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POLITICAL;

Public debt has reached worrying levels; finance Minister Matia Kasaija has started getting concerned due to the rapid surge in debt levels which has now surpassed the 50 per cent threshold to gross domestic product. [Story](#)

ENERGY NEWS.

Deconstructing the myth of power tariffs; the cost of electricity is distorted by mistakes committed by some of our actors especially the mistakes of Bujagali and Umeme, add 55.3 per cent to the cost of electricity per unit. [Story](#)

NATIONAL;

Rapid Covid test kits returning false negatives in asymptomatic patients; the ministry of Health has cautioned Covid-19 testing facilities on the use of antigen rapid diagnostic kits to screen asymptomatic patients, saying they have a 50 per cent chance of returning false results. [Story](#)

REGIONAL;

EAC in bid to reduce cost of air travel; the EAC will this financial year prioritize harmonization of air charges and taxes in a bid to reduce the cost of intra-EAC air travel, according to Mr. Adan Mohamed, the Council of Ministers chairperson. [Story](#)

HEALTH;

NMS, Ministry of Health clash on procurement of vaccines; the NMS has appealed to members of Parliament to address a concern of conflict between the Ministry of Health and NDA on procurement of vaccines and other supplies. [Story](#)

BUSINESS;

Telecoms assessing impact of new tax on data prices; telecoms have said they will, for now, absorb the 12 per cent tax on data until when they have reached a proper assessment of the impact of the new tax on data prices. [Story](#)

SPORTS;

I expect at least three gold medals; Uganda's athletes to the Tokyo Games have what it takes to add to the paltry two gold medals the country has won in Olympic history, State Minister for Sports Hamson Obua has said. [Story](#)

And finally; Shock as pig eats one-month-old baby in Rakai; police in Rakai District are investigating circumstances under which a pig is said to have eaten to death a one-month-old baby who was found inside the house of a resident. [Story](#)

Today's scripture; **James 1:17**

ESKOMorning quote; "No one has ever become poor by giving." By- Anne Frank

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