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**POLITICAL;**

**Parliament approves increase in number of ministers;** Parliament has approved an increment in the number of ministers from 79 to 80. President Museveni last week asked the NRM Parliamentary caucus to approve the demand for creation of the position of a state minister for the elderly. [Story](#)

**ENERGY NEWS.**

**Govt delicately balancing both environment & oil activities;** many civil society organizations in Uganda have fanned the flames on this issue to the extent of opposing the development of Uganda's oil and gas project. Environmentalists have reached out to funders and discouraged them from providing financing to the Uganda oil project. [Story](#)

**NATIONAL;**

**Govt introduces six tax policy measures to increase domestic revenue to fund budget;** to increase revenue collection and safeguard the government from the constraint of increasing public debt, the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development has announced new tax policy interventions. [Story](#)

**REGIONAL;**

**East Africa Finance ministers present 2021/22 budgets;** East African Finance ministers present their national budgets in their respective parliaments for the fiscal year 2021/22 today. [Story](#)

**COURT;**

**Mabirizi challenges president's Covid-19 directives;** city lawyer Male Mabirizi has petitioned the High Court in Kampala seeking to quash the directives issued by President Yoweri Museveni and Chief Justice Alfonse Owiny-Dollo suspending several operations due to Covid-19. [Story](#)

**EDUCATION;**

**LDC defends decision to graduate students without issuing final results;** LDC is scheduled to hold its 48th graduation ceremony this Friday. However, in his communication to the students about the virtual graduation, Everest Turyahikayo, the LDC academic registrar says that they will send out the detailed scores to the student's individual emails on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, four days after the graduation. [Story](#)

**BUSINESS;**

**Banks close 14 branches, shift operations to digital channels;** the report, which details operational activities in the banking sector, indicates that the number of commercial bank branches dropped to 566 in the period ended December 2020 down from 580 during the same time in 2019. [Story](#)

**SPORTS;**

**Depleted South Africa defeats Uganda in friendly;** Debutant Evidence Makgopa scored twice as depleted South Africa defeated Uganda 3-2 on Thursday in a match between teams experimenting ahead of 2022 World Cup qualifying. [Story](#)

**And finally; Doctor arrested over theft of 40 oxygen cylinders from Mbale referral hospital;** police in Mbale City have arrested a doctor attached to Mbale regional referral hospital on allegations of stealing 40 oxygen cylinders from the facility. [Story](#)

**Today's scripture; John 6:27**

**ESKOMorning quote; "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships." By- Michael Jordan**

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