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## EDUCATION

**Municipal authorities to close illegal schools;** Masaka municipal education authorities have issued a warning to schools that have failed to meet the minimum set education standards saying they will not be allowed to open for third term. According to Mr Joseph Kakeeto the municipality Principal Education Officer, "This time we shall leave no stone unturned. If you know that you are operating an illegal school and you were warned just don't open next term," he said)

**Ssembabule School launches satellite distance learning;** UN General Assembly president has launched satellite distance learning at Kwanda secondary school in Lugusulu sub-county Ssembabule District. The system was installed by Chinese-based Science Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) foundation. Sam Kutesa who doubles as foreign affairs minister and MP for Mawogola County said quality education is crucial in the fight against poverty.

**Education ministry ordered to move money to teachers SACCO;** President Yoweri Museveni has ordered the ministry of education, technology and sports to transfer the teachers fund into their apex SACCOS. The president issued the directive during the meeting with the leaders of the National Teachers' Union (UNATU) led by their National Chairperson Margaret Rwabushaija at Morulinga State Lodge in Moroto district.

**President commissions new university in Mbarara;** The University of Saint Joseph Mbarara (USJM) under Mbarara Archdiocese of the Roman Catholic Church has been launched. President Museveni pledged sh640m for both the USJM and the health facility's theatre and an ambulance for the health facility.

**No classes after 5pm, teachers not convinced;** A growing trend by day schools, both primary and secondary releasing pupils late in the night has forced the Ministry of Education to ban teaching students beyond 5pm in a bid to enable them reach home in time and refresh their minds. "many day schools even reach to an extent of charging parents extra charges for extra time students stay at school studying" said Mr John Chrysostom Muyingo Minister for primary Education

**IGG wants Kyambogo University officials punished over negligence;** The Inspector General of Government, Justice Irene Mulyagonja in the first volume of the report of investigation into Kyambogo problems calls for disciplinary action against top university officials including university secretary and academic registrar "the university does not produce skilled technicians yet there is a decline of all categories of technicians that were produced by the three institutions in the past the report says.

**School farm camp: Getting youth into farming;** A three day school camp aimed at equipping students with entrepreneurship and farming skills was held from August 15-17 at Gayaza High School. Dr Daniel K. Semambo Executive Director NAGRC & DB observed that through activities like farm camps, the importance of agriculture is being realised and a new kind of student who can meet the technical demand are being trained,. The camp was organised by UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in partnership with National Animal Genetic Resources Centre and Data Bank (NAGRC & DB, World Agro forestry Centre (IGRAF), The Good Seed Initiative and Tree Talk among others.

**Government orders universities to reopen;** Negotiation between public universities' and non-teaching staff and the government over salary increment hit a dead end, with 18th August letter ordering the former to report for duty with immediate effect. The minister of state for higher education Prof Sandy Stevens Tickodri-Togboa said those who fail to report to work would be fired.

**Uganda Wild Life Authority (UWA) demands heavy penalty for poachers.** Lack of stringent laws against poaching has made it difficult for Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) to fully protect wildlife, a conservation official has said. He was speaking to journalists during a tour of the park. Mr Guma said protection of the wildlife would be easier with people fearing to cross to the conservation areas if Uganda enforced stricter measures like its neighbours. The conservation manager urged journalists to specialise in tourism reporting because it gives exposure to the countries resources and how to conserve them so as to attract revenue.

**Nakapiripirit residents block road works.** Residents of Lorengedwat sub-county in Nakapiripirit district have blocked works on the Nakapiripirit-Moroto road. They say they have not been compensated for the property destroyed. According to Mr Longole, the contractors in charge of compensating people evacuated their properties six month ago but have not got back to them.''' the delay by the government to compensate us is blocking our development ideas. We cannot do anything on the land because it will be destroyed''.

**National Forestry Authority issues new directive on tree planting.** The National Forestry Authority (NFA), has directed all individuals and companies intending to plant trees on its 200,000 hectares of land to do it on a 50 per cent indigenous and exotic tree basis. Mr Obed Tugumisirize, the NFA national tree seed centre manager, said that the initiative is aimed at protecting the indigenous species from extinction as majority planters prefer exotic trees like eucalyptus or pines, which yield more commercial value.

**United Nations Development Programme UNDP and the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) start study to fund ecosystems.** The (UNDP) and NEMA have launched a project that seeks to identify financial gaps to conserve ecosystem in the country. Launching the project last week in Jinja district, the UNDP country director, Ms Almaz Gebru, said BIOFIN seeks to use a financial and economic lense to understand these ecosystems and how to best achieve effective management amidst increasing destruction.

