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HUganda has unveiled a five-year fiscal plan aimed at containing public debt, reducing borrowing costs and creating room for strategic investment and private-sector growth. Read More

Civil **society call for fairer taxes as 2027/28 budget process begins**
The Pulse | September 01 | By URN

Businesses and civil society organisations are calling for a broader and more equitable tax base as government begins preparations for the 2027/28 national budget. They warn that continued increases in taxes on a narrow group of businesses and consumers could undermine economic activity and government revenue. Kampala City Traders Association says some measures in the current budget, including the adjustment of the VAT threshold, have benefited traders, but argues that taxes on some imports remain too high. **Read More**

Government finally phases out TIN numbers as NIN takes over

The Pulse | September 01 | By Samson Waswa
Uganda's Cabinet has approved phasing out TINs for individuals, replacing them with NINs to create a unified taxpayer identity system across all government agencies. The government has approved the phasing out of separate Tax Identification Numbers (TINs) for individual taxpayers, replacing them with National Identification Numbers (NINs). **Read More**

Local governments unlikely to meet Shs1 trillion revenue target

The Independent | September 03 | By URN
Officials at the Local Governments and fiscal experts blame the anomaly on legal, technical and administrative challenges that continue to constrain revenue mobilisation. The Local Government Finance Commission (LGFC) set the ambitious target after local revenue collections increased sharply following the introduction of the Integrated Revenue Administration System (IRAS). **Read More**

Tax Appeals Tribunal Shatters Records in FY25, Unlocks UGX 506 Billion for the Economy as Case Disposal Surges 144%

The CEO East Africa | September 04 | By Muhereza Kyamutetera
The Tax Appeals Tribunal (TAT) has posted its most successful year since its inception in 1999, resolving a record number of tax disputes, slashing case backlog, and releasing unprecedented sums back into the economy. According to its FY2024/25 performance report, the Tribunal's reforms have not only exceeded targets but also set new benchmarks for efficiency in Uganda's tax justice system. **Read More**

Has Uganda's gold tax incentive run its course?

The Independent | September 07 | By Ronald Musoke
For years, Uganda's decision to give gold special treatment in its tax regime has been defended as an investment incentive. The idea was straightforward: make it cheaper to invest in an expensive industry, attract gold refineries and encourage more value to be added locally. But at a recent mining revenue forum in Kampala, a more uncomfortable question was raised. If Uganda now has functioning gold refineries, what is the country still giving up by keeping the incentive? **Read More**

Supa Loaf maker loses Shs2b tax dispute

The New Vision | September 07 | By Michael Odeng
Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) has won a Shs 2.02b tax dispute against Mini Bakers Uganda Ltd, the manufacturer of Supa Loaf, after the Tax Appeals Tribunal upheld the tax assessment arising from a transfer pricing audit. The ruling follows a URA audit covering the period between July 2015 and June 2023, which centres on payments Mini Bakeries made to a related company in Mauritius for the use of the Super Loaf trademark. **Read More**

Agents Call for Removal of Export Declaration Rule Amid KRA's Legal Clarification

The Kenya Tribute | September 07 | By Nairobi
Clearing and forwarding agents at the Port of Mombasa have raised concerns over a new Export Declaration (ED) requirement they say has stalled cargo release, prompting the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) to issue a clarification on the legal basis of the rule. According to Kenya News Agency, the ED was launched on August 3 and enforced from September 1, but agents say it has been applied even to cargo shipped before its launch, leaving thousands of consignments piling up at the port and container freight stations (CFSs). **Read More**

URA Orders Employers to Refund Workers After PAYE Tax Changes

The Big Talk Africa | September 10 | By Admin
The Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) has directed employers across the country to review their Pay As You Earn (PAYE) declarations and refund workers who may have been overtaxed following changes introduced under the Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 2026.The new PAYE rates became effective on July 1, 2026, and have now been incorporated into the PAYE return. URA said the changes are intended to ensure that the tax deducted from employees' salaries reflects the rates provided for under the amended income tax law. **Read More**

