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Politics

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If Presidential elections were held in Uganda today, incumbent President Yoweri Museveni would win with a 55 per cent margin, a new poll has revealed. Read more »

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How corruption becomes a necessary vice for successful politicians who win elections by denouncing it Read more »

Obama's Kenya Visit Raises Questions About U.S.-Uganda Relations
US President Barack Obama (C) and US Special Envoy for Sudan and South Sudan Donald Booth hold a meeting with representatives from Uganda, Ethiopia, Kenya, the African Union and Sudan, including President Yoweri Museveni. Read more »

Economy

Sugar - Why Kenya Should Stop the Fight
"We support mutually beneficial Kenya-Uganda trade but we will never allow President Museveni to export dictatorship to Kenya," opposition Budalangi MP Ababu Namwamba said in reaction to Museveni's statement urging Ugandans and Kenyans to ignore the opposition against the sugar deal. Read more »

Uganda Pledges to Make Thousands of Hybrid Cars
By 2018, Uganda's planned automotive industry will be making 7,000 hybrid cars a year, says Paul Isaac Musasizi, acting CEO of the state-run Kiira Motors Corporation (KMC). Read more »

Privatisation in Uganda Was a Mistake - Expert
Giving away control of key government parastatals to private individuals during the early days after Uganda had emerged from decades of political turmoil was a mistake, experts have said. Read more »

Regional Affairs

Al-Shabaab Somalia Attack 'A Game Changer' - UPDF
Uganda Peoples Defense Force (UPDF) says the Monday night attack on the AMISOM Janaale military base in Somalia which claimed 12 of its soldiers is a 'game changer' and the al-Shabaab militants should expect a response soon. Read more »
Govt Asked to Name DR Congo Looters
Government was yesterday asked to name the perpetrators of atrocities and the plunder of natural resources in the DR Congo, which has now led to a Shs80 trillion war reparations demand from the neighbouring country. Read more »

Tanzania, Uganda Populations to Grow Past Kenya By 2050
Tanzania and Uganda are among nine countries which are forecast to account for about half of the world’s population by 2050. Read more »

Local Affairs

Uganda Accommodated 460,000 Refugees Last Year, Says UN Report
The numbers of refugees in Uganda more than doubled last year mainly due to the South Sudan conflict, a report by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has said. Read more »

North Registers 8,000 Malaria Cases Weekly
More than two months since the Ministry of Health declared a malaria outbreak in 10 districts in northern Uganda, the number of infections recorded per district still remain high with more than 8,000 cases reported weekly. Read more »

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Only 16% own any form of land and formal government processes marginalize this majority working force Read more »

Ugandan Women Hail Partial Success Over "Bride Price" System
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Don't Live in Fear, Museveni Tells Muslims
President Museveni has told Muslims not to live in fear because of the incessant killing of the sheikhs in the country. Read more »

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Some of the victims of Karimojong atrocities shot dead along Kotido- Kaabong road Read more »

Youth

Increase Skills Devt Initiatives for Youth
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