**Age Limit Debate**

**Tracing Origin of Age Limit Article 102 (B)**
It is 22 years since the 1995 Constitution was promulgated, including Article 102(b), which caps the upper age for presidential candidates at 75 years. [Read more »](#)

**Museveni - Why I Need More Time**
President Museveni has reportedly said he has a "mission to accomplish" and this is why he wants parliament to scrap age limits in the constitution for elderly presidential. [Read more »](#)

**Age Limit - Violence Spreads**
An escalation in hostilities against members of parliament who support the lifting of presidential age limits is forcing some to either cut back their countryside consultative meetings or make public commitments to abide by the wishes of their constituents not to support the proposed amendment. [Read more »](#)

**What People are Saying about the Ugandan Age Limit Debate**
A motion to change the age limit for the Ugandan presidency has brought chaos to the country's Parliament - and the debate has spilled over into the press. Here are a selection of today's opinion pieces.

**Politics**

**Activists Ask Govt to Arrest Al-Bashir Hours After Start of State Visit**
Human rights activists have asked Ugandan government to arrest Sudanese president Omar al-Bashir and surrender him to the International Criminal Court (ICC) where he's wanted for crimes against humanity. [Read more »](#)

**Museveni's Social Media Ban - Good News and Bad News for Africans**
African rulers who want to stay in office are increasingly using "security" as a reason for closing down social media. They fear popular protests on the street challenging their legitimacy that they will be unable to control and that might lead to their downfall. Uganda's recent closure of social media is but one instance of a steady stream of closures by frightened rulers. [Read more »](#)

**Foreign Affairs Minister Kutesa in Paradise**
Apparently, in 2012 Kutesa hired Appleby, a company renowned for creating offshore account for the rich and powerful, to form a company for him in the Seychelles. Kutesa created two companies; one was named 'Obuyonza Discretionary Trust' and it held shares in the second company called Katonga Investments Ltd. [Read more »](#)
**Economy**

**Good News On Economy as GDP Grows Sharply**
There is some good news for Uganda's economy finally. The Central Bank's latest annual report shows a sharper GDP growth in 2016/17 than had earlier been estimated. [Read more »](#)

**Building Energy Celebrates the Beginning of Production At Its Photovoltaic Power Plant in Uganda**
The Tororo 10 MWp plant, with 16 GWh of renewable energy generated annually, will cater for the energy requirements of 35,838 people and help reduce CO2 emissions by 7,200 tons. [Read more »](#)

**Ugandan Businesswoman on Forbes Richest List**
Businesswoman Amina Hersi Morghe, owner of the landmark Oasis Mall in Kampala, has made it on to a Forbes Africa magazine list as one of the wealthiest Ugandans of foreign descent. [Read more »](#)

**Regional Affairs**

**Mugufuli Makes Case for ‘First Oil’ Before 2020**
Tanzania's President John Pombe Magufuli wants investors, the governments of Uganda and Tanzania to expedite the construction of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP). Magufuli argues that the pipeline should be constructed in the shortest time possible instead of waiting until 2020 to realize first oil. [Read more »](#)

**Kampala Arrests Highlight Years-Long Rwanda, Uganda Tension**
The recent arrest and charging in a Uganda military court of top police officers with illegally working with Rwanda to repatriate refugees to their home country is the most open... [Read more »](#)

**Uganda to Deploy 5,000 Troops in Somalia Outside AU, UN Mandate**
The Ugandan military on Thursday said it is ready to deploy 5,000 troops in Somalia outside the African Union (AU) and United Nations (UN) mandate for all-out offensive operations against the Al-Shabaab militants. [Read more »](#)

**Local Affairs**

**3.4 Million More People Slip Into Poverty**
More Ugandans are slipping into poverty with the number of poor people increasing from 6.6 million in 2012/13 to 10 million in 2016/17, according to the Uganda National Household Survey (UNHS) 2016/17 report released yesterday by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS). [Read more »](#)

**Govt Appeals to Doctors to Return to Work**
Government will fully address concerns raised by doctors from the Uganda Medical Association (UMA) after it finalises the Public Service pay policy which is intended to eliminate pay disparities and ensure pay enhancement across the Public Sector. [Read more »](#)

**Northern Ugandan Women Dare Men After Training By UN Women**
In July this year, UN Women trained 250 LC-III women councillors from ten districts about their responsibilities in local leadership. They were encouraged, among others, to form caucuses that would help them push a female-sensitive agenda during council meetings. [Read more »](#)

**Marburg Virus Disease**
On 17 October 2017, the Ugandan Ministry of Health notified WHO of a confirmed outbreak of Marburg virus disease in Kween District, Eastern Uganda. The Ministry for Health officially declared the outbreak on 19 October 2017. [Read more »](#)

**Are GMOs the Silver Bullet to End Hunger in Uganda?**
Last week, Parliament passed the Biosafety and Biotechnology Bill into law. The law had been on the shelves of Parliament for nearly five years partly because of a tug-of-war between the voices in support and those opposed to it. [Read more »](#)
Most Land Grabs Are By Govt Officials, Soldiers - Judge
Preliminary findings of the ongoing inquiry into land matters have revealed "a worrying trend" of highly placed individuals colluding to rob ordinary Ugandans of their land, the… Read more »

Forest Cover Down to 9% As Mabira Degrades
A government report has revealed that the country's forest cover has dropped to 9 per cent, representing a 3 per cent drop in just two years. Read more »

Culture, Sports

Sounds of Freedom - Music As a Catalyst of Change
Can music be a pain reliever in the struggle for liberation? Living in Virginia, USA, I miss those evenings when I would sit before the local television back in Uganda and watch the evening news. Read more »

2017 Nominees for African Player of the Year Published
The nominees for the African Player of the Year and African Player of the Year - Based in Africa 2017 have been revealed. Read more »