**Kalangala residents demand land to breed edible beetles.** Residents of Kalangala district officials from the slow food international, an organisation advocating for increased food security, have asked the National Environment Management Authority (NEEMA) to allow them utilise buffer zones for breeding edible huhu beetle grub. They are eaten after being fried like grasshoppers. 'even those (tree) that were planted in wetlands were cut down, leaving the huhu beetles without breeding grounds.

**Ministry to cancel titles over wetlands.** The ministry of lands has issued cancellation notices to persons who own more than 50 land titles in wetlands and central forest reserves. The move is in response to the various testimonies before the commission of inquiry into alleged mismanagement of the Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) affairs. Appealing before the commission chaired by Justice Catherine Bamugemire, the commissioner land registration, Ms Sarah Kulata, said the ministry has issued cancellation notices to individuals

**Palm oil growing on Bugala Island improving the livelihood of the residents.** Palm oil growing on Bugala Island is improving the livelihood of residents; the implementation of the oil palm project on Bugala Island in Kalangala district has improved the livelihoods and

food security of the residents. The project is supported by International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), with Bidco Uganda Ltd and Wilmar group of Malaysia playing a major role as the private investors.

**Govt to build 108 housing units for Bududa landslide victims.** The government, with support from South Korea, has partnered with Habitat for Humanity (HH) to construct 108 housing units for the Bududa landslide victims in Kiryandongo district. The state minister for disaster preparedness, Musa Ecweru, said the partnership is significant

**New sewer plants to boost coverage.** The National Water and Sewerage Corporation (NWSC) is piloting a new sewerage treatment system aimed at the rapid expansion of its services in urban areas. The technology called the packed sewerage treatment plant, according to NWSC executive director Silver Mugisha, has been piloted in the districts of Fort Portal, Kasese, Kisoro and Masaka. The packaged sewer system treats sewerage to drinking water standard.

**Lira gets medical supplies.** Residents of Lira district have received medical equipment and supplies worth shs20m from International Planned Parenthood Federation. The medical equipment and supplies including computers, examinations beds, surgical gloves, syringes, hibitane, jik, cotton wool and sanitary pads. The donation channelled through Reproductive Health Uganda (RHU) is part of the wider interventions under 'closing the gap' project, targeting integrated sexual and reproductive health services delivery.

**First lady commission's renovation works at Kitwe health centre.** Kitwe health centre IV is undergoing renovation to improve the infrastructure of Ruhaama health sub-district facility, which serves a population of over 229,000 people. The renovation works by the ministry of health systems strengthening projects, includes the construction of a new maternity ward with a neonatal care room, duty station, waiting room, a paved way and water supply. She urged that since Kitwe is a health centre IV, with an operating theatre, the maternity ward being constructed should be expanded to accommodate more beds and also include some private rooms.

**Hospital orders arrests over abuse of vehicles.** Mbale regional referral hospital management has banned its medical staff from driving government hospital vehicles beyond working hours. The management has also ordered for the arrest of any unauthorised medical person who will be found riding a motorcycle or driving a vehicle belonging to the hospital. According the hospital management board chairman, Dr Dominic Waburoko, the hospital management is implementing a standing order on usage of public vehicles.

**Itojo hospital gets shs400m for facelift.** Ntungamo district has received shs400m from World Bank to renovate the dilapidated Itojo hospital. The chief administrative officer, Mr Samuel Kaija, said the district leadership and the hospital administration would consider essential facilities first for renovation because the money is not enough for an overhaul. "most parts of the hospital are in bad shape, we have had meetings to see which area we can renovate first.

**Minister urges employers to create breastfeeding corners.** The state minister for primary health care, Ms Sarah Opendi, has asked employers to create breast feeding corners for mothers in order to support proper early childhood development as Uganda joins the world to mark the breastfeeding week. According to world health organisation, mothers are supposed to exclusively breastfeed their children for six months before enrolling them on other foods. The minister was speaking at the event organised by world vision to commemorate the world breast feeding week in Kampala

**Relief for cancer patients as Iran govt hands over Naguru hospital.** Ugandans who have been seeking treatment for tumours abroad can now receive such care at the Iran-Uganda friendship mini hospital in Naguru. The Iran government on Monday handed over a fully-fledged mini hospital to the police, which will offer treatment for both mild and severe illnesses. According to Dr Asuman Lukwago, the permanent secretary at the ministry for health, the hospital will become one of the referral centres for specialised treatment such as bone, dental and other tumours.

