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POLITICAL.

Parliament to investigate private labs screening travelers at Entebbe Airport; legislators on the Parliamentary Covid-19 task force have said there is need to investigate three privately owned laboratories that are carrying out screening and testing services on travelers at Entebbe international Airport due to irregularities in their operations. [Story](#)

ENERGY NEWS.

Tanzania, Kenya in fight for lucrative Uganda petroleum trade; Uganda began a trial delivery of petroleum products from the Dar es Salaam port through Lake Victoria, after a 16-year break. This move spells doom to the Port of Mombasa, which accounts for three-quarters of the transit cargo headed for Uganda. [Story](#)

NATIONAL;

Uganda ranks 12th in ease of doing business; the World Bank has ranked Uganda 12th in ease of doing business in Africa with the country's average cost of starting and running a small to medium sized enterprise valued at \$163. [Story](#)

REGIONAL;

Tanzanians brace for new phone sim card levy starting August; as public outcry continues growing over newly introduced mobile phone transaction levies, Tanzanian mobile phone users bow brace for a new levy on their sim cards expected to start next month. [Story](#)

HEALTH;

Fake Covid-19 test kits flood Ugandan market; the increasing fake Covid-19 test results among travellers leaving Uganda has been attributed to the cheaper substandard test kits flooding the Ugandan market and lack of training. UVRI executive director Prof Pontiano Kaleebu is now calling for tighter inspections to save the country from crooks seeking to profiteer from SARS-CoV-2 serology tests. [Story](#)

COURT;

Africa rights court sets SOPs for polls during pandemic; the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights has advised African states on holding general elections during the Covid-19 pandemic without trampling on the rights of citizens. [Story](#)

BUSINESS;

URA registers growth but falls behind targeted revenue; despite registering a deficit of Shs2.3 trillion, URA collected more taxes in the just concluded financial year compared to the 2019/20 financial year. [Story](#)

SPORTS;

NCS needs Shs196b to fund all sports; according to the plan, NCS wanted Shs187.8b in 2018/2019 and Shs197b in 2019/2020. The allocation currently stands at Shs26b, Shs8 of which has been cut. Ogwel says that government funding is therefore not even half of what was approved in the strategic plan. [Story](#)

And finally; Covid-19 vaccines 'sold' to city trader secretly; in the case of Ham, a politically connected businessman who snapped up a deal to rebuild Nakivubo War Memorial Stadium in Kampala unadvertised, the jobs are being administered to personal employees and tenants both not in Health ministry's priority categories. [Story](#)

Today's scripture; **Psalms 23**

ESKOMorning quote; **"The best way to predict your future is to create it." By- Abraham Lincoln**

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