has addressed the International Conference on Somalia at Lancaster House. 
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Uganda Has Fewest Poor People in East Africa – 
Uganda has the least number of poor people in East Africa, according to a new report published by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). 
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Education and Communication

Most Ugandans Have No Internet Access
Value added services (VAS) such as bulk messaging, games and pranksare on the rise with growing use of data. 
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How to Get That Much Needed Visa to Study Abroad
Admission to the university abroad is one of the most exciting moments of one's life. If you have the crucial funding; the tuition, accommodation and maintenance fees sorted, that is even better. But it does not mean it is over. One question still looms. Will you get the travel visa to your preferred destination of studying? With more countries tightening immigration policies, getting a visa, even as a legitimate prospective international student, is becoming a nightmare. 
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Africa's Twitter Wars
As you read this, a trend that is a war of sorts is picking steam, with the crossfire mainly between Ugandans and Kenyans, but the Kenyans being the bigger bullies here. Worry not, there won't be any UPDF soldiers deployed near the Kenyan border, or Kenyan paratroopers careening into Uganda. Because, well, this war is on the wires, Twitter to be exact. 
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