**Malaria, pneumonia still persistent in Kyankwanzi.** Despite recent surveys indicating a fall in malaria prevalence rate in the country, both malaria and pneumonia are still rampant in Kyankwanzi district. Mr David Agime, the CECE programmes officer, said the

organisation has started educating the residents throughout the district on early treatment and prevention of the killer diseases.

**1,500 get free eye treatment.** Over 1,500 Ugandans with eye defects received free specialised treatment at a medical camp in Kampala. Dr Grace Ssali, the head of the surgical team, said 90 per cent of the surgical cases involved removing of cataracts. According to Ms Sheema Ruparelia, the banks marketing and business development manager, the camp is a result of the partnership with the rotary club of Kololo to provide free eye surgery to celebrate 10years of the banks growth.

**Govt advised to expand Kitgum hospital as mothers lacked beds.** Health officials in Kitgum district have urged government to upgrade Kitgum hospital maternity ward to accommodate the growing number of expectant mothers who deliver from the facility. Ms Rose Mary Ayaa, the acting principal nursing officer at the hospital, said that the ward that was meant for 14 expectant mothers now accommodates more than 30 mothers. The LC5 chairperson, Mr Luka Nyeko, said he was aware of the situation at the hospital and that the district recently forwarded the complaint to the government to upgrade the facility to a regional referral hospital.

**WHO wants trained non-medics to help administer simple but safe HIV tests.** The World Health Organisation has recommended the use of trained laypersons to administer HIV testing in health centres to help promote voluntary testing among populations. But they will be restricted to using rapid diagnostic tests, which are less complicated to manage and are readily available around the world. Rapid diagnostic tests normally detect antibodies to both HIV-1 and HIV-2 in human serum, plasma, and whole blood specimens.

**Museveni launched door-door disease prevention project.** President Museveni has launched a house-house health programme to ensure disease prevention at the earliest stages. Health minister Elioda Tumwesigye said ICCM was piloted in Kyangenyi sub-county in Sheema district where it has returned a lot of positive results.

**Butabika patients implicated in smuggling illegal drugs.** A cross-section of patients who check into Butabika hospital are on treatment for drug abuse. The most common illegal drugs being peddled are marijuana and cocaine. In addition, some alcoholics undergoing treatment at the facility have also been implicated in smuggling alcohol into the facility.

**Manafwa midwives appeal for power.** Midwives at the newly constructed Butiru health centre III in Butiru sub-county, manafwa district have said the facility has no electricity, which affects their operations at night. The health centre has no delivery beds, so they instead use examination beds. Susan Mukite, a midwife, said they encourage mothers in labour to come along with lamps and torches.

**Disabled women accuse midwives of neglect.** Women with disabilities in Iganga district have accused midwives at Iganga general hospital of neglecting them when they go in labour. Their leader Elizabeth Kananga said they are seeking partnership to establish a unique model for girls and women with disabilities in sexual reproductive health to promote their socio-economic advancement.

**Agriculture ministry to cancel licences of fake seed suppliers.** The agriculture ministry has said it is considering cancelling the licences of companies found to have supplied sub-standard seeds to farmers. State minister for agriculture Vincent Ssempijja yesterday said Uganda should not blame the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces (UPDF) for supplying sub-standard seeds to farmers. His remarks come against a backdrop of information that the UPDF, through the operation wealth creation (OWC) outfit, supplied some farmers with fake seeds.

**President calls for food aid in Karamoja.** President Museveni has called for emergency food distribution in Karamoja sub-region to rescue the families that are facing starvation. He made the call last while in Moroto district where the leaders presented to him the hunger situation in the sub-region which has affected more than 53,000 house-holds. Mr Museveni was attending convocation peace prayers in the district. Moroto district chair-person said people had cultivated food, but the harsh climatic condition destroyed them.

**Museveni warns on road signs theft.** President Museveni has said those vandalising and stealing road signs put people's lives at a risk and warned them to stop or face jail. According to a statement from state house, the president said road signs such as reflectors, road guards and warning signs, among others, are "crucial for security of both roads and road users and must be protected by all." The president was speaking at the commissioning of the 68km Nyakahita-kazo road in Kiruhura district. The road was constructed at shs140b. The Nyakahita-Kazo road was funded by the African Development Bank.

**Commission summons UNRA staff on shoddy work.** Officials of the Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) and contractors will appear before a commission set to investigate irregularities in construction of roads to answer queries over alleged shoddy road works in the eastern region. Justice Bamugereire said the commission will invite the contractor and officials of the roads authority to explain what went wrong in connection with the newly-reconstructed Jinja-Kamuli, Busia-Malaba, Tororo-Mbale roads. The commissioners also observed continuous patch and cracks on the same roads while on the Buwenge-Kaliro roads, there were no signs despite the contractor closing half of the roads.

