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POLITICAL:

<u>Inside Museveni-Ruto friendship</u>; Dr Ruto's allies have said they are seeking to learn the political game plan from President Museveni's NRM, political commentators say Dr Ruto needs the NRM political machinery as he prepares for a showdown with Mr Odinga. **Story**

ENERGY NEWS:

Why companies need social license to operate in oil and gas Industry; unless the relevant stakeholders including the host communities embrace an oil and gas project, there can be obstacles in the way of its implementation even if all the regulatory permits and authorizations have been obtained. Story

NATIONAL:

1,039 ghost workers unearthed on nurses' payroll; owing to these irregularities, Catherine Musingwire, the permanent secretary in the ministry of Public Service has given the accounting officers of the affected districts to tender in an explanation not later than August 15. **Story**

REGIONAL:

EAC pushes for joint COVID-19 strategy; the EAC Secretariat says that it has decided to prioritise strengthening partnerships between the private sector in the region and EAC Partner State governments to jointly invest in vaccine production. Story

COURT:

<u>Court reduces jail sentence of convicted murderer from 61 to 21 years;</u> the decision stems from an appeal filed by Bagatenda challenging his conviction for 61-years for the murder of 15-year-old Pauline Nassiwa in 2000. <u>Story</u>

HEALTH;

<u>Covid-19 vaccination resumes today</u>; the government has announced that Covid-19 vaccination will resume today and that medical students will be prioritized in this third rollout of vaccines to allow for the reopening of medical schools. <u>Story</u>

BUSINESS:

<u>Unpopular mobile money excise duty pricks Uganda coffers;</u> Uganda's mobile money tax has triggered poor performance in excise duty collections generated by mobile money transactions in the past three years, as consumers avoided the service all together. <u>Story</u>

SPORTS;

<u>USA top medal table as pandemic-defying Tokyo Olympics close</u>; thirty-three sports have been contested across 16 days in largely empty stadiums, with fans barred over coronavirus risks and athletes living in strict bio secure conditions. <u>Story</u>

And finally <u>Foot and mouth disease outbreak confirmed in Jinja</u>; the disease is prevalent in Masese, Jinja central business area and Budondo regions. Public relations officer Jinja city, said FMD is mainly affecting pastoralists who graze their cattle along different streets within the city. **Story**

Today's scripture; Ecclesiastes 3

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ESKOMorning quote; "Don't watch the clock; do what it does. Keep going." By Sam Levenson

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