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POLITICAL;

NRM to vet, approve candidates for speaker race; according to the government chief whip Ruth Nankabirwa, although all MPs in the party are free to express their interest and contest for the speakership race, the contestants will be vetted and approved by the party's top Central Executive Committee.

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ENERGY IN THE NEWS;

Electricity illegal connections are dangerous; over the last two years, the percentage of energy losses resulting from unlawful connections (power theft) has risen from 6.6 per cent in 2018 to 8.3 per cent as of 2020. [Story](#)

NATIONAL;

Govt to conduct survey on Covid cases; Health minister Jane Ruth Aceng said it is likely that many cases were not identified, concealing the actual extent of the pandemic. [Story](#)

REGIONAL;

President Magufuli announced dead; Suluhu said Magufuli died of heart complications on Wednesday at a hospital in DaresSalam but all indications seem to point that Magufuli, 61, who controversially won a disputed election last year died of coronavirus disease. [Story](#)

EDUCATION;

Teachers reap big from homeschooling; schools are struggling to attract teachers back after reopening with some now engaged in homeschooling where they are earning more than they were being paid on their previous jobs before the lockdown. [Story](#)

COURT;

Owiny-Dollo explains why he refused to recuse self from Kyagulanyi petition; Owiny-Dollo revealed in his detailed judgment delivered on Wednesday that Mabirizi's application asking him to recuse himself from Kyagulanyi's petition because of his close links with President Yoweri Museveni, who was a respondent, was simply malicious. [Story](#)

HEALTH;

Farting, moaning, crying among reported side-effects of AstraZeneca; because the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine is still in the emergency-use stage, scientists are recording every side effect as it is being administered, and have so far come up with a strange-but-true list — all self-reported. [Story](#)

BUSINESS;

Govt suffers Shs3 trillion shortfall as corona bites; massive layoffs due to the Covid-19 pandemic led to a Shs168.5 billion shortfall in Pay as You Earn among other taxes, a new report by the Ministry of Finance shows. [Story](#)

And finally; Transformation of traffic police; Traffic police officers yesterday started wearing their new rebranded Khaki uniforms amid criticism by some motorists that they are not as visible as the abandoned white outfit. [Story](#)

Today's scripture; **Psalm 55:22**

ESKOMorning quote; "It's not the load that breaks you down, it's the way you carry it." – Lou Holtz

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