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POLITICAL.

NUP faults gov't over poor handling of Covid-19 relief cash; leaders of the NUP party have scoffed at the government for failing to start the distribution of COVID-19 relief aid to vulnerable Ugandans as earlier promised. **Story**

ENERGY NEWS.

Buikwe farmers fault Umeme over 3-year wait for power after Shs28m payment; a section of farmers in Buikwe District have faulted Umeme limited, for failing to reconnect electricity to their maize milling and animal feeds factory despite paying for the service three years ago. Story

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Ministers Engola, Amongi contradict each other on Covid cash; households counting on the government Covid-19 relief cash will have to wait for at least another week to allow for the verification of their data. Story

REGIONAL;

Two-thirds of South Sudanese children in desperate need of aid; a record 4.5 million children, or two out of three, in South Sudan are in desperate need of humanitarian support, said the UN Children's Fund on Tuesday, ahead of the 10th anniversary of the country's independence. Story

COURT:

<u>Judges protest new salary payment date</u>; judicial officers are protesting the move by the Judiciary's accounting officer to have their salaries paid at the end of the month as opposed to the old practice of mid-month. <u>Story</u>

HEALTH;

Mental distress worsens during Covid-19 second wave; the mental distress in the country is worse compared to the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Hafisa Lukwata, the Head of the Mental Health division in Ministry of Health has revealed. Mental and psychosocial distress is evidently affecting COVID-19 patients, caregivers and medical workers, among others. Story

BUSINESS;

<u>High govt domestic debt weakens private sector lending;</u> increased government domestic borrowing is failing growth of private sector credit, according to the IMF. Growth in private sector loans, the IMF says, has remained in single digits in the last nine months as banks opt for more secure debt amid increasing risks resulting from Covid-19. <u>Story</u>

SPORTS:

Nakaayi to lead biggest ever female contingent; a group of 13 ladies will compete in four different disciplines at the postponed event that begins on July 23. World 800m champion Halimah Nakaayi will lead the biggest female group ever from Uganda to the Games along with 12 other runners. Story

And finally; Man arrested in Lira for strangling wife over sex; police in Lira are holding Sam Obongo for allegedly killing his wife by strangulation after denied him sex last night. The deceased is 22-year-old Jillian Apio. Obongo was arrested this morning when he reportedly confessed to killing Apio. He initially claimed that his wife fell ill and died, prompting Apio's father to report the matter to the police. Story

Today's scripture; Isaiah 51:1

ESKOMorning quote; "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end.

But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." By- Anne Frank

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