Uganda sets seven priorities for 2027/28 Budget

The Kikuubo Lane| September 11, 2026| By Michael Agaba
Government has outlined seven strategic shifts that will guide the formulation of the 2027/28 national budget, with emphasis on domestic revenue mobilisation, private investment, job creation, exports and raising household incomes. Presenting the FY2027/28 Budget Strategy on Thursday, Minister of State for FPeD Henry Musasizi said the changes are intended to accelerate implementation of the Tenfold Growth Strategy through the four sectors of the ATMS - agro-industrialisation, tourism development, minerals and oil and gas, and science, technology and innovation alongside their enablers. **Read More**

Kenya taps Sh207bn loans to pay salaries and debts

Business Daily | September 11, 2026, | By Constant Munda
The Treasury borrowed Sh207.7 billion to pay salaries, debt repayments and other recurrent expenditure in the year ended June, in continues breach of the public finance management law. The draft 2026 Budget Review and Outlook Paper (BROP) show the President William Ruto administration borrowed Sh983.7 billion in the financial year 2025/26. **Read More**

Tax red flags that will put businesses in trouble in 2026/27

The Monitor | September 14 | By Dorothy Nakaweesi
URA will focus on 22 tax compliance risks in 2026/27, using digital systems, data matching and sector profiling to identify discrepancies in business declarations and strengthen tax collection across Uganda. URA has classified 22 tax compliance red flags that will receive particular attention during the 2026/27 financial year. This widens scrutiny of discrepancies in company accounts payrolls, stock records, exports etc. **Read More**

Will Uganda's NIN tax push deliver more revenue?

The Independent | September 14 | By Umar Ronald Musoke
Uganda has a new tax number. What it does not yet have is a clear answer to the bigger question: how much more tax will that number actually bring in? The government has moved to replace the Tax Identification Number (TIN) with the National Identification Number (NIN) for individual taxpayers, presenting the change as a step towards a more connected, efficient and data-driven tax system. **Read More**

URA Gives Kampala Landlords Three Months to Regularise Rental Income Tax Affairs

The Nexus Media | September 18 | By Brendah Owomugisha
The Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) has given owners of commercial buildings a three-month ultimatum to regularise their rental income tax affairs after identifying recurring compliance gaps among landlords in Kampala. URA officials issued the directive during a face-to-face engagement with Kampala landlords on September 17th, 2026, at Mestil Hotel, where the authority sought to address declining compliance in the rental sector. **Read More**

EU Advisory Commission Finds Danish Company's UK Wind Farms Are Primarily Taxable in the UK

The Orbitax | September 21, 2026| By Orbitax
According to a release from Ørsted, a Danish renewable energy company, an EU advisory commission established under the EU Arbitration Convention has issued a final opinion resolving a long-standing tax dispute between Denmark and the UK, determining that Ørsted's wind farm projects in the UK have a genuine legal and economic purpose and, therefore, are primarily taxable in the UK over their lifetime as they generate power and revenue. **Read More**

CJEU Holds Restriction on Free Movement of Capital for Investment Funds May Be Neutralized by Tax Treaty if Certain Tax Credit Conditions Met

The Orbitax | September 21, 2026| By Orbitax
The Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) issued a judgment on 17 September 2026 concerning whether a restriction on the free movement of capital arising from differing tax treatment of an investment fund may be neutralized by an applicable tax treaty. The case involved Ishares Europe ETF, a United States-based collective investment undertaking that received dividends from shares it held in Spanish companies between the tax years 2007 and 2010. While Spanish domestic investment funds. **Read More**

Why govt is reducing 2027/2028 budget

The Monitor | September 23, 2026| By Martin Luther Oketch
The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development has reduced the of the Budget for the Financial Year (FY) 2027/2028 to Shs79.22 trillion, down from Shs84.39 trillion in the current Budget. The cut reflects a 6.2% percent reduction as the government plans to reduce its borrowing. Finance Minister Henry Musasizi displayed the Budget briefcase before presenting his first Budget, outlining government's revenue and spending priorities. **Read More**

