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**POLITICAL;**

**Parliament spends Shs 1bn on hiring tents for 11 months;** Parliament has spent over Shs 1 billion to hire two tents being used for plenary sessions due to Covid-19 restrictions. In March last year, parliament's sittings were shifted from the main chambers to the parking lot to observe the Covid-19 standard operating procedures. The legislature has since then been paying Shs 8.5 million daily to hire the tents. [Read More](#)

**ENERGY NEWS;**

**Umeme shares plummet after Museveni remarks;** the concern over the president's statement emerged this week on Thursday as Umeme shareholders met for the annual general meeting in Kampala. Umeme board chairperson, Patrick Bitature while addressing the shareholders, said Museveni's remarks are already impacting the company negatively. [Read More](#)

**NATIONAL;**

**Uganda now hires foreign PR firm to improve its image in US;** Uganda has hired an international public relations firm, Mercury International UK Limited, a subsidiary of Mercury Public Affairs, to improve its image on the international scene. Documents seen by URN show that when Uganda hired Mercury International UK Limited, it subcontracted its mother firm Mercury Public Affairs to do the job. This signals that the focus of lobbying will be mainly in the US. [Read More](#)

**REGIONAL;**

**Suicide bomber kills six, injures another six in Mogadishu;** least six people, including two senior police officers, were killed and six others wounded when a suicide bomber blew himself up at a police station in Mogadishu's Waberi district on Sunday evening, police and medical sources confirmed. [Read More](#)

**COURT**

**Ham to take DTB battle to Supreme Court;** Kampala businessman Hamis Kiggundu has in the wake of Wednesday's Court of Appeal judgment quashing the Commercial Court's ruling in the multi-billion lawsuits against DTB Uganda and Kenya, announced that he will appeal to the Supreme Court. [Read More](#)

**BUSINESS;**

**Govt seeks to double industrial capacity by 2030;** government, under the National Industrial Policy, will seek to double the value of Uganda's industrial capacity as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product from 8.3 per cent in 2019 to 16 per cent by 2030. [Read More](#)

**SPORTS;**

**Speed hunt for Cheptegei in Ostrava debut;** Joshua Cheptegei is taking cautious steps as he makes final touches before bidding to become Uganda's first-ever track long-distance Olympic champion come the Tokyo Games in July. [Read More](#)

**And finally; Covid-19 cases still surging in India, 4,000 new deaths recorded;** the coronavirus crisis is not abating in India, with the country reporting Sunday that it had counted more than 403,000 new infections and 4,000 deaths in the last 24 hours. [Read More](#)

Today's scripture; **2 Chronicles 7:14**

**ESKOMorning quote; "Be genuine. Be remarkable. Be worth connecting with. By" By- Seth Godin**

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