**Kinyara loses sh29b in three-day workers strike.** Kinyara sugar limited has lost more than sh29b in three days after closing down due to a strike by non-permanent workers. The management of Kinyara sugar limited declined to comment on the strike and the losses incurred. But Masindi district secretary for production and natural resources John Bagada said government intervention had contained the situation.

**World Bank to fund 22 training centres.** The World Bank is establishing 22 centres of excellence (ACEs) to train experts in extractive industrial skills to narrow the human resource gap in eastern and southern Africa. Mr Mayunga H.H Nkunya, the executive secretary (IUCEA), said the five-years-project will only train doctoral students. " the project was an initiative after realising the skills gap in the areas of mining, gas and oil extraction by ensuring that whatever is going to be taught is put into practice".

**Farmer's body demands shs11.6b.** Farmers are bitter with government's failure to deliver on its shs11b pledged. According to Uganda National Farmers Federation (UNFF) secretary general, Emmanuel Sandy, president Museveni and his young brother Gen. Salim Saleh have over the last four years promised UNFF shs11.6b but efforts to get the money have

proved futile. Ministry of finance, planning and economic development spokesperson said the ministry budgets according to the resources envelop available.

**Shs1.6b water project launched.** The National Water and Sewerage Corporation (NWSC) has started the water supply system in Masindi district that will see production capacity increased by 2000 cubic metres per day. Speaking at the launch of the project on Monday, , the area water engineer, said the capacity of the existing plant is 1,800 cubic metres per day yet the demand is at more than 2900 cubic metres. NWSC infrastructure manager Dennis Taremwa said the project will cost shs1.6b and will take five months.

**Traders protest interest rate hike on old loans.** At least all commercial banks in Uganda have adjusted their lending rates upwards in the last one month following the decisions by Bank of Uganda (BoU) to raise the central bank rate (CBR). According to Mr Evarist Kayondo, the chairperson of the Kampala City Traders Association (KACITA), traders met with the bankers last month but failed to reach an agreeable conclusion.

**Museveni commends EU for roads fund.** President Museveni has hailed the European Union for promoting road development in the country. While speaking at the commissioning of lot II of northern corridor route improvement projects of Mbarara-Kabale-Katuna road that starts from Ntungamo, Mr Museveni said EU has helped government to rehabilitate many roads. He added that EU is also funding the road section from Ruti (Mbarara) to Buteraniro and from Rwentobo (Ntungamo) to Katuna border.

**Factory seeks licence to generate electricity.** The management of Mayuge sugar industries limited has said it is awaiting clearance from the Uganda Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA) to start electricity generation from industrial waste. However the ERA technical director, Ms Tibalwa Ziriya Waako, said much as the firm had submitted an application backed with clearance from district authorities and the National Environment Management Authority, ERA needed to get views of the public about such a project.

**Uganda Investment Authority (UIA) moves to reduce time for registering businesses.** After being cleared by Uganda Investment Authority (UIA), you do not have to proceed to Uganda Registration Service Bureau (URSB) to register your business because the service will now be readily available at the authority's office.

**Manufactures asked to embrace regional market integration.** In a bid to increase competitiveness and control price volatilities, local manufacturers have been advised to support the regional market integration process. Dr Arthur Bainomugisha, the executive director of Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE), said the regional market integration will help to harmonise prices and curb inflation. According to Dr Bainomugisha, dipping of the shilling has affected local investments in the region but the ugly situation could be controlled by a common market.

**Kenya cuts Uganda power imports by more than 50%.** Kenya has cut electricity imports from Uganda by more than half following the injection of additional geothermal power into the national grid. Uganda sold 102.13m kWh of electricity to Kenya power last year, earning it nearly ksh1b about shs33.4b. Mr Fred Kabagambe Kaliisa, the permanent secretary, ministry of energy, said there are certain rules governing these agreements and if Kenya were to cut electricity imports from Uganda, they are not supposed to do so without any notice.



**Karimojong flee to Kenya over starvation.** Hundreds of residents of Kaabong and Moroto district in Karamoja sub-region have crossed into Kenya in search of food. Several homesteads across the region are facing severe food shortage following a prolonged dry spell and crop failure in the last rainy season. According to Mr Loike, the situation has worsened by world food programme, stopping food distribution recently.