Uganda's public debt now rises to Shs140 trillion

The Monitor | September 23, 2026| By Martin Luther Oketch
The annual debt statistical bulletin and public debt portfolio analysis by the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development indicate that Uganda's public debt stock rose to $37.12 billion (Shs143.92 trillion) by the end of June 2026, up from $32.30 billion (Shs125.23 trillion) a year earlier. Currency rate used: $1 is about Shs3,877.39. Debt plays a critical role in development. **Read More**

Why Finance, BoU differ on Uganda's debt figures

The Kikuubo Lane| September 24, 2026, | By Michael Agaba
Finance Minister Henry Musasizi has moved to clarify a three-percentage-point difference between the government's public debt projection and a figure attributed to the Bank of Uganda, saying the variance could be due to how the two institutions treat domestic arrears. Mr Musasizi told Parliament's Budget Committee that the Ministry of Finance projects public debt at 54.7 per cent of non-oil GDP in the 2026/27 financial year, compared with 57.7 per cent attributed to the central bank. **Read More**

Uganda lost Shs5 Trillion to Tax Exemptions in One Year – Report

The Business Focus | September 25, 2026, | By Prisca Wanyenya
Uganda forewent taxes worth Shs5 trillion in the 2024/25 financial year through various tax exemptions, a new report by the Ministry of Finance has revealed. The actual value of these exemptions to the economy is yet to be established. The revelation was made by Solomon Rukundo, Tax Specialist at the Ministry of Finance, while presenting a research report on the Cost-Benefit Analysis of Tax Expenditures in Uganda. **Read More**

Can Uganda borrow Shs12.7 trillion without Raising the cost of business loans?

The Publicist | September 27, 2026, | By Michael Atingi -Ego
Uganda plans to raise about Shs12.7 trillion in net domestic financing in FY2026/27. For businesses, the important question is what that borrowing will do to the cost and availability of credit. The Bank of Uganda says the domestic financial market has enough capacity to absorb the planned borrowing without disrupting private-sector financing. But Governor Michael Atingi-Ego warned Parliament's Budget Committee on September 21 that borrowing beyond the projected level could push up interest rates and make it harder for businesses to access credit. **Read More**

Debt servicing leaves Ugandans facing a double burden, economists warn

The Nile Post | September 28, 2026| By Rhonet Atwiine
Ugandans are facing a double burden from the country's growing public debt, with taxpayers required to contribute more revenue while also bearing increased out-of-pocket costs for services such as healthcare and education, according to the Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI) Uganda. SEATINI Uganda Deputy Executive Director Herbert Kafeero says the impact of public borrowing should not be viewed as a burden carried by the government alone because government debt is ultimately serviced through public revenues. **Read More**

Digital plates: MPs demand answers on Shs106b tax loss

The Kikuubo Lane| September 29, 2026| By Michael Agaba
Parliament has opened an inquiry into Uganda's digital number plate project amid questions over the revenue it generates, the number of plates being produced and imported, and the cost of the system to motorists and government. The inquiry by the Committee on Physical Infrastructure follows conflicting figures presented by the Ministry of Works and Transport and the company implementing the Intelligent Transport Monitoring System (ITMS). **Read More**

Five percent VAT ceiling: A quiet barrier to agro-industrialisation

The Monitor | September 29 | By Guest Writer
Uganda's post-pandemic tax reforms have aimed at better revenue administration, lowering compliance costs for small firms, and support domestic industrialisation. The rise in THE Value Added Tax (VAT) registration threshold, the rollout of the Electronic Fiscal receipting and Invoicing Solution (EFRIS), and temporary tax holidays for start-ups all point in that direction. **Read More**

Don't tax us into the hands of illicit players, says Njuki

The Monitor | September 29 | By Racheal Nabisubi
Euromonitor International estimates that illicit alcohol's share of total alcohol consumption in Uganda rose from 64.5 percent in 2020 to 67.3 percent in 2024. What does this trajectory tell us about the opportunities and challenges in the market? On one hand, were seeing the Ugandan economy grow, meaning people have slightly more disposable income to spend on entertainment and lifestyle. **Read More**



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