Politics

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Economy

Museveni Weighs in On Social Media Tax, Lowers Mobile Money Levy
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Why Uganda's Social Media Tax Is Misplaced
Nation, 3 July 2018
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Flight and Migration

What's Driving African Migration, Who's Going, and Where?
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Local Affairs

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Education

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The government has closed at least 1,132 private primary and secondary schools without licences in various parts of the country. The majority of the schools were closed last term… Read more »

Culture and Arts

Music Legend Geoffry Oryema Dies at 65
A renowned Afro-pop-rock France-based Ugandan music legend Geoffrey Oryema is dead. The British singer Peter Gabriel said: “With his rich low voice and beautiful songs, he could mesmerise audiences whether in a small club or Wembley Stadium” Read more »

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The film industry in Uganda was discovered as early as 1893 when its first movie was produced. Like any industry that is still growing, the industry has been plagued by numerous challenges, including funding, lack of passionate people. Read more »