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### **POLITICS**;

<u>New ministers take office</u>; the President was speaking at the swearing-in ceremony of the newly appointed Ministers that were announced in a minor Cabinet change that he made on 14th December 2019. The ceremony took place today at State House, Entebbe. <u>Read More</u>

#### **ENERGY IN THE NEWS;**

<u>Uganda's oil sector suffering from political interference</u>; the researchers have observed that institutions like the Uganda National Oil Company, Petroleum Authority of Uganda, Ministry of Energy and others play a minimal role with the final word coming from the president. <u>Read More</u>

### NATIONAL;

**Gov't not aware of Kenya's demand to abolish tax on beer, spirits, drugs;** last week Kenya demanded that Uganda abolishes the 13 per cent Excise Duty slapped on its pharmaceuticals, beer and spirits products, failure of which it will retaliate with the same tax. <u>Read More</u>

### HEALTH;

**Uptake of annual health checks still low – specialists**; the government plan was announced during the inaugural National Health Promotion Conference, at the end of the year. During the launch, Health Minister Jane Ruth Aceng encouraged individuals to among others be conscious of their general health. <u>Read More</u>

# **BUSINESS;**

**Economy to remain subdued;** referring to BoU's detailed Monetary Policy Report for December of last year, the central bank boss said economic growth is likely to average about 6% during 2020-2024 lower than the earlier projection of 6.5%, reflecting partly to the effects of global developments and delays in Foreign Direct Investments. **Read More** 

# SPORTS;

Olympics, Uganda plans to send 50, including rower; together with officials, Uganda's delegation is expected to be 50, and would be the largest ever entry for Uganda since it first competed at the Melbourne Olympics in 1956. Read More

And finally: <u>South Sudan announces tender for oilfields audit</u>; an international independent organisation will be appointed to conduct the audit, and will be mandated to suggest best practices for new exploration as well as ways to repair the historical damage brought on by oil exploration. <u>Read More</u>

Today's scripture; Isaiah 55:8-9

**ESKOMorning quote**; "Words can inspire, thoughts can provoke, but only action truly brings you closer to your dreams". Brad Sugars

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