Politics

Age Limit: Defence Force Boss Admits He Approved Raid on Ugandan Parliament
David Muhoozi, head of Uganda's defence force, has told the Constitutional Court that he gave the green light to special forces to storm Parliament during the debate on the bill which amended the constitution to allow for raising the presidential age limit. Judges at the hearing expressed concern about the conduct of security forces in "policing Ugandans", with Justice Alfonse Owiny Dollo saying that the way police brutalised MPs opposed to the age limit amendment was an unacceptable way.  
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African countries have been receiving second-hand clothing from the U.S. via AGOA (African Growth and Opportunity Act), initially passed by the American Congress in 2000 to allow for low-income African countries to export some goods without paying tariffs. This has had a negative impact on local markets, according to an economic analyst. When some countries like Rwanda attempted to restrict the second-hand clothing imports, the Donald Trump administration threatened to remove AGOA access.  
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