**Japan funds Acholi water project.** A total of 38,000 families in the Acholi sub-region will have access to clean and safe water, thanks to the Japanese government. The water project is funded by Japanese government through its development agency Japanese International Co-operation Agency (JICA) at a tune of shs25b. Water and environment Minister Ephraim Kamuntu applauded japan government for the support.

**Families displaced by oil refinery project govt compensation.** More than 90 families who opted to be resettled from 29-square kilometre land earmarked for the oil refinery in Hoima district, have rejected governments offer and petitioned president Museveni for intervention. The refinery communication officer, Mr Bashir Hangi, said government has procured 533 acres in Kyakabooga village where the families will be resettled.

**Gulu commissions 263 NUSAF projects.** Gulu district has commissioned 263 sub-projects under the World Bank funded Northern Uganda Social Action fund II (NUSAFII) programme. Gulu district chairperson, Martin Ojara said the district got the biggest allocation of the money under NUSAF II and all the projects have been successfully implemented.

**Business community raises sh1.3b for martyr's shrines.** President Yoweri Museveni presided over a fundraising dinner at Sheraton Kampala hotel, where sh1.3b was collected for the redevelopment of the martyr's shrines at Namugongo, Wakiso district and Munyonyo on the shores of Lake Victoria. The Catholic Church requires sh7.5b to complete the first phase of the martyr's shrine at Munyonyo and sh45b to complete the first phase of the shrine at Namugongo.

**Bishop warns political parties on internal wrangles.** Masaka diocese bishop John Baptist Kaggwa has advised leaders of political parties to devise means of resolving internal party wrangles or risk becoming irrelevant to society. Bishop Kaggwa said the disagreements between different top party leaders not only affect the key actor but also moral fabric of society. He cited the on-going disagreement between Lord Mayor Elias Lukwago and DP President Norbert Mao.

**Namanya is new North Ankole diocese bishop.** Rev Stephen Namanya was on Sunday consecrated new bishop for north Ankole diocese at Emmanuel cathedral rushere in Kiruhura district. Bishop Namanya has worked as the archdeacon Kashwa Archdea-conry in the same diocese and he was the pioneer diocese secretary. The bishop said he will also focus on infrastructural development, Christian and formal education, improving health services, discipleship, land resource management and building families as traditional units of the church.

**Busoga diocese gets new bishop.** The house of bishops of the Church of Uganda has elected the rev Canon Paul Moses Naimanhye as the new bishop of Busoga diocese. The Church of Uganda archbishop Stanley Ntagali made the announcement last Friday at the conclusion of the house of bishops meeting at Bweranyangi hill, Bushenyi Township in western Ankole diocese. Archbishop Ntagali also announced the consecration date as January 24, 2016, to take place at Christ cathedral Bugembe in Jinja.

**Museveni helps raise shs687m for church house.** President Museveni has commended religious institutions seeking for alternative ways of self-sustenance after donors cut aids following rejection of homo-sexuality in Uganda. The president was speaking at the presidential fundraising dinner for the church house project at state house in Entebbe that had shs687m raised in both cash and pledges. Donors cut off aid from the Inter-Religious Council of Uganda (IRCU) over Uganda anti-gays law and the unwavering support for the legislation by church.

**The archbishop of Kampala diocese, Dr Cyprian Kizito Lwanga, asked government to implement the domestic violence act, 2010,** that was passed five years ago to curb the increasing cases of domestic violence. Dr Lwanga said domestic violence is one of Uganda's top challenges that need urgent redress. He asked the government to prioritise the implementation of the act by carrying out awareness campaigns countrywide and strengthening the capacity of leaders to handle family conflicts.

**Bishop assures Museveni of support.** West Ankole diocese bishop Yona Mwesigwa Katoneene has pledged support for president Museveni candidature in the 2016 election. President Museveni is largely expected to be nominated in October for re-election and all-ready, two of his key challengers and former allies, Dr Kizza Besigye and ex-premier Amama Mbabazi, among others have expressed interest to contest for presidency.

**Archbishop Lwanga appoints papal visit committee.** Archbishop Cyprian Kizito Lwanga has appointed 40 people on the committee to prepare for the pope's visit due in November this year. The Episcopal conference, and a number of other bishops are to head various committees, the archbishop of Kampala was handed the finance and construction docket that needs billions of shillings to be able to put to finish a number of projects a head of the pontiffs visit.

**Teaching of Christian faith encourages character formation.** The first lady and minister for Karamoja Affairs Mrs Janet Museveni, has said the teaching of Christian faith encourages character formation, which is a basic building block in ensuring that a young person receives a holistic education, including spiritual training and should, therefore, be non-negotiable in a Christian educational institution.