News from Uganda 2016_3

Politics & Development

National Youth Service Will Make Young People Competitive
The ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM) parliamentary retreat at the National Leadership Institute, Kyankwanzi adopted a resolution to introduce a national youth service programme. This programme is long overdue considering the fact that a number of countries in the region and globally long embraced this idea and the dividends have been impressive. Read more »

Big Population Good for Development - President
President Museveni yesterday praised a large population as a very important resource for economic development even as he admitted that he runs a country with more than 25 million homesteads wallowing in poverty. Read more »

Police Named Worst Abuser of Journalists
A new report has accused Police of being a leading abuser of press freedoms and rights in Uganda, adding to its notoriety as the most corrupt government entity. Read more »

Post-Elections 2016

Western, African Observers Differ On Election Fairness
On Saturday, hours before Yoweri Museveni was announced winner of Thursday's presidential election, seven election observer missions converged at Sheraton hotel in Kampala and gave ... read more »

Supreme Court Dismisses Presidential Poll Petition
Court finds that Museveni was validly elected. Petition is dismissed with no orders to costs. Read more

Economy

Leaked Emails Expose Heritage Tax Schemes
Heritage Oil and Gas Ltd Company knew beforehand of a capital gains tax that Uganda later imposed and worked aggressively to circumvent it, according to previously unreported details contained in internal correspondences. Read more »
Tanzania to Set Up Taskforce for Uganda-Tanga Oil Pipeline

while Kenyans are reportedly using activists to derail the project, Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni is insisting that he chose Tanzania due to security reasons.  

Regional Affairs

Panama Papers - The African Connection #PanamaLeaks

The Panama papers, leaked anonymously to the Munich-based newspaper Suddeutsche Zeitung, expose assets of everyone from political officials to billionaire celebrities and sports stars - including South African President Jacob Zuma's nephew, the son of Egypt's former president Hosni Mubarak, and Mamadie Touré, the widow of Lansana Conté, the former dictator and president of Guinea.

Great Lakes Conference Marks Significant Step in Regional Cooperation in Fight Against Impunity

The International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) and the UN Joint Office for Human Rights (UNJHRO), in collaboration with the Office of the UN Special Envoy on the Great Lakes Region and with the financial support of the European Commission, held a conference on March 15-16 to strengthen judicial cooperation in the fight against impunity for international crimes in the Great Lakes Region.

South Sudan Fighting Forces Thousands to Flee to CAR, Uganda and DR Congo

This is a summary of what was said by UNHCR spokesperson Leo Dobbs - to whom quoted text may be attributed - at the press briefing, on 11 March 2016, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

Local Affairs

Four Million Suffer Chronic Food Insecurity
At least four million Ugandans are food insecure and even those who have food, don't eat in a balanced manner, a report released by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), jointly with the Agriculture ministry yesterday, has revealed.

Gulu Water Crisis Worsens as Dam Dries Up
Water crisis in Gulu has worsened amidst the prolonged dry spell in the district that has seen a drastic reduction in the water levels at Oyitino Dam, located in Patiko Sub-county, which supplies Gulu Municipality.

Sports

Advantage Cranes After CAF Strips Burkina Faso of Three Points
Uganda Cranes fans can forget the anguish of Tuesday night.