Politics

Why NRM Is Losing Buganda
Ruling party has lost 5 out of 6 by-elections since 2011 and Prof Gilbert Bukenya says that is just the beginning [Read more »]

New Poll Divides Opinion
A recent opinion poll, which found that President Museveni was still popular, has been embraced by NRM but dismissed by opposition leaders. The poll conducted by Research World International (RWI), among other things found that 54per cent of the respondents were willing to re-elect Museveni if he stood for election in 2016. [Read more »]

Mbabazi - Museveni May Not Run in 2016
Prime Minister Amama Mbabazi was in Boston, USA, last week for a private visit. Ronnie Mayanja of Uganda Diaspora News sat him down for an interview. In the interview, Mbabazi discusses the politics of succession in Uganda, corruption, government business and diaspora affairs, among others. Below is the first part of the transcribed conversation. The last and final part will be published on Monday. [Read more »]

Economy

China - U.S. Currency War Comes to Uganda
The currency war is far from over. China's influence in the global trade arena, where it is one of the biggest exporters of commodities, has seen the Asian country go on a charm offensive, calling on trade partners to consider its currency, the renminbi, as a separate trade currency from the United States' dollar. [Read more »]

IMF to Uganda - Focus On Revenue Mobilisation
The International Monetary Fund has asked government to prioritize resource mobilisation to cover the funding gaps left by donors and the huge shortfalls being reported by the Uganda Revenue Authority. [Read more »]

Nation Loses Shs 2.2 Trillion in Illicit Trade
Widespread smuggling and utter manipulation of customs rules are costing Uganda trillions of shillings, a new report points out. Titled, Hiding in plain sight; trade mis-invoicing and the impact of revenue loss 2002-2011, the survey looks at illicit financial flows in five countries - Uganda, Kenya,
Ghana, Tanzania, Mozambique. Global Financial Integrity (GFI), an American-based research firm, carried out the survey released recently.
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Regional Affairs

Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya to Be Connected By Railway By 2017
President Paul Kagame today joined President Kenyatta, President Museveni, President Salva Kiir and the Chinese Premier Li Keqiang in Kenya's capital Nairobi to witness the signing ceremony of the first phase of the Standard Gauge Railway agreement with China.
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UGANDA leads the East African Community (EAC) member states in progress against chronic malnutrition and stunting, according to the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF).

Dr Machar Brought UPDF Here First, Says Salva Kiir
Speaking on BBC's Hard Talk, South Sudan President Salva Kiir on May 19 provided insights into why the May 9 ceasefire remains shaky.

Media – World Press Day

A Free Press Strengthens Democracy
World Press Freedom day is observed every May 3 to celebrate the fundamental principles of press freedom. Freedom of expression, which encompasses freedom of the press, is a fundamental right enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and a free and independent media is essential to our shared vision of a peaceful, prosperous, healthy, and democratic Uganda.

Museveni’s Secret War
Robert Kabushenga, Paul Kihika, Andrew Mwenda, Agnes Asiimwe Konde, James Tumusiime, Alex Asiimwe, Richard Tusiime. These five men and one woman have something in common. President Yoweri Museveni fears them - or at least the work they and their staff do. They are the heads of the leading media houses in Uganda.

Health and HIV/AIDS

HIV Scorecard Shows Big Strides
More Ugandans are accessing HIV/Aids treatment now compared to previous years, a new study by Uganda Network of Aids Services Organisations (Unaso) has revealed. According to the Uganda Aids Accountability Scorecard to be released today (Wednesday) at Hotel Africana, the number of individuals accessing ART increased from 329,060 (57 per cent coverage) to 577,000 (76.5 per cent) between September 2011 and September 2013.

ARVs a Bitter Pill to Swallow for Ugandan Children
Every morning at six a.m. before he goes to school, and every night at six p.m. after he gets home from school, Emmanuel, 11, knows what he must do: take his antiretroviral pills.

HIV Bill - Let’s Listen to the Experts
Parliament is considering passing the HIV Prevention and Control Bill 2010, in its current shape. The main objective of the law, Parliament says, is to fight discrimination on the basis of one's HIV status.
Human Rights and Local Affairs

After Anti-Gay Law, LGBT Abuse On the Rise - Rights Groups
Gay, bisexual and transgender people in Uganda have been targeted for arrest and extortion, lost homes and jobs and denied health care since anti-gay legislation came into force earlier this year, according to rights groups. Read more »

Revolutionising Access to Justice With an iPhone and Facebook
When Gerald Abila received an iPhone as a gift almost two years ago, the Ugandan law student didn't just use it to text his friends. He used it to create what would eventually become the first entity of its kind in East Africa - a tech savvy, multi-award winning, organisation that uses Facebook, Twitter, SMSes, and radio and television partnerships to provide free legal advice and consultations. Read more »

Ugandan Human Rights Office Vandalised in Latest Crackdown On Civil Society
Following the break-in and vandalisation of the Human Rights Network-Uganda offices in Ntinda - a Kampala suburb - civil society organisations have resolved to meet the Inspector General of Police over the police's failure to investigate to logical conclusion and produce reports on several break-ins of NGOs and CSO offices in the various parts of the country, especially in the capital, Kampala. http://allafrica.com/stories/201405090500.html

Culture and Arts

Exhibition Celebrates Little-Known Maestro’s Brilliance
Visual art in Uganda has evolved over the years. We have seen days when the canvas and oil paintings ruled the day, then woodwork and sculpture. Of late, Uganda has deeply embraced the latest visual arts genre, aptly known as artography/fine art photography. http://allafrica.com/stories/201405061471.html

Ndagire Premieres Belated Trouble
Mariam Ndagire and her Trendz studio premiered their latest movie, Belated Trouble, on Thursday at Bat Valley theatre. The movie, which will only be showing on M-net, rotates around the life of Rona (Doreen Mirembe), a lawyer in an abusive love relationship with her boss Benjamin (Boxa Franklyn). http://allafrica.com/stories/201405061473.html

Doa Doa - A Chance for Artistes to Network
Following the recent controversy surrounding the choice of music played on Uganda's airwaves and entertainment places, some sections of the public have argued that foreign content is generally preferred to local content. And, this is where Doa Doa comes in. http://allafrica.com/stories/201405021134.html